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PA ART CONTEST FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Harrisburg - First Lady Susan Corbett today announced a new art contest – a partnership between The Arc of Pennsylvania, the commonwealth and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts – that will showcase artwork from Pennsylvanians with disabilities.



"Art is a language that transcends ability," Mrs. Corbett said. "Pennsylvanians with disabilities have a lot to overcome, but it is their abilities and talents that we often overlook. That's why I am proud to announce a new partnership between The Arc of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the commonwealth to launch a statewide art contest entitled 'Art: The Universal Language'."

The contest is open to any Pennsylvanian of any age with a disability.

Categories for submissions will include: Pen/Pencil, Watercolor, Acrylic, Oil, Sculpture, Jewelry, Photography, Textile, and Mixed Media/Other.

A first, second and third prize will be awarded in the following age divisions: 12 and under; 13 to 17; and 18 and older. The governor and first lady will participate in judging the best of show category.

"We are thrilled to be working with the governor and the first lady to showcase the artistic talents of our members," said The Arc of Pennsylvania's board president, Jeanne Downey. "Governor Corbett has shown that he recognizes the contributions people with disabilities make in Pennsylvania, and we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate this through this art contest."

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, April 15, 2014 through Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. Winners will be announced in October 2014, and several of the winning pieces will go on display in Harrisburg for public viewing.

"Art is truly a universal language. Some people with significant disabilities do not use words to communicate, but their passions and feelings are expressed in beautiful works of art," said Maureen Cronin, executive director of The Arc of Pennsylvania. "I am thankful that Governor Corbett and Mrs. Corbett value the perspective and talents of these artists, and I look forward to recognizing these individuals in October."

For official contest guidelines and the required entry form, visit The Arc of Pennsylvania's website at www.thearcpa.org or email questions to: artcontest@pa.gov.

BOWLING FOR LEADERS

Join the Berks County Transition
Coordinating Council & Abilities in Motion



Bowling for Leaders!

Same great event, three locations and dates to choose from!

May 3 - Berks Lanes - 3190 Shillington Road, Sinking Spring

May 10 - Heisters Lanes - 801 Heisters Lane, Reading

May 17 - Bowl-o-Rama - 4100 Perkiomen Ave., Exeter

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This is a day FOR youth (ages 14 -25) with a disability who are inspired to become empowered leaders. Youth will have the opportunity to meet other youth and have fun bowling TWO FREE games (shoe rental included) while enjoying complimentary pizza and soda (served at 3:00 p.m.).

After bowling, youth will learn about a summer service project and the opportunity to earn valuable gift cards!

Please indicate if accommodations will be needed.

Youth MUST register to attend

Registration for each event closes one week prior.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bowlingberks>

OR

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TRANSITION FROM YOUTH TO ADULT IN HEALTHCARE

Currently in the United States there are approximately 10.2 million people with special health care needs (SHCN) under 19 years of age. Each year, 750,000 adolescents with SHCN cross into adulthood. Healthcare transition - the process of moving from pediatric medicine to adult-oriented medicine - is a necessary process for these youth. Transition can be difficult when a child with complex, chronic needs has been cared for by the same pediatric team for many years, especially when the team may have been credited with saving the child's life and supporting the family through very difficult moments.

ACHIEVA has written a report titled, Transition from Pediatrics to Adult Medical Systems for Young Adults with Disabilities or Special Health Care Needs, that takes a closer look at the issues facing families and providers.

Find the report here: **Report** or direct your browser to
<http://www.achieva.info/uploads/NowYouKnow/2014NYK/4-14%20Transition%20from%20Pediatrics%20to%20Adult%20Medical%20Systems%20for%20Young%20with%20Disabilities%20or%20Special%20Health%20Care%20Needs%20Booklet.pdf>

CELEBRATE CHILDREN

14th ANNUAL CELEBRATE CHILDREN DAY

DATE: Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

TIME: 10am to 2pm

WHERE: Reading Area Community College

10 S. 2nd St. Reading, PA (Entrance in the Back)

WHY: Educational and Fun Early Childhood (focus on ages 2-8) Arts and Crafts, Games, Performances, coupons, prizes and a lot more...

Admission: \$3 per child for ages 2 and up.

We hope this information is helpful. Please contact Jaclyn with questions at 610-376-0010 x 104.

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