

# ARISE



## 2018 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

ALL AGES. ALL DISABILITIES. ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE.

*At ARISE, our mission is to  
work with people of all abilities  
to create a fair and just community  
in which everyone can fully participate.*

Our mission encompasses four key elements of the  
Independent Living Philosophy:

**Individual Control**

**Advocacy**

**Civil Rights Orientation**

**Cross Disability Representation**



**Tania S. Anderson, CEO  
and Parent**

Celebrating milestones is exciting. In 2018, we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ARISE at the Farm. Next year, we'll celebrate the

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ARISE itself. In my family, we celebrated a milestone this spring when my daughter Eliza became a teenager.

But it's the daily work, the incremental steps we take to reach our goals, that is the real cause for cheers at ARISE. As an Independent Living Center, we celebrate each person who comes to us by letting him decide what milestones he would like to achieve. We celebrate each individual as she does the daily hard work, even when that work doesn't feel like much of a party.

Eliza connected with ARISE before she was three years old. Through programs like Community Habilitation, she lays out her goals and achieves her milestones. She advocates for herself, like the time she spoke up during an annual review meeting at ARISE and said she wanted to work more on her math skills. She absolutely advocates for herself when it comes to ARISE's recreation programs. Eliza has been riding horses at the Farm for more than 10 years. She spends many school breaks at our Farm day camps, making new friends, creating tie-dye T-shirts, enjoying dance parties, and swinging on our fully accessible playground.

Every day I work at ARISE I celebrate because it makes life better for my daughter and because it makes the world my daughter and I inhabit a better place. Everyone benefits from a more inclusive community. Everyone celebrates when the Independent Living Philosophy comes to life through ARISE.



**Susan Judge, Board  
President and Parent**

Our association with ARISE began nearly 20 years ago when a friend mentioned the riding program at ARISE at the Farm. Our son, Chris, has

been riding ever since. It is a highlight of his week. Over the years, he has participated in the Individual Day Habilitation program and Supported Employment, learning independent living skills along the way.

We have had such a positive experience with ARISE. When I was asked to join the Board more than 10 years ago, I didn't hesitate to say "yes." Since then, I have learned about all the amazing programs that ARISE has to offer. Then I began volunteering for ARISE & Ski and have been awed by the tireless commitment of our staff and volunteers. There is pure enjoyment by participants as they learn to ski and fly down the hill! At the heart of everything we do is a person-centered, independent and inclusive philosophy—allowing people with extraordinary differences to live, work and play in their communities.



## We CAN Build It!

ARISE's newest program, Adaptive Design (AD), literally creates a world where everyone can fully participate. Officially becoming part of ARISE late in 2017, this innovative approach to meeting individual needs provides an affordable and highly creative option to buying manufactured equipment.

Just ask Maddox's family! They wanted Maddox to be able to stand by himself so he can play and increase his strength. Durable cardboard provided the answer.

By using input from his parents, the AD team of "makers" fashioned a custom standing frame, shown in the photo above. The frame allows Maddox to stand upright by himself, to build strength, and to improve his balance. Surprisingly strong, the cardboard stand is very affordable, which will help as Maddox grows. A new stand can easily be created as his size changes.

Families have long been the greatest innovators in problem-solving. Tapping this knowledge and taking the families' ingenuity one step further, ARISE Adaptive Design Coordinator, Connor McGough, says, "AD brings together a team that includes personal and professional skills and perspectives." Building on the families' insights, volunteers identify solutions for a wide range of activities and settings. The unique needs and interests of the user drive the design solutions.

To learn more about Adaptive Design, please visit [www.arisead.org](http://www.arisead.org)

If you need something AD might be able to build or if you want to volunteer, contact:

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# ARISE AT THE FARM



What started with a gift and a dream has turned into a gateway to so much more. When veterinarian James “Doc” Marshall, DVM, donated his horse farm to ARISE, he opened up a world of possibilities for children and adults with disabilities. Doc says that giving the farm to ARISE was one of the very best decisions he has ever made, and thousands of people are sure glad he did it!



This year marked 20 years since Doc’s gift of the Farm in 1998. We have expanded and grown, and the 77-acre working horse farm is now home to not just horses but animals of all kinds, inclusive summer camps, a high ropes course, a sensory trail, a fishing pond, a paved track, a fully-accessible playground, and more. We will forever be grateful to Doc and all of the Farm supporters who help ensure the future of ARISE at the Farm as a place for fun and freedom for people of all abilities!

