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## **Transform Abilities: Transforming Perceptions**

The Arc Jacksonville's Transform Abilities program has taken the popular up-cycling trend and used it as a means to provide an opportunity for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or mental health concerns to develop job skills while expressing their creativity.



Through this program, participants transform recycled and discarded items into functional and unique furniture and décor pieces.

Throughout each step of the process, participants work hands-on with volunteers to bring their vision to life. The end result is beautiful, unique pieces of furniture and décor built with passion.

[Click here to continue reading and learn more about our Transform Abilities program](#)

## **Faces of the The Arc**

### **Natasha Jones**

Community Living Facilitator



Natasha Jones joined The Arc Jacksonville 9 months ago as a

## **Employment Services Updates**

**Congratulations to Ashley, Kim, Patricia and James on their new jobs!**

Community Living Facilitator in the Life Skills Program.

Natasha is known for her helpful nature, and she enjoys working with the participants and helping them to achieve their goals. She finds joy in the participants benefiting from her help. She is always amazed at what participants accomplish when given extra encouragement.

"I had a participant who was working on his reading skills, and every day I saw an improvement," she said. It made her happy to not only see the participant smiling and taking pride in his accomplishment, but that she was able to celebrate with him. She was delighted knowing she helped someone get closer to living independently.

Natasha is a fun and cheerful person, always willing to lend a helping hand and share her positive energy. Outside of The Arc, Natasha is a cheer and dance coach and enjoys trips to the beach and swimming.

**Because of The Arc...:** I have learned so much about people with intellectual disabilities.

## Amazon Wish List

The Arc Jacksonville's programs are always in need of items to enhance daily activities. **We have created a wish list of these items on Amazon.**

If you would like to purchase any of these items, they can be mailed to:

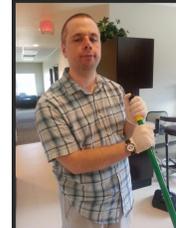
**The Arc Jacksonville**  
**Attn: Development**  
**1050 North Davis Street**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32209**



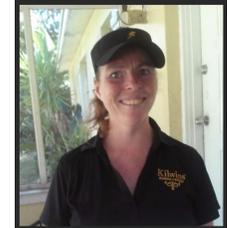
Ashley



Patricia



James



Kim

Throughout May and June they have started working at Jax Kitchen, Kilwins, Baptist Medical Center and Community Outreach. We are grateful that these local businesses have recognized the ability of individuals with disabilities and offered them an opportunity to achieve what each one of us wants, a good job.

[Click here to see a full profile of each person and their job.](#)

## Vote for Gary McMichael as The Arc Jacksonville's "Good Guy"



The Arc Jacksonville is excited to participate in Mike Davidson Ford's Give to the Good Guys contest where the agency is eligible to win cash and media prizes.

As part of the contest we have selected Gary McMichael as our "Good Guy" to represent the agency in honor of his 30 years of service. We're asking that you vote for Gary to not only support him and his outstanding work with The Arc Jacksonville, but to support our agency as a whole.

The three nonprofits with the most votes for their nominated good guy or gal will receive a total of \$5,000 in combined donated cash and media prizes. Voting began June 1st and will be coming to an end soon on July 3rd.

[Don't miss your chance to vote! Click here to vote for Gary McMichael as The Arc Jacksonville's "Good Guy."](#)

## Mission Moment: Life Skills

This month's mission moment focuses on participants from the Life Skills program. Offered at both Westside and Downtown locations, the program assists adults with I/DD in performing daily living routines. The

## **AmazonSmile**

Go through AmazonSmile for all of your Amazon purchases and 0.05% is donated to The Arc Jacksonville.

Thank you to anyone who has purchased items from our wish list. Your gift(s) are greatly appreciated by our participants and staff.

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program seeks to prepare participants to live as independently as possible. Daily activities are centered around helping each participant accomplish their individual goals and equipping them to achieve their full potential in community life.

**[Click here to see the Life Skills participants featured in this month's mission moment](#)**



## **Social Media Survey**

The Arc Jacksonville would like to know what social media sites our readers are using. Please take the quick survey below to let us know how to stay connected with you and how we can improve our agency's social media presence.

**[Take our social media survey now!](#)**

**And don't forget to:**

**[Friend us on Facebook](#), [follow us on Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Pinterest](#) and view our videos on our [YouTube](#) Channel.**

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