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Diana Fortarelli  
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Dear Ms. Fortarelli,

On behalf of the staff, parents and children at The Arc of New Jersey in Hudson County I'd like to thank you for your generous donation of candy bags for our Annual Halloween Party. We rely on donations from the community to help make our children's parties a success. The children enjoyed the party and loved having the treats to take home.

We are creating a new chapter in Hudson County to serve and support individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. The office is located at 405-09 36<sup>th</sup> Street in Union City, in the Hudson County Resource Center building, which was established seven years ago as a day program for people with developmental disabilities.

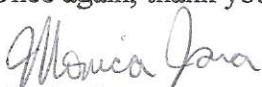
The Arc of New Jersey in Hudson County has been committed to empowering and supporting people with developmental disabilities and their families by utilizing all of our resources to ensure that these people receive every opportunity to live a full, productive life in their community.

The Arc of New Jersey in Hudson County has sponsored the following activities:

- \* Assisting over 300 families with information and referral from various community-based organizations
- \* Assisting families to receive services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities
- \* Encouraging members to participate in the monthly Support Group meetings.
- \* Monthly Recreational Activities for children with developmental disabilities and their families.
- \* After School Care for children with developmental disabilities
- \* Recreational Program (Holiday Parties, Family Picnics)
- \* Continuing to increase membership outreach by encouraging families to participate in Arc activities.

As per our phone conversation, I will be contacting you in the near future to possibly set something up for the Day Program's Christmas Party. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (201) 319-9225.

Once again, thank you.

  
Monica Jara  
Project Coordinator