

From the Executive Director

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Celebrating Abilities, held March 29th, was a huge success! We handed out 500 informational booklets to people visiting Sugar Land Town Square Plaza and advocated for the inclusion of people with disabilities in our communities. Rick Cushenberry, Lyle Woodruff and Commissioner Patterson spent the afternoon grilling hotdogs, (donated by Trudy's Janitorial Service) served with chips (donated by Frito Lay) and drinks (donated by Minute Maid & HEB) which were plated by student volunteers from Fort Bend Baptist Academy. Sugar Land Councilman, Russell Jones, welcomed the crowd to Sugar Land and County Attorney, Roy Cordes, volunteered to read the proclamation from County Judge Robert Hebert. Greg Groogan, FOX 26 news, graciously served as emcee for the event. Councilwoman Jacqueline Baly Chaumette stopped by to show support. This annual event requires the work of many, many people and even though your name is not mentioned specifically, please know that your work is appreciated! See pictures on pages 6-7

On May 1st representatives from The Arc of Fort Bend will travel to Austin to host a "Legislative Breakfast" for the aides and representatives. We will once again present our legislative platform and urge the senators and representatives to support bills that increase funding for programs which support individuals with intellectual disabilities and Autism. At press time, Mike Casey has agreed to go but we are looking for other parents to join us.

The Arc's Golf Classic is next month! We need items for our auction such as sporting event tickets, restaurant gift certificates, rounds of golf from area country clubs and/or rooms at luxury hotels. You can contact us at The Arc office if you have any of these donations.

We had a short board meeting in March but approved the minutes of the following committee meetings: Transportation, Audit, Special Olympics Advisory and Membership. The board approved a revised Membership form which lists specific programs which can be designated for donations. Our next meeting is May 18th @ The Arc office.

"Rained Out" Lamar Consolidated ISD Invitational Track Meet 4-18-09

The track meet was rescheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009.



Mrs. Fort Bend County International 2009,
Kat Alvarado, came out in the rain!