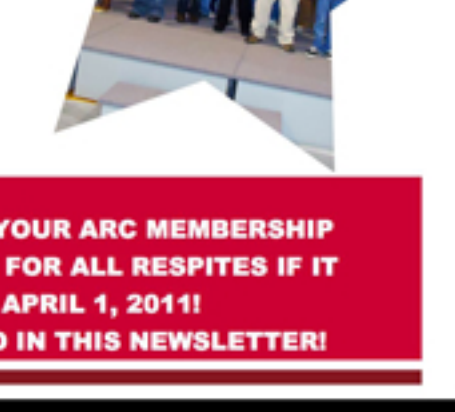




ARC AMERICAN IDOL

You missed lots of fun and the greatest American Idol show if you did not attend the Buddy party on Monday night. We did not know that Arc had such great talent. The ones that entered the contest did an amazing job and even the Judges were impressed with such talent and entertainment. All of them were presented trophies for the wonderful job they did. We want to thank the Judges, Brad Bounds (Simon), Lillie Bounds (Paula) and Jennie Bounds (Ellen) for helping us. They did an excellent job. Also thanks to Dani Bounds and Ryan Secrest Hendley for keeping the show rolling! A special thanks to The Southern Strings

who played for us during our dinner. They were wonderful. We also want to Thank The Spirit Girls and the group from USM who volunteered and helped with our special needs group. The Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg provided the delicious food and as always did an excellent job decorating the tables and serving us. Our Buddy Activities seem to be getting bigger and that is what we want - to serve all of the special needs children and adults in our community. If you know of someone who would benefit from our programs, please let us know by giving their name to any of our staff or contacting our website: www.hattiesburgarc.com



DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ARC MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH. FEES WILL DOUBLE FOR ALL RESPITES IF IT HAS NOT BEEN PAID BY APRIL 1, 2011! MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

Beauty HANDSOME CONTEST

MARCH 28

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

DINNER & PAGEANT

Call or email Frances (268-9079 or fbounds2000@yahoo.com) to register your child - all ages welcome. We will have different age divisions for boys/girls, men/ladies. We will enjoy dinner and then the pageant. Each contestant will model one outfit only individually and then all will come on stage with their age division. **REMEMBER: You must register by March 25 to enter.**

ALWAYS
BE YOUR OWN
KIND OF
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ARC MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING MARCH AND APRIL

**ART CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY AT 3:30 P.M.
DANCE CLASSES - 2 THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3:30 P.M.
POTTERY/GAMES - 2 THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3:30 P.M.**



ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

"CLICK"

A SHOP IN DOWNTOWN H'BURG
(BESIDE BIANCHI'S PIZZA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

FEATURING

Painting, arts/crafts by The Arc
Light refreshments will be served.
Mark your calendars so that you
don't miss the wonderful event!

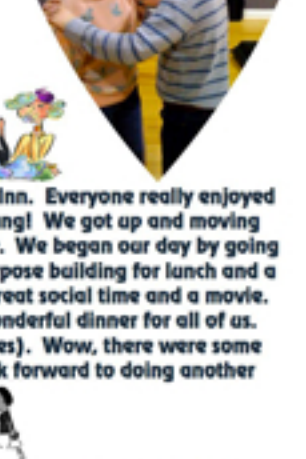
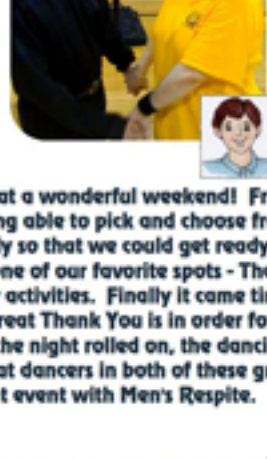
ATTENTION!

ARC SUMMER ADVENTURES

DATES: JUNE 6 - JULY 8, 2011

TIME: 8:00 - 2:00

Forms are available on our website @ www.hattiesburgarc.com. Print, complete, and mail to The Arc. Forms are available in newsletter to complete and mail back. On site registration will be March 28 at Beau & Beauty Pageant. Final registration will be April 18 at The Buddy Party.



