



Dear Arc Participant,

In light of the shelter in place order being extended through the month of May, our three locations in San Francisco, San Mateo County and Marin County will remain closed until Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will reassess during the week of May 25<sup>th</sup> whether that will still be the opening date.

We continue to be part of the conversation at both the local and state levels on what is happening now, what is to come, and what reopening will look like. Service providers and Golden Gate Regional Center are collaborating on plans for a safe and responsible reintegration of our programs for when that day arrives.

In the meantime, staff at The Arc San Francisco are showing incredible commitment and ingenuity to keep our services going and participants supported under these challenging circumstances. Our remote learning site, [The Arc SF Hub](#), which so many of you are accessing for remote learning, socialization and enrichment, has been thriving. You may have also already called the "**Friendship Line**" (415-480-1097) which is keeping us connected, especially those of us who have barriers to getting online.

Here is a small sampling of good things we have experienced since we last updated you, courtesy of our staff:

**ArtReach** now has three weekly classes hosted by Lead Art Teacher, Mim! Attendance keeps growing, and we are especially appreciative of how online classes have brought together our San Francisco and San Mateo artists. We have sent out 11 orders of art supplies to our Artists to keep them going and will continue to send more. Check out ArtReach's Instagram page [https://www.instagram.com/artreach\\_studios/](https://www.instagram.com/artreach_studios/) to see what we've been creating at home! - *Alex Williams*

**Enrichment** is shouting out to **Arc Karaoke**, which is on its 5th week and more successful than ever. We had 16 participants last Wednesday, and a whopping 24 folks the prior Wednesday! Last week, for the second week in a row, a small group from The Arc New York (via staff Lauren T.) joined us as well. Patrick Hunt is an engaging host, giving everyone a chance to truly shine! - *Erin Lyons*

**Employment** If there is one word to describe Employment Services right now it is **teamwork!** Our job developers are busier than ever with assessments to prepare new participants for the job search. Job coaches have jumped in to help conduct these assessments. We have also had coaches volunteer to cross-train at different worksites, particularly Amazon, where hiring remains strong. In a very challenging time, it is remarkable to see how we unite for the good of everyone. - *Christa Preston*

We will be in touch with you regularly as we navigate this together but please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need support.

Be well,



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Executive Director



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P.S. Our main office number is open to answer any questions during office closure, 415-255-7200.

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