



Another Success Story

PipeConx and ARC Industries

Since 1986, PipeConx has been a thriving manufacturing company in Evansville. With its dedication to customer service, PipeConx remains as one of the few manufacturers that take an order for one piece, or 1,000 pieces, in order to fully serve the contractor, distributor, wholesaler or do-it-yourself requirements.

A division of Uniseal, which is owned and operated by George Koch Sons, Inc., PipeConx ensures their customers the highest level of quality, service and commitment.

For the past 15 years, ARC Industries, a division of Evansville ARC, and PipeConx have built a strong partnership. Everyday, ARC Industries employees work at PipeConx putting bands and labels on universal saddles, connectors, tees & elbows, caps, spanner flange & clamps, and specialty products that PipeConx ships all over the world.

"With ARC Industries, it's a seamless operation. The work is performed so well that we don't have to address issues. Our overall partnership with ARC Industries is very professional," said Stephanie Catt, Executive Vice President of Uniseal.

ARC Industries employees who work at PipeConx take pride in their performance. Everyday, production goals are set, and many of the ARC Industries employees often meet or exceed the goals, which makes them very excited about their accomplishments and success at PipeConx.

The relationship between ARC Industries and PipeConx is a win-

win situation. Through the partnership with PipeConx, ARC Industries has been able to provide more employment opportunities and community integration for individuals with disabilities. In turn, ARC Industries is able to provide quality service and fulfill the production requirements of PipeConx.

"I would absolutely recommend ARC Industries to other businesses. The best aspect for a company wanting to do business with ARC Industries is that they are professional, cost effective and quality based. ARC Industries offers an excellent service for a very competitive price," said Catt.



Advancing the value of and respect for individuals with disabilities

The Importance of Family

Submitted by Lori Arman

Family is a funny thing. We can be angry with them and love them at the same time. However, if we don't have our family, there is a barren or empty feeling inside. For Evansville ARC client, Wilburn Shelton, this emptiness existed along with several unanswered questions.

Recently, Wilburn Shelton spoke with his instructor, Adele Moore, about his family and how he had lost touch with them. Wilburn is from Nortonville, KY, and has not had any contact with his family for several years, not because he did not want to, but because neither he nor his family knew where the other was living. He and Adele ventured to Nortonville one day to find the graves where his parents were buried, but came back unsuccessful in their search.

According to Wilburn, his mother passed away when he was 8, and his father passed away when he was 21. He says he remembers when his mother died. "She was shown at my dad's mother's house, and it was cold and snowy that day."

Adele spoke to Amy Keith, the new Evansville ARC Human Resources Coordinator, about Wilburn because Amy was from



Madisonville, KY, an area close by Nortonville. As it turns out, Amy's mother-in-law does genealogy research so Amy talked to her shortly thereafter about Wilburn's family tree.

Amy's mother-in-law had a book of Nortonville cemetery information. A friend of Amy's mother-in-law had a family tree that included Wilburn and his family. Amy and her husband, Brad, found out that Wilburn was related to Brad's best friend, as well as Happy Goodman, an icon in southern gospel music. They began the chain of calls and came up with some of Wilburn's first cousins, who were still living in Kentucky. Amy and her husband also went to the New Salem Church cemetery and found the graves of Wilburn's parents.

Brad then called the cousins they had found and told them that Adele and Amy were going to take Wilburn to the New Salem Church in Nortonville, KY to visit his parents' graves. Not sure if they would show up or not, she did not tell Wilburn of the invitation to the cousins, but did bring food for a picnic, just in case. When they pulled into the cemetery, to Wilburn's delight, there sat five cousins waiting on them! (There was a 6th cousin who could not come due to a stroke he had in March. He was the cousin closest to Wilburn.)

When asked what they talked about, Wilburn said, "We talked about what everyone was doing, and just about everything we

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NAP Credits Raise \$97,834 for Adult Day Services

Thanks to the generosity of over one hundred donors, \$97,834 was raised for the Adult Day Services Program. These funds were used to keep low client to staff ratios in order to increase individualized training and community based programs. A Licensed Practical Nurse was also hired to provide enhanced medical attention and care to the clients.

More NAP Credits Awarded

In July, Evansville ARC was awarded a new round of NAP Credit funding to raise \$100,000 for a new Evansville ARC program, Connections For Life. Evansville ARC has developed the Connections For Life Program to help individuals with disabilities become contributing members of the community. They will receive training in the community rather than a confined building. Through person-centered

planning, self-determination, and one-to-one support ratios, this project will provide the supports necessary for individuals with developmental disabilities to become included in all aspects of community life: work, home, recreation, volunteerism, spiritual and social.

