

PAXTON CAMPUS ANNOUNCES THE AURORA SCHOOL TURNING 10 YEARS OLD

Leesburg, Virginia – July 5, 2013 – On Friday, July 12th, at 1:00PM, Paxton Campus' The Aurora School will officially celebrate its 10th year anniversary.

Ten years ago, The Aurora School was founded by parents in cooperation with The Arc of Loudoun. Aurora started as a very small school with only 3 students in Purcellville and now has grown to 30 students and 42 highly qualified staff, and this year we are hoping to grow even bigger! In 2009, The Aurora School moved to the Paxton Campus in Leesburg and has been growing and thriving more each year.

There to help celebrate the school's birthday will be Special Guest, Marcus Washington of the Washington Redskins; and music by a band from School of Rock led by a former student of Aurora, who will be playing a set to help liven up the party. Any and all Friends of Paxton, Former Students of Aurora, and the greater community are welcome to join us in celebrating.

The Aurora School is a caring, educational community that offers a quality education for individuals with special needs, primarily students with autism. We provide a progressive learning environment that serves individuals with intellectual disabilities, ages 5 to 22. Using the latest techniques, curricula, and technology, students and their families become active partners in their individualized education program. We challenge our students to achieve personal excellence and independence and offer a wide variety of special education programs. Our curricula and activities are made to meet the individual student's needs. Among the skills we teach our students are: Verbal behavior; Academic literacy; Reading; Social skills; Self-management; and Problem-solving skills.

In 1922, Rachel Paxton had a vision to turn her home and property into a safe and welcoming environment for underprivileged families. In 1967, a group of parents whose children had special needs formed The Arc of Loudoun, a non-profit to start a school for their children when no one else would. In 2008, those two visions combined when The Arc of Loudoun moved to the Paxton Campus. Since then, the Campus has grown into a full-service organization to provide an integrated and innovative learning environment for all ages and abilities. Our programs include The Aurora School, Open Door Learning Center preschool, STEP Up vocational training

program for adults, and ALLY (“A Life Like Yours”) Advocacy Center, all devoted to serving people with disabilities and their families, as well as helping children of all abilities thrive in our community.

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