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**The Arc of Wake County Receives \$37,000 Capacity Building grant from the John Rex Endowment**

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The Arc of Wake County is proud to announce a \$37,000 Capacity Building grant from the John Rex Endowment to increase its fundraising capacity and to gain its national accreditation through the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL).

"Over the past several years, The Arc of Wake County has seen a steady influx of families moving to the area with children with developmental disabilities. This makes it a necessity to expand our services to accommodate the growing amount of people who need our assistance in our community," says Robert Cooney, board president.

For 56 years, **The Arc of Wake County** has been battling critical issues in our community by advocating for people with developmental disabilities and their families. This is done by helping individuals with disabilities gain access to our community; whether it is in faith and civic organizations, in public schools, or earning a living working in the community. Every year, The Arc of Wake County provides information and referral services to over 800 families and provides direct care to over 250 individuals.

The John Rex Endowment invests in the development and support of activities, programs and organizations that improve the health of underserved people in Wake County. Currently, the Endowment supports visible and measurable improvements in the health of children and youth by improving access to health services, by promoting healthy behaviors and by providing children with opportunities for growth and development. For more information, visit [www.rexendowment.org](http://www.rexendowment.org).

The Arc of Wake County partners with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to help them achieve their life goals. Formed in 1954, The Arc of Wake County was formed as a volunteer organization. Families were active in establishing the first classes for children with developmental disabilities in the public schools, special programs in churches, residential and employment programs, recreational opportunities and respite care services. Today, with a membership of nearly 250 individuals and families, The Arc provides programs and services to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families:

- CAP Services
- Case Management
- Guardianship Services
- Supported Employment
- Retirement and Leisure Services for Seniors & Adults
- Transportation Training
- Advocacy, information, referral, and community education

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