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ARC Broward Receives \$21,040 Award from Gore Family Memorial Foundation Trust

Sunrise, FL — ARC Broward has been awarded \$21,040 from the Gore Family Memorial Foundation Trust to support ARC Broward's Senior Adult Day Program.

ARC Broward provides programs and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities from infancy through old age. The Senior Adult Day Program was developed as adults with developmental disabilities are now living longer than they did years ago. "Survival into old age for persons with developmental disabilities is a relatively recent phenomenon," said Dennis Haas, President/CEO, "ARC Broward is one of few agencies that provides the specialized services now needed in the health care and social service systems to meet their unique needs."

The award from the Gore Family Memorial will provide complete program accessibility to 20 adults. ARC Broward's Senior Adult Day Program provides the necessary healthcare supports and social opportunities that enable elderly men and women with developmental disabilities to continue leading active and meaningful lives. A dedicated team of para-professionals and support staff (including nursing, social services and certified behavioral staff) provide participants with quality supervision of their daily needs. An Activities Coordinator and other program staff help develop social and recreational opportunities that enable senior adults to be active, participating members of their community.

Activities are available to senior adults with developmental disabilities who require ongoing monitoring and assistance due to special health care needs related to aging, such as Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, arthritis, diabetes and other related conditions.

"Assisting senior adults with developmental disabilities in maintaining their quality of life is our foremost goal with this program," said Dennis Haas, President/CEO. "Through

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enjoyable social and recreational activities with peers, participants stay connected with friends and the community and avoid feelings of isolation that can impact their quality of life. The program provides respite and peace of mind for family caregivers responsible for the daily care of aging loved ones.”

For more information call (954)746-9400, e:mail mleachman@arcbroward.com or go to www.arcbroward.com. ARC Broward is a private, not-for-profit organization providing supports and assistance primarily to children and adults with mental retardation, autism, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other developmental disabilities. Incorporated in 1956, ARC Broward provides a continuum of supports to more than 1,200 children and adults with disabilities and employs a caring team of more than 350 health-care, educational, and other professionals.

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