## ARISE : Here Today AND Tomorrow!

Do you ever wonder how to ensure services are around for the next generation? Naming ARISE in your will or as a beneficiary designation are options to consider. It isn’t hard to do. A gift could be given to:

- **ARISE Foundation, Inc.**, which increases awareness of the life-changing work of ARISE; recruits volunteers to join the mission; and generates financial support.
- **ARISE Child & Family Service, Inc.**, which furthers the independent living philosophy: the belief that people with disabilities have the same rights as people who do not have disabilities. ARISE is at the forefront of advocating for access, choice and self-determination for individuals with disabilities.
- **ARISE at Marshall Farms, Inc.**, where recreation programs are indoor and outdoor. Programs promote independence, opportunity, and choice for people with disabilities and their families.

To learn more about planned giving opportunities, please contact Betty DeFazio at (315) 671-2903 or [bdefazio@ariseinc.org](mailto:bdefazio@ariseinc.org).

# 2017 FISCAL YEAR

(JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017)

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Current Assets	\$4,674,222.00
Property & Equipment	\$2,232,085.00
Endowment Investments	\$17,061.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,923,368.00</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	\$2,345,943.00
Long-Term Liabilities	\$724,023.00
Net Assets	\$3,853,402.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,923,368.00</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

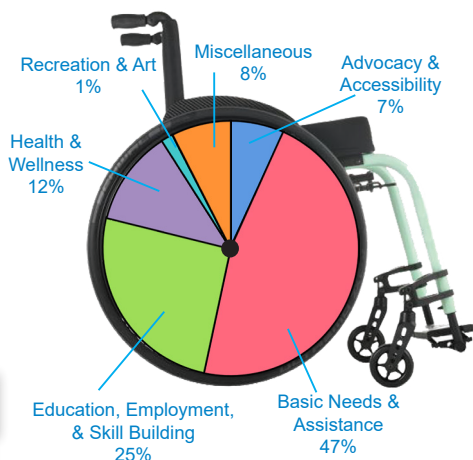
### REVENUE

Advocacy & Accessibility	\$1,437,150.02
Basic Needs & Assistance	\$9,957,938.53
Education, Employment, & Skill Building	\$5,446,171.02
Health & Wellness	\$2,586,325.00
Recreation & Art	\$320,212.93
Miscellaneous	\$1,604,010.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$21,351,807.50</b>

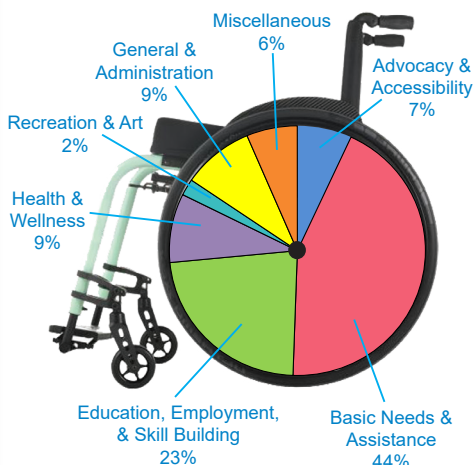
### EXPENSES

Advocacy & Accessibility	\$1,457,417.10
Basic Needs & Assistance	\$9,270,424.37
Education, Employment, & Skill Building	\$4,865,826.39
Health & Wellness	\$1,889,049.63
Recreation & Art	\$453,051.33
General & Administration	\$1,919,842.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,363,764.18
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,219,375.00</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$132,432.50</b>

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES





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We are grateful to all donors and apologize if we have made an error or omission.



Tamara C. Harris, ARISE Foundation  
Board Chair and Parent

Ashlynn and I joined the ARISE at the Farm family in June 2015. Today, my daughter is a happy and independent 6 ½ year old. She began riding at the farm to assist with core stability, strengthening, and balance. From day one, Ashlynn has been raring to go!

In 2016, Ashlynn participated in the 1st Annual ARISE at the Farm horse show. She was beyond thrilled and came dressed in her braids and red sparkly cowgirl boots.

When she came running up and showed me her medal with the biggest smile on her face, I decided that I wanted to be more involved with ARISE.

Yet, the Farm goes dark from about mid-December to February. The lessons stop and the animals cozy up for the winter. To continue to work on her physical goals, Ashlynn joined the ARISE & Ski program. By participating in skiing, Ashlynn is gaining even more independence and in some ways, she has become fearless.

As I learned, ARISE at the Farm is a gateway because it opens up many other experiences for Ashlynn and so many others. Simply put, ARISE is amazing. It is about removing barriers. It is about building skills. It is about opportunities. It is a gateway to other services.

I'm involved to give back as much as I can to the organization that has done so much for Ashlynn. Please join me and get involved! There are many great opportunities to help ARISE achieve "Independence and Access for All" whether by volunteering or becoming a donor. I know it will be an experience of a lifetime!

Tamara C. Harris, ARISE Foundation Board Chair and Parent

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