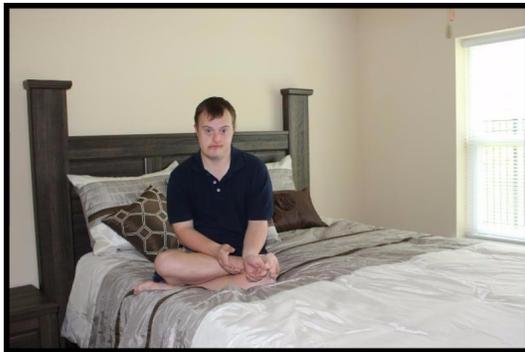




The Arc Jacksonville Village is Here!

Excited residents began moving into The Arc Jacksonville Village in April. Congratulations to each resident on their new apartment. Amidst the moving and settling in, we were able to capture thoughts from a few residents on their big move.



(Left to right: Nick R. and Betsy Z.) Nick is excited about relaxing and enjoying independence in his new home. Betsy has enjoyed decorating her apartment to showcase her unique personality and style. "It's a wonderful experience to be living here," said Betsy. "The Arc Jacksonville Village is the answer to prayers for many families."



(Left to right: Michele E. and Briana M.; Kimberly R. and Joshua H.) Michele and Briana are excited about being roommates. They've already made each other feel at home and are excited about what's ahead. "I'm looking forward to the new opportunities of living here," said Michele. Kimberly and Joshua were the first residents to move into The Arc Jacksonville Village. They have been very cordial in welcoming others to the neighborhood.

[Click here to see more photos of residents moving into The Arc Jacksonville Village](#)



Turning a House into a Home

While 750 square feet may not seem like a lot of space, prominent interior designer and Arc Jacksonville board member, R. Ward Lariscy has proven that it's the perfect amount. That's the size of each of the 97 affordable apartments at The Arc Jacksonville Village, where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities will live independently. The apartments feature individual bedrooms and bathrooms and a shared kitchen and living room.



Three apartments, one two-bedroom and two one-bedrooms, serve as model units. Sticking to a budget of approximately \$2,500 per unit, Ward completely furnished and decorated each apartment, transforming them into unique living spaces with a distinct personality.

To stay within budget, and to show that a little can make a big impact, Ward visited resale shops, discount stores, outlets and major retail chains throughout Jacksonville. Each unit features a different theme, which took

shape once a major piece, such as a sofa, was found. Accent pieces and décor items were then selected to perfect the look.

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The Arc Jacksonville Village Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Program begins 10:00am | Open House until 2:00pm

Where: 3675 Kirbo Way, Jacksonville, FL. 32224
(entrance on Hodges between Beach Blvd. & JTB)

The Arc Jacksonville Board of Directors invites you to join us as we celebrate the opening of The Arc Jacksonville Village and applaud all those who made this dream a reality.

Jacksonville Jaguars Quarterback Blake Bortles will recognize our Village residents as they transition to an independent lifestyle. The community center and model apartments will be available for touring until 2pm.

[Click here to learn more about the grand opening and ribbon cutting.](#)



Xplore Jacksonville: A New Program

The Arc Jacksonville has launched a new day program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Xplore is a hands-on community experience designed to give adults the skills needed to succeed in life. Through Xplore, participants attend six-to-eight-week sessions to experience volunteering, pursue personal enrichment activities, participate in fitness and recreation, gain employment skills and discover opportunities in greater Jacksonville.

For more information on Xplore please contact Suzziy Bellinger at 904.355.0155 or sbellinger@arcjacksonville.org



Hemming Park & Downtown Library

Participants explored Downtown by visiting Hemming Park and applying for library cards.

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On Campus Transition Graduation

On April 21, 2016 nine students graduated from The On Campus Transition program at UNF. Congrats to all our graduates!

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