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**THE ARC OF BALTIMORE PERFORMS SERVICE PROJECTS TO
CELEBRATE “A DAY OF SHARING”**

BALTIMORE, MD (9/19/07) --- The Arc of Baltimore – one of the nation's largest and most respected organizations supporting people with developmental disabilities – will perform service projects throughout the region on Thursday, September 20 to celebrate “A Day of Sharing.”

“A Day of Sharing” projects being undertaken by individuals with developmental disabilities who are supported by The Arc of Baltimore include:

- Visit the Baltimore Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation & Extended Care Center and deliver handmade cards (9:30-10:30 a.m. at 3900 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, Md 21218);
- Pick up trash at the I-70 Park and Ride (10-12 p.m. at Exit 16 East off of 695);
- Visit the Glen Meadows Retirement Community (10-11:30 am at 11630 Glen Arm Road, Glen Arm, Md 21057);
- Clean up Stansbury Park (12-1 p.m. at Stansbury & Hydrangea Roads, Dundalk, MD 21222);
- Visit patients at the EastPoint Rehab and Nursing Center (11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 1046 Old North Point Road, Dundalk, MD 21222).

The “Day of Sharing” initiative is a service to the community as well as gesture of gratitude to the generous people who regularly contribute to The Arc of Baltimore and other Arcs throughout the region: The Arc of the Northern Chesapeake Region; The Arc of Howard County, and The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region.

Contributions to these organizations enable individuals with developmental disabilities to receive the services they need in order to work, live, and participate in community life. As a result of these contributions, The Arcs are able to give back in meaningful ways, not just for “A Day of Sharing,” but every day.

The Arcs across Maryland were significantly impacted earlier this year by a decision to halt all funding from The United Way of Central Maryland. This funding cut meant that The Arc of Baltimore alone had to make up a shortfall of nearly \$100,000 in funding. That kind of deficit jeopardized the organization’s ability to provide essential services to many of the more than 3,000 individuals with disabilities and their families that it serves.

“We decided to hold ‘A Day of Sharing’ as our way to recognize the people who have made such a major contribution to our community – and in doing so, to thank the people who have stepped up and continued to help us, particularly as we were facing some very difficult funding issues,” says Arc of Baltimore Executive Director Stephen Morgan.

For more information about “A Day of Sharing” contact Lindsay Mize at (410) 727-6855 or at lmize@stantoncomm.com.

About the Arc of Baltimore:

Dedicated to helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve their greatest potential since 1949, The Arc of Baltimore supports approximately 3,000 Baltimore City and Baltimore County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. As one of the nation's largest and most respected organizations of its kind, The Arc of Baltimore is an indispensable resource, providing vocational training, residential services, supported employment, and other programs and services. For more information, visit www.arcofbaltimore.org or call 410-296-2272.

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