When you make a donation of \$100 or more to the Connections for Life Program, you are eligible to receive a state tax credit

worth 50% of the donation, plus the federal deduction on the full donation amount. For example, depending on your tax bracket for the federal deduction, a contribution of \$1,000 could equal tax savings as much as \$890!

Call Sarah Stafford at (812) 428-4500 to see how you can help launch this exciting new program AND take advantage of this significant tax savings!

A Message From

The Executive Director

- Going to work at Schlotsky's Deli
- Meeting coworkers at the Otters' games
- Working on a landscaping project with friends at an Operation City Beautiful Adopt-A-Spot
- Serving meals at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen one day each week
- Walking the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage, picking up litter, and reporting signs of vandalism
- Attending church on Sunday with a friend

Working, volunteering, participating in social activities, and attending church services – just a few activities that make us part of the community in which we live. Some of us enjoy participating in as many of these activities as we possibly can – others are most happy when devoting their time to only one or two activities.

Being an active participant in the community is important to almost everyone – it gives us a sense of pride and a sense of purpose. It's also something many of us take for granted – we become involved in a variety of activities through our jobs, our friends, and our social contacts.

For individuals with developmental disabilities, the desire to be an active participant in the community is just as strong. Many adults receiving services from Evansville ARC also work, volunteer in the community, and participate in church and

social activities – in fact, the list of activities at the beginning of this article is only a small sample of how some of the adults receiving services from Evansville ARC spend their free time.

For some adults with developmental disabilities, making those community connections has not been quite so easy. The reasons for this vary: maybe the individual is new to Evansville and hasn't met very many people; maybe they aren't aware of volunteer opportunities that are available in their neighborhood; maybe they need some assistance arranging transportation.

Evansville ARC provides services to many adults who are looking for opportunities to become more active participants in the community. We are working to address this need by partnering with local businesses, social or civic groups, clubs, or churches who have a common interest in getting people involved in the community. Evansville ARC's role in the partnership is to provide trained, experienced staff to support adults with disabilities in making these connections in the community. If you are interested in helping us in our efforts to provide rewarding experiences for our adults, please contact me or Beth Lowry at 812-428-4500 or dconner@evansvillearc.org.



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Crescent City Civitan Club

Deidra Conner with Ann Preske and Cindi Harper representing the Crescent City Civitan Organization who donated \$2,100 to Evansville ARC's Adult Day program. Thank you, Crescent City!



Arts Council Grant

Sarah Stafford, Evansville ARC Development Coordinator, receives a \$2,905 grant from Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana representatives, Patrick Jackson, Grants Committee Chairman and Kathy Solecki, Executive Director. The grant will fund the fourth year of the Dance Program offered to all 3, 4 and 5-year-old children who attend Evansville ARC's Child Life Center.



Community Living Services and Positive Behavior Supports

At Evansville ARC, numerous services are provided that reflect our dedication to the people we serve. Community Living Services and Positive Behavior Supports are just two of the ongoing services that Evansville ARC has implemented to assist people in forming relationships and increasing their independence in the community.

Community Living Services provides assistance and support that is family centered and focused on individuals with disabilities, residing in their homes. The program offers participants the opportunity to successfully maintain residence in their home and accomplish goals that they have set for themselves through their person-centered plan. Individuals in the Community Living Services program are assisted in activities related to daily living such as grocery shopping, banking, and support in making the choice of where they wish to volunteer, work or recreate.

One participant in the Community Living Services program, Jack Hazen, is very proud of the accomplishments he has made in the program. Jack has gained a greater sense of independence in his life through the coaching and instruction of his Community Living Services providers. Jack has learned how to make his own shopping list, sort, clean and put away his laundry, prepare his own microwave meals, mow the lawn and do other household chores. Jack holds one part time job at ARC Industries as a supervisor where he has been employed for 24 years and is getting ready to start another job in a few weeks.

Through the Community Living Services program, Jack is able to get out into the community more frequently. Some of Jack's favorite pastimes include spending time with his girlfriend, going out to eat at his favorite restaurants, bowling on a league at Willow Lanes, attending the Evansville Otters games, and watching movies.

"I like it when people come over to my house and help me. They take me grocery shopping, to Otters games, and out on Thursdays for my date night," said Jack Hazen.

