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Mystic, CT - **The Arc New London County hosts Southeastern Connecticut's 6th Annual Pirate Party on Saturday, April 27, 2012, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Mystic Arts Center, 9 Water Street.** Proceeds support The Arc's Support Groups, Respite, Community Life and Advocacy programs. "These programs are the most vulnerable to funding cuts," says Kathleen Stauffer, Chief Executive Officer. "Your presence at the Pirate Party can make a significant difference in a family's life."

The highly popular Pirate Party offers a night of fun, fine food and a quality silent auction along with special guest **honorees State Representative Betsy Ritter, Department of Developmental Services Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D, Chief Lynn Malerba of the Mohegan Tribe and Jim Reed from Hall Communications.** The honorees also will be recognized with commendations from Senator Richard Blumenthal for their support for The Arc and their community service. **The Argia and a band of select pirates will make a special guest appearance on the Mystic River during the party.**

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

Don't miss a catered evening with: **Live music from the Denise & Tony Band, buffet by A Thyme to Cook, basket raffle and silent auction with Kenny Chesney signed guitar, Sting concert tickets, rum-stocked hand-crafted pirate ship** and much more! **All food, beverages and spirits included in the price of admission!** Tickets, on sale now, are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. "Captain" sponsors include: **Chelsea Groton Bank, Dominion, Mystic Aquarium, Green Ink Communications, Pyrat Rums, and SAVA Insurance Company.**

The Arc's annual Pirate Party is one of four major fundraisers held each year to support critical programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; without community support, these activities would go unfunded. **For tickets call 860-889-4435 ext. 116 or visit www.thearcnlc.org**

The Arc New London County is a 61-year-old local nonprofit agency providing support to over 550 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Southeastern Connecticut.

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