

Annual Appeal



“We’re lucky that our sons are healthy and happy... that’s all we want for them. Liberty ARC has been a great support; we love Liberty.”



Dear Friend:

As Liberty ARC comes to the close of celebrating its 60th anniversary of providing services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Montgomery County, it gives our family a moment to pause and reflect on Liberty ARC’s many accomplishments over the last six decades. We believe the local parents of children with developmental disabilities who came together in 1957 and made a commitment to provide an opportunity for their children to live, work and be part of the community would be proud to see those accomplishments. We are profoundly thankful for the support Liberty ARC has provided to our family.

Both of our sons, Sammy and Ben Becker, are on the autism spectrum and receive respite services through Liberty ARC’s Family Support Services (FSS) program. For several years, both have enjoyed being in the community because of one-on-one time with the FSS staff.

While they are siblings, each of our sons has a distinct and lovable personality! Sammy is an outgoing 15-year-old, who loves people and actively seeks social interaction. He engages with anyone he comes in contact with, asking questions like birth dates, where they live, and if they have kids. He truly enjoys connecting and forming relationships. Sammy also remembers pretty much everything you tell him!

Ben is a bit more laid back; at 13-years-old, he spends much of his time outside and feels at home in nature. He also likes people, but establishes relationships differently than his brother. Ben is not as conversational, and it is easier for him to communicate with people he knows. We like to think of Ben as a big, very gentle teddy bear.

Tim and I are very pleased with the Liberty ARC staff. We are grateful for the activities that the boys enjoy, and knowing our boys are being cared for and having fun is wonderful.

As we plan for Sammy and Ben’s future at Liberty ARC, it is very reassuring that we are able to form relationships through direct one-on-one conversations with Liberty ARC staff. We are confident that our sons’ safety and well-being in years to come is ensured.

This year, we are asking you to support Liberty Foundation’s 2017 Annual Appeal to fund a **Community Sensory Playground**. This innovative playground will welcome children and adults of all intellectual and developmental abilities. It will provide a stimulating, multi-sensory play environment that will foster social and physical development.

The Community Sensory Playground will be designed for families like ours, as well as for all children in the community. It will provide a unique opportunity for our community to support and encourage integration. This playground will be an open place where our boys can be themselves. It will be a quiet, safe space where they will not be judged and can enjoy being kids and just have fun.

Most playgrounds do not have equipment that is sensory friendly or appropriate for those with disabilities.

Your donation will help us make the Community Sensory Playground a reality in 2018.

Thank you in advance for your support of Liberty Foundation and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who will benefit from your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Lisa and Tim Becker

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