



The Arc Mid-South RECEIVES \$ 7000 GRANT FROM THE DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT ADULT LITERACY

Memphis, TN – **June 5, 2014** – This week, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded The Arc Mid-South a \$7000 grant to support adult literacy.

The Arc Mid-South's mission is "Empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential".

"At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of *Serving Others* throughout the communities we serve," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "It's exciting to see the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's outreach in action as we partner with organizations to further education and literacy and make a real difference in people's lives."

The program is designed to increase literacy & employment skills of individuals with disabilities in Shelby County, TN by determining their educational & vocational skill sets using the Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement & the Vocational Rehabilitation Supplemental & Trial Work Evaluations. We use the initial survey to determine the learning capability of each student and subsequent tests to determine their skill improvement.

The success of the preparation class is measured based on 60% of the students (90 based on an annual enrollment of 150) successfully completing the curriculum with an 80% or higher passing percentile.

An additional success is 45% of our clients to be placed in employment for a minimum of three months.

A by-product of the program is that the student's success financially impacts the lives of the students & family unit & potentially helps ease the way out of the welfare system.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$92 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than five million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

About The Arc Mid-South

The Arc Mid-South is a 501c3 non-profit United Way agency dedicated to empowering people with disabilities to achieve their full potential. We are dedicated to providing advocacy and services which enable individuals with disabilities to realize their uniqueness, worth, and full inclusion in society.

The Arc Mid-South was chartered by the Tennessee Secretary of State on November 2, 1950 and has strived to promote and improve the welfare of citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We started the first special education classes in both Memphis City and Shelby County Schools as well as group homes and the Adult Activity Center now known as Shelby Residential and Vocational Services (SRVS).

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education as part of the company's mission of ***Serving Others*** for over 20 years. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$92 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than five million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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