



Each Stitch Counts and The Arc, Ocean County Chapter Collaborate to Support the Local Community in More Ways Than One

Lakewood, NJ (February 12, 2025) – Each Stitch Counts, a charity dedicated to alleviating hygiene insecurity by providing food pantries with dish soap, laundry detergent, and handmade dishcloths, has partnered with The Arc’s Employment Center, which provides supported group employment to individuals with disabilities in Ocean County, NJ.

Debbie Trainor, the founder of Each Stitch Counts, found herself in need of a warehouse and a reliable team to manage the logistics of her growing endeavors with the local food pantries when she met Lou Archiello from The Arc, Ocean County Chapter’s Employment Center.

“Debbie was sharing her story at the Toms River Chamber networking event, and I knew immediately The Arc could help her, and the families of Ocean County, in a meaningful way,” said Mr. Archiello.

The Arc Employment Center is an 18,000 square foot warehouse at the Lakewood Industrial Park offering production work, cleaning services, and shredding to local businesses while also providing a paycheck to adults with disabilities who require supports to maximize their potential for employment. The Arc clients will be assisting with packaging, managing orders, and coordinating deliveries for Each Stitch Counts.

“We are honored to partner with Each Stitch Counts, a fellow non-profit supporting our community in need, and grateful for the opportunity to provide more work to our clients at The Arc Employment Center.”

For more details about Each Stitch Counts or to donate dish soap, laundry detergent, or handmade dishcloths please visit www.eachstitchcounts.org/.

To contact The Arc’s Employment Center for your business needs, please call 732-363-6677 or email info@arcocean.org. To learn more about The Arc, Ocean County Chapter’s programs and support services for people with disabilities visit www.arcocean.org.

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About Each Stitch Counts

The mission of Each Stitch Counts is to alleviate hygiene insecurity by providing food pantries with dish and laundry detergent. Containers of dish detergent include a handmade dishcloth donated by crafter volunteers. Households dealing with food insecurity often deal with hygiene insecurity. We reach this community by supplying these products.

About The Arc, Ocean County Chapter

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter, Inc. was established in 1955 with the mission to advocate, provide opportunities and supports necessary for all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be accepted and valued as citizens of the communities in which they choose to live, learn, work and play. Today, the chapter serves more than 1,000 individuals through residential services, vocational services, recreation services, family support, and clinical support services.

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