

**PAXTON CAMPUS ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF
“PAXTON ATTRACTION” CAMPUS STORE**

Leesburg, Virginia – October 19, 2012 – On Monday, October 22, at 2:00PM, Paxton Campus will officially open the doors to its brand new “Paxton Attraction” – a Campus store dedicated to serving Loudoun County families and individuals in need.

Known for creating opportunities for individuals of all abilities, the Paxton Attraction will be operated by young adults with disabilities furthering Paxton Campus' mission to see its students thrive in the community.

There to help celebrate the grand opening of the Paxton Attraction will be Leesburg Mayor Kristen C. Umstatted who will be cutting the ribbon. Tony Howard, the president of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, and Leesburg Town Council Member Katie Hammler are also scheduled to appear.

The Paxton Campus has been serving the Loudoun County community for years, and the grand opening of the Paxton Attraction will, in turn, see the community rallying around the Paxton Campus, its families, students, and overall mission to create equal opportunities for individuals of all abilities.

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 2010, 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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