

SHARING FUND DONATION

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Each month (on the fourth Sunday), the Justice and Peace Committee seeks your donation in support of worthy causes. We encourage you to be as generous as you can. In advance, we thank you!

THE SHARING FUND WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THESE THREE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH SERVE THE DISABLED IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

OPPORTUNITY BUILDERS, INC.

A non-profit organization devoted to giving adults with developmental disabilities, living in Anne Arundel County and adjacent communities, the training and services needed to help them function and pay their way in the community. OBI provides vocational training & employment services to individuals with developmental disabilities in an atmosphere that promotes feelings of independence and self-worth. About one-fourth of OBI workers, who range from 18 to 60 years of age, receive no taxpayer support at all.

- ***Adult Development Center.*** . .for people who require an intense level of training and assistance.
- ***Vocational Training.*** . .OBI contracts with local businesses for work which allows workers to earn a daily wage.
- ***Supported Employment.*** . .many of OBI's workers can and are earning a paycheck through positions in local businesses.

BELLO MACHRE, INC.

A non-profit organization which provides loving care and creates opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities to live and work as independently as possible. This loving care is provided in a number of settings:

- ***The Campus Program*** is a setting of five group homes, each staffed by a trained Residence Manager and several support staff. Six individuals live in each home.
- ***Community Living*** provides exceptional care in community-based group homes, with no more than three individuals living in each home.
- ***Adult Living*** provides a living alternative for those who no longer need intensive supervision and training. Each person lives with a carefully selected individual or family and truly becomes a part of that family.

The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region

The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region's mission is to promote respect, create opportunities and advocate for equal rights for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc believes that all people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities have strengths, abilities and inherent value; are equal before the law; and must be treated with dignity and respect. The Arc represents, supports and acts on behalf of individuals and their families regardless of level of disability or membership in The Arc. The Arc believes in self-determination by empowering people with the supports needed to make informed decisions and choices.

- Advocates for the rights of all citizens with mental retardation/developmental disabilities and their families.
- Provides dynamic support to enhance their quality of life that results in real choices, responsibilities, power and opportunities.
- Promotes community education on issues related to mental retardation/developmental disabilities.