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The Arc Seeks Donations of Food and Gift Cards to Assist Families at Thanksgiving

Egg Harbor Township, NJ – November 1, 2014 – The Arc of Atlantic County is in need of nonperishable food and grocery store gift cards for its annual Thanksgiving Assistance Program for low-income individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Atlantic County. Donors are asked to drop off donations at The Arc's main office, 6550 Delilah Road, Suite 101, Egg Harbor Township during business hours or at The Arc Makes Cents Thrift Shop at 331 Tilton Road in Northfield by November 21st. The Arc cannot accept donations of turkeys, but we can accept gift cards that families can use to buy a turkey. Gift cards to Shoprite will be accepted.

Nonperishable food items can include: canned vegetables (green beans, corn, sweet or white potatoes, squash, greens, etc.); boxed potatoes or rice; boxed pasta mixes (macaroni, mac-n-cheese); boxed or bagged stuffing mixes; bags of flour, cornmeal, biscuit mixes; boxes of baking goods (cake mixes, pie makings); cans of gravy; cans of fruit (apple, cranberry, cranberry sauce, etc.).

Caring for a loved one with special needs can be challenging and exhausting for families at any income level. But when financial hardship is a factor, every day becomes a struggle – especially during the holidays. The Thanksgiving Assistance program helps to alleviate much of that stress that these families feel.

For more information please call Nicole Lynch, Social Services Director, at 609-485-0800 ext. 201 or by email at nlynch@arcatlantic.org. More information is available on The Arc's website at www.arcatlantic.org.

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