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A RESOLUTION

of The Board of Directors for The Arc of Riverside County concerning
James Nichols Stream
1947 – 2017

James Stream was appointed Executive Director of The Arc of Riverside County on May 12, 1988. He served in that capacity until his untimely death in June, 2017.

At the time of his appointment, The Arc of Riverside County was in Chapter 11, bankruptcy filing, and on the verge of collapse. He guided the agency to recovery, and over the next 29 years built The Arc of Riverside County into one of the most successful and respected chapters of The Arc in the country. Today, The Arc of Riverside County provides services to over 400 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in five separate programs; three in Riverside, one in Moreno Valley, and one in Beaumont. Additionally, the agency provides a wide variety of Community Based Services, offers summer recreational programs, employment services at March Air Force Base, and advocacy.

Just a few of his other achievements include:

Jim developed the NineZero Project to educate high school students, women in recovery, women seeking prenatal care, and the general public of the dangers of drinking alcohol during pregnancy which leads to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The goal of the program was to encourage zero alcohol use during pregnancy. Over 16,000 people were reached through this educational training at schools, public health clinics, community workshops, and conferences. The Arc of Riverside County was one of the first chapters of The Arc to offer this service.

Jim organized numerous seminars and workshops designed to address the discriminatory practice of wrongful incarceration of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in our Criminal Justice System. He partnered with a criminal defense attorney to provide training to law enforcement agencies throughout California on how to identify people with disabilities, ensure due process, along with proper techniques for detention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Jim developed My Play Club, an inclusive program that brings children with and without special needs together for play dates at a universally accessible playground in the park. This program is committed to socialization in a recreational, dignified and safe environment for children and provides a unique networking opportunity for their parents. In addition to My Play Club, Jim started a summer camp for children with special needs and their siblings. It is designed to combine education, occupational and physical therapy, and fun to strengthen the individuality of each child in a dignified environment. It also provides training for parents to become more knowledgeable about programs and services for their children, and how to access them through the Regional Center, as well as educational services from local school districts. This is the only inclusive summer camp in the Inland Empire.

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In 2009 Jim launched a campaign called The Value of One which affirms that all people, with and without disabilities, have inherent value. One of the initiatives included in this campaign was an effort to end use of the “R” word by replacing it in people’s minds with another word: Respect. This campaign led to the inception of the Wall of Respect in 2011; a visual statement to illustrate these beliefs. The Wall of Respect remains an important and permanent part of the City of Riverside and contributes to its growing reputation as a city of arts and innovation. This mural was unveiled on October 25, 2013 and is the first mosaic mural created in the Inland Empire.



These achievements represent only a small sample of Jim’s many contributions to our City and the people he so proudly served. He was a long time member of the Kiwanis Club of Riverside, and always took an active interest in his community. He loved Riverside and always served as an ambassador of good will for everyone.

Now therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for The Arc of Riverside County, along with all the people we serve and represent, respectfully request that The City of Riverside name the universally accessible playground at Fairmount Park in memory of James Nichols Stream, and that a plaque be placed in a prominent public area and be properly inscribed. We also request that the City of Riverside authorize the creation of a smaller replica of “The National Wall of Respect” to be erected at this site. This will ensure that Jim’s memory, along with his many contributions to our community, will remain with us in perpetuity.

Ronald L. Domme
Ronald Domme, President, Board of Directors

January 23rd, 2018
Adopted Date