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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE ARC OF GASTON COUNTY

Dear Arc Friends and Families,

Given the recent announcements extending the restrictions for schools and the “stay at home” order, we will need to suspend accepting Kamp Applications until further notice. We will be revisiting the situation and taking additional items into consideration so that we can make the best decision possible for the safety of our campers and staff. Kamp Kaleidoscope is such a valuable program in our community, so we will provide an update as close to May 15 as possible.

In the event Kamp Kaleidoscope is not possible this summer, the needs of our citizens with developmental disabilities will continue. We are working hard to ensure the safety of everyone we serve and are still open and available as a community resource for individuals and their families.

We would normally be gearing up for our Benefit Gala next month but were forced to change plans. The funds we usually raise at this event are very vital to Kamp Kaleidoscope, as well as our other programs including: *Financial Aid for medical and personal necessities, *Disability workshops for parents & the community, *Operation Santa (toiletries & winter apparel for adults), and *materials for families to provide guiding tools and resources for the care of their loved one with disabilities.

Without adequate funding, our chapter and programs are at risk. We hope you will consider making a general contribution to our organization or choose one of our programs; please follow this link:

<https://gastoncountyarcs.org/donate/>. We sincerely appreciate your patronage and support.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as our #1 priority is the health and safety of the individuals with disabilities we serve.

Sincerely,

Sara Osborne, Director

The Arc of Gaston County Board of Directors