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Dear Friend,

*“I am a foster mom and received a phone call for the placement of a ten week old baby who was abused at five weeks old. He suffered a traumatic brain injury. When I met him, I was stunned by his appearance. He held a downward gaze, his body was limp, and he did not have functional use of his limbs. The silence was deafening. He never cried.*

*During discharge, I was taught how to administer his medications, feed him through a feeding tube, and was told he would never make ‘a meaningful recovery.’*

*It was heartbreaking. I had never cared for a medically fragile child before and I was unsure of what his future held.*

*Colton proved them wrong.*

*One of the first things I did was establish Early Intervention (EI) services with The Arc Alliance. His team consisted of Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Vision Therapy, Physical Therapy, Special Instruction, and Nutrition Consultations. It was a true care team that had his health and well-being in mind.*

***Colton would not be where he is today if it was not for The Arc Alliance. He plays soccer, does therapeutic horseback riding, and even rides a modified trike!***

*I cannot express my gratitude enough. I want The Arc Alliance to continue to help other children with necessary treatments. Please consider children like Colton when making a life changing donation to The Arc Alliance. Your gift will change someone’s life. Thank you!”*

*-Heather S, Collegeville, PA*

Thanks to you, children, men, and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities were supported through The Arc Alliance Children’s Services, Supports Coordination, and Guardianship Services. On behalf of the individuals and families we serve, thank you for providing the resources to provide them with a brighter future.



Throughout our lives, we all face hurdles and challenges. The Arc Alliance's mission is to strive for possibilities and not impose limitations due to perceived abilities. We see many examples of this through those we serve, none more than Colton's inspiring story of perseverance and defying the odds.

Every day, your support makes stories like Colton's possible.

Today, we are launching our 2019 Annual Campaign. Our goal is to help mothers like Heather, fathers, sons, and daughters dream, set goals, and achieve the unthinkable!

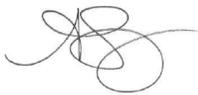
**That is why our goal for this campaign is to raise \$150,000.**

This past year, The Arc Alliance served 2,773 clients. You see, even though we helped so many last year, there are still thousands of individuals in the communities we serve who need support. Without your gift, we do not have the resources to do so.

*"At fifteen months old, Colton legally became my son! He has caught up to his peers. This would not be possible without The Arc Alliance. He turns three years old in August and will transition out of EI Services. I cry happy tears when thinking about him moving on."*

We simply cannot do this without you. Your support will make a lifelong, lasting impact on those who are still in need. Thank you for your continued support and friendship. Donate today!

With gratitude,



Amanda Frangoulis

Special Events Coordinator

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