

Arc of Somerset County celebrates National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

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Pictured is the group from Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families at Foxx Farm on "Go Out" Awareness Day. (Photo by Laura Ziegler)

The Arc of Somerset County celebrated March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with several individuals from The Arc of Somerset County's Self-Advocacy Group, along with representatives from The Arc of New Jersey visit to the State House on March 20 to provide information about the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and all their accomplishments.

The group spoke with Assemblymen and Congressmen about the issues individuals with disabilities face and the importance of not cutting funding to programs that they utilize.

Jennifer Velez Commissioner of the Department of Human Services posed for pictures, and presented a proclamation to the self-advocates declaring March Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in New Jersey.

On Saturday, March 22, Foxx Creek Farm in Hillsborough hosted a visit for children from the Jerry Davis Center For Children and Families in honor of "Let's Go Out" An Awareness Day for families of children and adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities to make plans and go out in public and do something together the week of March 29 to help raise awareness. The children were greeted to a petting farm of goats and horses, and went on a pony ride and learned about the daily work of a farmer. The owner, Mike Foxx also greeted the families with a picnic lunch.

For more information about March and "Let's Go Out" Awareness Week, call Lisa Marie Arieno, Director of Development and Public Relations at 908-725-8544, ext. 610, email lisamariae@thearcofsomerset.org or visit thearcofsomerset.org.

be her colleague and proud to have nominated her for this well deserved prestigious award by the county.

The award was presented, Wednesday, April 23, at Somerset County Commission on Child Abuse & Missing Children's annual Spring Forum.

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