



## Get to Know The Arc Baltimore's Executive Director Kathleen McNally Durkin!

Kathleen McNally Durkin is the new Executive Director of The Arc Baltimore. Growing up in Pennsylvania, she attended Archbishop Prendergast High School around the time that Lady Di and Prince Charles were married. Kathleen attended the University of Scranton where she received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Philosophy. After college, she joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corp and was placed with a volunteer program at a hospice for people with HIV. Later, Kathleen received her Master's degree in Special Education with a concentration in Business from Johns Hopkins University.

Kathleen was first drawn to The Arc by her predecessor Steve Morgan. "My predecessor and friend, is one of the most ethical, kind and humble people I know. The Arc Baltimore has a rich history of advocacy and supports that I knew I wanted to be a part of it." While she believes it is too early to think about her legacy, she has big plans for The Arc Baltimore. She would like to grow the number of people with community jobs which fulfills them and to make society more accessible. "For too long, our field has continued to build parallel communities. It's an exciting time with focus on building community capacity; and with that will come jobs that match a person with IDD with the needs of an employer and neighborhoods/communities who welcome diversity and reciprocal relationships." Right now, she is very excited about the upcoming Art in the Round event at the end of September.

Kathleen lives with her husband Brian, 23 year old son Casey, and 12 year old son Gannon. She has also travelled extensively, having traveled to Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya where she was honored to speak at her friend's wedding. She crossed an item off her bucket list just last year when she went to a dinosaur dig in Thermopolis, Wyoming with her husband and son, Gannon. While at the dig site, they were able to find bones of a camarasaur. In her free time, she enjoys making stain glass, baking, and watching her youngest son play sports.

Welcome to The Arc family Kathleen!