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Arc of Somerset County plans Arc Angel Gala

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The Arc of Somerset County will be hosting their annual Arc Angel Gala on Friday, Nov. 3, at the Bridgewater Marriott "Celebrating 45 Years of Service" beginning at 7 pm. The Arc Angel Gala awards members of the Somerset County community for their efforts on advocacy, social work and philanthropy surrounding the disability community.

The event will honor Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli for his dedication to the many charities that serve special populations within the state of New Jersey, and John Ridley of Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLC who was the past President of The Arc of Somerset County as well as Chairman for the Special Olympic and SHARE. The program will also honor two members of the Somerset Community who recently passed away.

The late Max Spann, will be honored as a pioneer for his movement for the establishment of homes in the community for the developmentally disabled population. While serving on the boards of Arc of Somerset County, the Arc of Warren County, and the Arc of New Jersey, he was pivotal in the founding of summer camps for the developmentally disabled.

The late Fred Patterson will also be honored for serving as a leading advocate for those with developmental disabilities, on the local, state, and national level.

Mr. Patterson was a retired executive of 30 years as Director of Corporate Relations for Johnson & Johnson and was a founding family member for The Arc of Somerset County. Fred served as President of The Arc of New Jersey and The Arc of Somerset County, and was Chairman of the Foundation of The Arc of the United States.

Nominations are also being accepted by parents and local high school counselors before Oct. 16 to honor an Arc Angel- a Somerset County High School Senior that should be celebrated for their volunteer accomplishments and who has made a difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities. Selected Arc Angel students will be celebrated at the gala the evening of Nov. 3 with two tickets to the event.

For additional information about the Angels Among Us program and to nominate a student, please e-mail lauraz@thearcofsomerset.org.

Submitted by The Arc of Somerset County




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