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The Arc San Francisco

## The Arc San Francisco Raises \$170,000 At "We Can Do It!" 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arc Angel Breakfast and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**San Francisco, California** (October 14, 2011) – More than 300 guests attended the 10th Annual Arc Angel Breakfast on October 14th, celebrating The Arc San Francisco's 60th Anniversary year in style at the Westin St. Francis Hotel on Union Square. The event raised over \$170,000 and garnered 17 new Arc Angels who made multi-year financial pledges to help sustain The Arc SF's employment, health care and independent living services.

Keynote speaker Peter Magowan set the tone for the inspiring "We Can Do It!" theme, highlighting the benefits of hiring Arc clients with developmental disabilities at the two organizations he helmed, Safeway and the San Francisco Giants.

The program also debuted a powerful video, featuring clients' personal stories of struggle and achievement. Click here to watch "We Can Do It!" video.

"I'm so proud of our clients and grateful to <u>our supporters</u> who play a vital role in the success of our mission," said Dr. Glenn Motola, CEO of The Arc San Francisco. "Together, we can make a difference."

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Guests included a broad spectrum of supporters including city officials (Supervisor Mark Farrell, former Supervisor Bevan Dufty), business leaders (Parker Harris, co-founder, salesforce.com; Shana Daum, Senior Director Public Affairs, San Francisco Giants), Peter Magowan, former CEO and Chairman at Safeway Inc. and former Managing Partner at the San Francisco Giants), media supporters (Mary Huss, President and Publisher, San Francisco Business Times) and advocacy partners (Wade Rose, VP External and Government Relations, Catholic Healthcare West)

In addition to funds raised for The Arc San Francisco's programs and services, artists from The Arc's ArtReach Studios sold over \$2,300 in original art.

## **About The Arc San Francisco**

The mission of The Arc San Francisco is to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by promoting self-determination, dignity and quality of life. With a staff of 180, The Arc currently supports more than 550 people in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. Founded in 1951, The Arc San Francisco has been widely recognized for its innovation in employment, housing, health advocacy, arts and independent living in support of people with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities.

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