MEN'S & LADIES' RESPITE

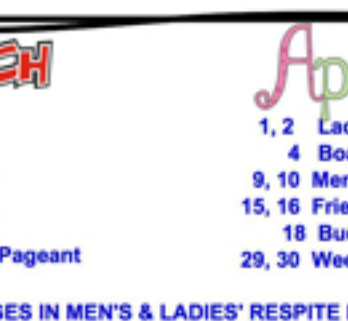
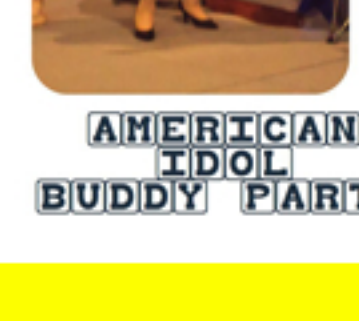
What a wonderful weekend! Friday night started with a great night at Pizza Inn. Everyone really enjoyed being able to pick and choose from a great buffet. Saturday started with a bang! We got up and moving early so that we could get ready for the exciting afternoon with Men's Respite. We began our day by going to one of our favorite spots - The Dollar Store. We came back to the multi-purpose building for lunch and a few activities. Finally it came time for the men to arrive. We enjoyed some great social time and a movie. A great Thank You is in order for Keith and Paige Kennedy for providing a wonderful dinner for all of us. As the night rolled on, the dancing began (as you can see by the above pictures). Wow, there were some great dancers in both of these groups. We had a wonderful weekend and look forward to doing another joint event with Men's Respite.



FRIENDS RESPITE



There was nothing that could keep us from being outside this respite. The weather was perfect! Friday night we caught up with our friends and enjoyed Cici's pizza at the Arc house and welcomed a new member to our Arc family, Laekyn Turner! Saturday morning we ventured over to the multipurpose building where we enjoyed games and a picnic. Although we were stuffed from lunch, we couldn't ignore the beautiful afternoon! We took off to Burkett's for some bowling fun-time. All of us could use some tips on bowling from Hoy! After bowling we spent the remaining afternoon time at Thames School playing on the playground. A respite is not complete without a trip to Dan's Diner so we enjoyed our dinner with our friends at Dan's who are always so good to us. We ended the weekend with "Scooby Doo" at the multipurpose building. Thanks to all of you who attended and we look forward to seeing you in March! We will have respite March 18 and 19 despite Spring Break.
-Paula, Elizabeth, T.J. & Janice



AMERICAN IDOL BUDDY PARTY

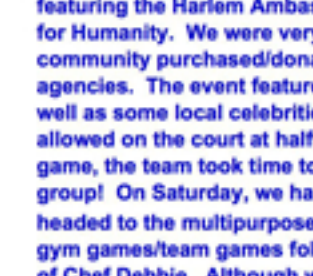
MARCH

- 5, 6 Men's Respite
- 7 Board Meeting
- 11, 12 Ladies' Respite
- 18, 19 Friends at Arc
- 25, 26 Weekend at Arc
- 28 Beau & Beauty Pageant

April

- 1, 2 Ladies' Respite
- 4 Board Meeting
- 9, 10 Men's Respite
- 15, 16 Friends at Arc
- 18 Buddy Party Kamper Park
- 29, 30 Weekend at Arc

**NOTE CHANGES IN MEN'S & LADIES' RESPITE FOR APRIL!
DAYCARE SCHEDULE FOR SPRING BREAK & EASTER:
OPEN MONDAY, MARCH 14 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
OPEN ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17 UNTIL 2:00 P.M. CLOSED FRIDAY MARCH 18.
OPEN ON APRIL 25 & CLOSED ON APRIL 27**



WEEKEND AT THE ARC

We began our Friday night with a quick dinner and then some great entertainment at William Carey University, featuring the Harlem Ambassadors in a benefit for Habitat for Humanity. We were very fortunate that members of the community purchased/donated tickets for many non-profit agencies. The event featured the talented ball players as well as some local celebrities. The children were even allowed on the court at halftime for some dancing. After the game, the team took time to pose for a picture with our group! On Saturday, we had a quick breakfast and then headed to the multipurpose building. We enjoyed numerous gym games/team games followed by a cookout compliments of Chef Debbie. Although we had a perfect afternoon plan, no plan could compete with the new juke box! So we danced the day away until time for a movie. Our grand finale was another dinner treat from First Baptist Church Spaghetti School Classes, once again treating us with a spaghetti, salad, bread and desserts. After dinner we enjoyed dancing and playing games with our friends from the church. We were truly blessed this weekend with donations from them as well as the other community members who donated tickets to the Harlem Ambassadors. See you for more fun at The Arc!

-The Staff

Heartfelt Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to James Turnbo and family in the recent death of his wife, Dixie Turnbo. Dixie was a friend of Arc and will surely be missed. Our prayers go out for her family and friends.

DONATIONS:

HONOR:

By Jodie Lee in honor of Mother's Day Out Staff.
By Mrs. Deanna Miller in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Wendell Helveston.

MEMORIALS:

By Mo & Dick Conville in memory of Dixie Turnbo.

