

November 30, 2016

Dear Friend,

Letters of appeal are common this time of year and we at The Arc of Delaware know there are many worthy organizations that deserve support. With the help of donors like you, we have been able to provide advocacy, services and programs to thousands of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families throughout Delaware. However, our work is ongoing. While those with I/DD strive to become self-sufficient, they have numerous challenges and need support and assistance. We hope you will consider donating to The Arc so that we may continue these vital services and supports.



One of the beneficiaries of our services is Roslyn (*pictured left, with her husband*). Roslyn's relationship with The Arc of Delaware began with support through our Employment Program. But like so many individuals with I/DD at times she needs additional assistance to make ends meet. A few years ago, Roslyn, along with her husband and two children, moved from a small apartment to a house with enough room to meet the family's needs. While this was an exciting time, Roslyn knew with a larger home came additional expenses. Through The Arc's social worker, Roslyn was able to secure assistance from The Arc of Delaware's Bob and Shirley Osgood Necessity of Life Fund. Receiving grants from this fund enabled

Roslyn to purchase a bed for her family, and to pay the household electric bill when expenses were adding up quicker than the family income.

Roslyn currently works full time and her husband was recently hired for steady work. She is excited that the family is working towards greater independence and is grateful for The Arc of Delaware's assistance in her time of need. "It is so nice to go to The Arc because when I do, people know me by name."

The Arc of Delaware is proud to help Delawareans like Roslyn achieve their dreams of living more independently and working in the community. **Our work is only possible with your support.** Your tax-deductible donation will help us continue to make an impact on the lives of individuals with I/DD and their families. We thank you for your past support and ask that you consider making a generous contribution to The Arc of Delaware's 2016 Annual Campaign.

With best wishes for a very happy holiday season,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Olson".

Terry Olson
Executive Director