

## **Paxton Celebrates Development Disability Awareness Month in March**

**LEESBURG, Virginia – March 27, 2014** – March is national Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and Paxton Campus invites you to join us to help raise awareness about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Our event of the month is our Spring Fling, a dance and social opportunity for adults with disabilities is Friday, March 28. This event was part of a larger planned *Let's Go Out* with the national chapter of The Arc. This one-day movement will serve to harness our collective power to gain allies, foster understanding, dispel myths and encourage people without disabilities to recognize that we're not so different after all.

Paxton Campus is a campus focused on creating opportunities for people with disabilities.

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. 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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