



Watch Your Money Work!

Did you know that the money raised at the 2012 Beaumont Buddy Walk created funding for the Arc's Children & Family Services Program?

Here are just a few of the programs launched in 2013 with your support!

The Baby Basket Project

The Arc of Greater Beaumont Down Syndrome Family Group created beautiful baby baskets to be given to families of newborns with Down syndrome in Southeast Texas. The baskets were filled with baby supplies,

informational brochures, and inspirational stories. Over 30 baby baskets have been given out in 2013, letting these families know that they are not alone in caring for a child with special needs.



Community Resource Library



Have questions and don't know where to look? The Arc has put together a community resource library with information specifically on intellectual and developmental disabilities. The resource library is filled with books, coffee space, child's play area, computers and videos to help you find answers

to questions you may have. You can also search the resource library from the comfort of your own home! Stop those internet searches filled with ads and inaccurate information. Instead, visit the Arc's online resource library located at www.arcofbmt.org.

Children & Family Stipends

This summer, families were able to take advantage of a stipend that allowed them to go to the Texas Parent to Parent conference. Here, they listened to professionals and attended classes to help them learn how to

teach and advocate for their child with special needs. Over fifteen summer stipends were given to school aged children. Stipends allowed them to receive services to help their developmental advancement while not in school.



Family Events & Parent Networking



Funding from the Beaumont Buddy Walk has allowed the Arc of Greater Beaumont Down Syndrome Family Group to host a variety of activities for families. Activities included a trip to Moody

Gardens, a beach day, summer bbq, fall festival, and parent support meetings. These events allow siblings, parents, and children with special needs to interact with families similar to their own.

Arc Educational Conference

Funding from the Beaumont Buddy Walk allowed the Arc to hold its first annual day long conference for parents and professionals. The 2013 conference hosted key note speaker Dr. Stephen Shore and five breakout session speakers. Over 100 participants

were able to attend this conference. Evaluations from the conference showed that participants took home very valuable information that will help them enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



We hope to count on your continued support as The Arc of Greater Beaumont expands its programs and services and continues to raise money to build a home of our own! For more information on services provided by The Arc of Greater Beaumont please visit www.arcofbmt.org or call (409)838-9012.



Help us raise \$1 Million to build a home of our own!