



Support The Arc of New London County's Pirate Party 2010

Why your contribution matters...

- *Every dollar raised goes directly to support Summer Camp, Recreation programs and weekend respite.*
- *Summer camp is often the only real overnight break for families of children with disabilities. It is a valuable tool in helping these families. It is a wonderful experience for the campers, too, so these breaks are guilt-free for their families.*
- *Recreation offers evenings out with opportunities to establish friendships at the peer level. Did you know a recent study reveals that loneliness is the No. 1 problem for individuals with intellectual and related disabilities and the one challenge that consistently comes up as an issue for which help and support is appreciated and needed? Thanks to your generous support for fundraisers such as The Arc's Annual Pirate Party, these fun evenings are very well attended. We are able to keep transportation and incidental costs very low due to your support!*
- *Respite beds in our area are few and far between. And yet, respite offers a critical, worry-free break for families needing vacations or who simply must attend to family business. The cost of this service can be overwhelming for families on ordinary means, running approximately \$250 per overnight stay.*
- *Help keep costs affordable! None of our services are free for people using them. Our goal is to keep the costs manageable at a time when all costs are rising and – more critical – state monies previously available are being slashed and cut altogether.*
- *Your donation allows us to serve greater numbers of people with intellectual and related disabilities in Southeastern Connecticut, including the rapidly growing needs of families with loved ones in the Autism spectrum. Please know that The Arc seeks full inclusion for all in citizens here in New London County. We all know at least one family who needs these services, and this is a wonderful way for you to help!*

