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Argh! The Arc New London County Launches 5th Annual Pirate Party

Mystic, CT - The Arc New London County hosts Southeastern Connecticut's 5th Annual Pirate Party on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Mystic Arts Center, 9 Water Street. Proceeds support The Arc's Respite, Community Life and Advocacy, and Camp Harkness programs. "We are launching two critical new programs this year," says Kathleen Stauffer, Chief Executive Officer. "Your presence at the Pirate Party can change a person's life."

The Pirate Party offers a night of fun, fine food and a quality silent auction along with special guest honorees Senator **Andrew Maynard, 18th District, Alexis Ann of The Resident, Tricia Cunningham, President of the Mystic Chamber of Commerce, and Jim Reed, Vice President for Programming of Hall Communications.**

Kara Lawson of The Connecticut Sun will make a special guest appearance.

"To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world," says Dawn DeCristofaro, Event Chair and Board Member of The Arc. "Make a difference. Follow your heart, donate to The Arc." Funds raised this year support the creation of support groups for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are survivors of sexual abuse and/or domestic violence.

Don't miss a catered evening with: **Live music from the Denise & Tony Band, buffet by A Thyme to Cook, silent auction with Disney Hopper Passes, Daysail for 4 with Mystic Whaler Cruises, 2011 NY Giants Team Collectors Football** and much more! Tickets: \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. "Captain" sponsors include: **Chelsea Groton Bank, Dominion, E&J Gallo Winery, Green Ink, Mystic Aquarium, Pyrat Rum, and Sava Insurance Company.** For tickets call 860-889-4435 ext. 116 or visit www.thearcncl.org

The Arc New London County offers person-centered supports ranging from employment to residential and in-home services. To learn more visit: www.thearcncl.org.

NOTE: The Arc New London County is located at 125 Sachem Street in Norwich, Connecticut. The Arc was established in 1952 by parents of children with intellectual disabilities to serve the citizens of New London County. Board of Directors: John Fournier, President; Enrico DeMatto, Vice President; Linda Rhodes, Secretary; Emily Fournier, Treasurer; Members: Dennis Starling, Client Representative, Shannon Aiello, Dawn DeCristofaro, Mary Ann Duchene, Alan Messier, Wendy Mis and Alice Munyan. Immediate Past President: Diane Aubin.