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September 26, 2017

Dear Members and Friends of The Arc of Katy:

We are fortunate to live in Katy – a community showing its strength and resilience founded in community spirit and service following Hurricane Harvey. Our participants, family members, staff, Board members and other volunteers have been active throughout the Katy area and Greater Houston for the past several weeks, helping to care for each other and our neighbors. Those members of The Arc of Katy impacted themselves also have been fortunate to be the recipients of care and support from others. We are proud to be part of this community and will continue our work to support the rebuilding and other recovery efforts.

One of the challenges for The Arc of Katy following Hurricane Harvey was opening up our day program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Unfortunately, Camp Cinco properties and facilities that are operated by the YMCA were flooded along with Creech Elementary School and many homes in nearby Katy neighborhoods. We have consulted with our generous partners at the YMCA and we realize that it is unlikely we will be able to use the camp facilities again – at least not for a longtime into the future. We will, however, continue to have access through their generosity to fitness programs and evening socials using the Monty Ballard YMCA and Katy Main Street YMCA.

Following Hurricane Harvey, we successfully opened up our day program on the 5th of September as scheduled using building space donated by Kingsland Baptist Church. We have been using the Kingsland Baptist office space as our clubhouse for some meetings, socials and special events since earlier this year and have now been able to use it as our primary meeting location for our day program. That location is available to us through December.

We now are seeking your support and input as we search for and consider options for a new safe, healthy, affordable and effective meeting location for the Arc of Katy day program beginning in January – ready for us to move in by mid-December -- just three months from now.

Our day program space needs to accommodate up to 50 adult and adolescent participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), staff and volunteers, and have adequate restroom and meeting facilities. We will prefer to also have access to a kitchen and other areas for recreation. We are looking at options for donated space or space that we can lease.

How can you help?

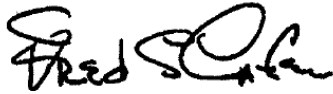
- Please connect us with your network and resources. Please put us in contact with appropriate contacts in your business, church, community center or others who you know in the community who may have access to appropriate space to contribute or lease.
- Continue to support The Arc of Katy. Some opportunities include:
 - Corporate and individual donations (and matching grants if offered by your employer)
 - Membership – Join online at www.thearcofkaty.org or you can call us at 832-754-9802

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- Sponsorship or participation in our fun fund-raisers and social programs
 - The Arc of Katy Barn Dance – November 12, 2017
 - The Arc of Katy Jingle Bell Jam – December 9, 2017
 - The Arc of Katy Gala – April 20, 2018
 - Color for a Cause 2018 sponsored by The Taylor High School's chapters of the Future Business Leaders of America and the National Honor Society – to be announced
 - Top Golf Tournament 2018 – to be announced
- Volunteer – for our day program, social events, various committees or The Board of Directors – we will match your available time, interests and skills to program needs

Please contact me directly at Fred Shafer, freds.arcofkaty@gmail.com or telephone (281) 896-6834 to discuss any suggestions or information that may be helpful. Thank you for your ongoing interest and support of The Arc of Katy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Shafer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "S".

Fred Shafer
President of the Board of Directors
The Arc of Katy