



The Arc of Northern Virginia Presents Commitment to Employment of Persons with Disabilities Awards to PwC and AMC Theaters

Companies to be celebrated at The Arc of Northern Virginia Goes Hollywood Gala event, hosted by WUSA9 Reporter Peggy Fox

October 29 2018, Fairfax, VA – In recognition of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, The Arc of Northern Virginia is presenting recognition to two companies that have demonstrated exceptional dedication to providing employment opportunities to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Founded in 1920, AMC has the largest share of the American theater market with over 8,200 screens in 661 theatres in the United States. Team diversity is a key component of AMC's culture. AMC's employment outreach program partners with local, state, and national support agencies to employ qualified people with disabilities at their theatres.

Their program uses a hiring process that takes into consideration the extra support that some individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities may need. It provides access to opportunities for competitive employment, good wages, and benefits. In our area, AMC Tysons Corner 16 has brought many employees with disabilities on board.



PwC, also known as PricewaterhouseCoopers, is the largest professional services firm in the world. PwC believes that people with disabilities are an important demographic group to connect with in order to attract, retain and develop talented professionals. Through PwC's Ability Reveals Itself, Neurodiversity, and Professionals with Disabilities network initiatives, individuals with autism have been employed nationwide and here in Northern Virginia.

Media are invited to cover the awards program, at The Arc of Northern Virginia Goes Hollywood Gala.

Details for Media Coverage:

- **WHAT:** Commitment to Employment of Persons with Disabilities Awards – part of The Arc of Northern Virginia Goes HOLLYWOOD Gala

- **WHEN:** Saturday, November 3, 2018 – reception & silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner begins at 7:15 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia, 22102
- **WHO:** Awards will be presented by members of The Arc of Northern Virginia Board of Directors, including a member with an intellectual/developmental disability. Representatives from AMC and PwC will be on hand to accept their awards.

MEDIA RSVP REQUIRED: A media escort is required for the event. Please provide the full name and media outlet to larry.rockwell@thearcofnova.org **no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2.** For questions, call Larry Rockwell at 703-208-1119 ext 114.

About The Arc of Northern Virginia

The Arc of Northern Virginia was founded in 1962 and today represents and serves over 34,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD)--such as autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and rare chromosomal disorders--and their families in the cities and counties of Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church. The Arc of Northern Virginia is an organization that builds community opportunities for citizens with disabilities so that they can live "A Life Like Yours."

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