Another one of our programs, Positive Behavior Supports, helps individuals develop positive behaviors and social skills to increase relationships with others in the community. Certified behavior specialists work with parents, caregivers, and direct service staff to enable the individual to successfully reside, work and enjoy recreation within their communities. At Evansville ARC, the Positive Behavior Supports and Community Living Services programs are designed to support an individual's needs so they can accomplish the goals they have set for themselves.

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could think of, but mostly about my parents." Wilburn learned that day how long it had been since his parents had passed on and says he was "very excited and it was a nice surprise" when he met his family again.

Wilburn now knows where his family is buried. He now has a family tree, addresses and phone numbers. Also, he now possesses pictures of his family. Elbert, one of the cousins, even stayed up late the night before their reunion, recording a tape of himself playing the guitar to give to Wilburn.

Family is important to all of us, no matter our walk of life. There is emptiness inside us if we don't have family, for whatever reason, because of the need for that connection or sense of belonging. For Wilburn Shelton, the emptiness is gone, and the fullness of family is now present in his life. Wilburn says, "Good people like that are hard to find, and it was a real good day when I met my family."

BEST OF EVANSVILLE 2003

Thank you for voting us one of the Best of Evansville!

Reader's Choice Award for:
Day Care - Child Life Center



Social Charity Event - The Really Big Show

July/August Evansville Living Magazine



Everyone had a great time at Garvin Park on Monday, July 28, when Evansville ARC and the Greenway Passage welcomed the cyclists from Push America. The 13-member team has been bicycling across America to raise awareness for people with disabilities.

3rd Annual Bayleigh Pauckner Memorial Golf Scramble

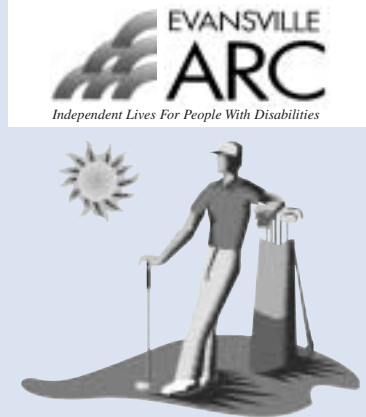
September 8, 2003
Henderson Country Club

To become a sponsor or play in this year's scramble, please call Becky at 812-428-4500 ext. 310 or bpike@evansvillearc.org

We hope to see you there!

812-428-4500
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Proceeds go towards the Bayleigh Pauckner Endowment Fund to benefit Evansville ARC Child Life Center.



Thank you WABX for donating all the proceeds from the super prize machine at this year's Freedom Festival. WABX raised \$1,584 for Evansville ARC's programs and services and are always a big supporter of our mission!

The 82nd Annual Fall Festival is fast approaching, and we need your help! The Fall Festival will be October 6-11, and we could use several volunteers to sell food and drinks at our booth. We also need the following food items donated: cinnamon, sugar, napkins, salt, ketchup, paper or plastic bags, mayonnaise, dill pickles, chili sauce and Tabasco sauce. If you would like to work a shift or two, find out how you can become a day shift supervisor or donate some food items, please call Becky at 428-4500 ext. 310 or e-mail: bpike@evansvillearc.org. Proceeds from the Evansville ARC booth are used to benefit our programs and services. Don't forget... if you're at the Fall Festival, visit booth #79 (located at southwest end near St. Joe Avenue).



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| Jambalaya | Chicken Wrap |
| Elephant Tears | Fried Pickles |
| Fish Sandwich | Candy |
| Soda Pop | |

Pre-concert events at the August 16th David Allan Coe/Confederate Railroad show to benefit Evansville ARC!

Thanks to the generosity of S-tarr entertainment and SMG management services, all proceeds from the barbecue tasting, games, and the silent auction events at the David Allan Coe/Confederate Railroad show will benefit Evansville ARC.

The following is a lineup of the events:

3:00 pm:

Doors open and all events begin

Events include: "bud games" sponsored by Budweiser such as a football throw, dunking booth, darts, and more! There will also be a silent auction where you can bid on grills, coolers, and other unique items. The main event for the day is the barbecue contest. Twenty local teams will be

competing for the title of barbecue master!! All attendees can also sample barbecue from the participants.

3:00 – 6:00 pm:

Local bands will be performing on stage

6:00 pm:

"Confederate Railroad" goes on stage, followed by the main act "David Allan Coe"

Get your tickets to this event today! Tickets are on sale now at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Centre and Roberts Stadium box offices, charge by phone at 812-423-7222 in IN or at 270-926-6661 in KY or order online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Confederate Railroad

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Tickets are \$19.00 and \$15.00 (other facility fees may apply). For more information, call 812-476-1383.

