



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **The Arc San Francisco announces Learning Lab Open House 12/14/16**

**The Arc San Francisco Learning Lab provides technology and computer literacy to adults with autism and developmental disabilities.**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – December 9, 2016 - The Arc San Francisco will host an open house event to spotlight a new Learning Lab that provides computers, instruction and support for adults with developmental disabilities. Sponsored by The Arc U.S. and Comcast NBCUniversal, the Learning Lab offers participants a semester-based program including instruction in basic computer skills, web-based job search, civic engagement, internet safety, social media and blogging.

The event will include a tour conducted by lab students with participation by program sponsors, civic, education, corporate and community partners.

Adults with developmental disabilities lack computer literacy and access to computers and online tools to navigate and succeed in today's world both personally and professionally. From employment and education to health and just having fun, the Learning Lab fills a gap in that disparity, breaking barriers to online inclusion through a centralized, supported resource.

Media are invited to cover the event, which will include a tour and interview opportunities with sponsors, instructors, and lab students.

#### **WHAT:**

Press event and tour showcasing The Arc San Francisco technology Learning Lab for adults with autism and developmental disabilities.

#### **VISUALS / INTERVIEWS**

- Program participants with disabilities leading the tour of the Learning Lab and how it's used
- Interview opportunity with The Arc San Francisco CEO Dr. Glenn Motola and Kristen Pedersen, Director of Employment and Education

- Interview opportunity with sponsor officials from Comcast NBCUniversal
- Interview opportunity with official from The Mayor's Office Dept. of Human Resources, SF

**WHERE:**

The Arc San Francisco, 1500 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

1:00-2:00pm.

**RSVP & CONTACT:**

Please RSVP to Meredith Manning, Director of Communications, The Arc San Francisco at [mmanning@thearcsof.org](mailto:mmanning@thearcsof.org) or call (415) 902-9859.

**PARKING:**

SP Plus, Parking 51 11<sup>th</sup> Street (at Market), San Francisco, CA 94103.

**About The Arc San Francisco**

The Arc San Francisco is a nonprofit education and workforce development center for adults with developmental disabilities (DD) serving adults in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties. For over 60 years, The Arc has been widely recognized for its innovation in education and career programs as well as independent living services, health advocacy and a broad range of arts and recreation opportunities. The Arc SF supports individuals with autism, Down syndrome and other disabilities to meet the challenges of adulthood while achieving personal goals and lifelong success. The Arc SF's affiliations with over 200 business, education, technology and health partners enables the organization to provide successful internships and employment opportunities while offering a more diverse, enriching life experience for those served.

For more information, visit [www.thearcsof.org](http://www.thearcsof.org)

**About Comcast NBCUniversal and The Comcast Foundation**

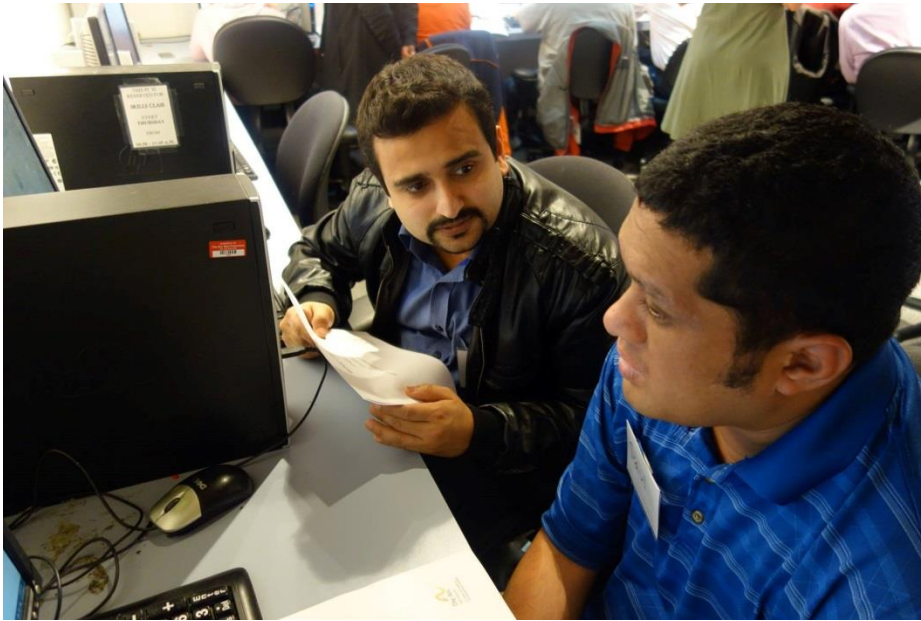
By concentrating investment in the areas of digital literacy, community service and building tomorrow's leaders, the Comcast Foundation strives to empower communities nationwide. Since 1999, The Comcast Foundation has contributed more than \$190 million to help strengthen the communities it serves.

[Philanthropy & Partnerships](#)

**The Arc U.S.**

The Arc, or The Arc U.S., advocates for and serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), including Down syndrome, Autism, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Cerebral Palsy and other diagnoses. The Arc has a network of more than 650 chapters across the country promoting and protecting the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supporting their full inclusion and

participation in the community throughout their lifetimes and without regard to diagnosis. Info at: [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)



The Arc SF Learning Lab: Building a LinkedIn profile



The Arc SF Learning Lab: a full house all day long