

Arc receives state award

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The Arc of Jackson County was recently presented with the Local Chapter Membership award from The Arc of Alabama.

The award was part of a statewide recognition for Arc programs and the accomplishments of people who are serviced by those programs. The Annual Awards were presented during the 2012 Alabama Disability Conference in Orange Beach.

“The award is meant to honor Arc programs in the state that is have increased membership in our district,” said Sara Haynes, Arc of Jackson County spokesperson.

This particular membership, Haynes said, is specific to community members that partner in support of the Arc and the programs they offer individuals. “We have 725 people that are members of our program,” said Haynes.

The increase in membership, she said, is just one more example of the support the Arc continues to receive in Jackson County.

“Most people, as a general, rule, want to make the world a better place for others,” said Haynes. “One place to do that is at the Arc – many of our members understand that and have continued to help and support us as a result.”

Annual membership varies for many different groups. Businesses can become members for \$25, families for \$25, students for \$5 and \$3.50 for self advocates, people who receive services at the Arc.

As a member you will receive state and national information about the Arc program, as well as local information on how you can take part in fundraisers or extra support for the center.

One event coming up on October 5 is a tennis camp that will share the sport with all individuals that attend The Arc of Jackson County.

Split into two sessions, the camp will teach people how to play tennis and even allow them to take part in a friendly tennis match.

It’s a first time event for the Arc, one they are thrilled to take part in.

“It was very surprising to us that someone would think of our place and share such a wonderful opportunity,” said Haynes.