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It is with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of Timothy James Quinn, a much beloved member of The Arc family and Executive Director of The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region in Maryland. Tim lost his courageous battle against cancer on Sunday evening.

Tim was widely respected and fiercely admired for what everyone who knew him termed his visionary leadership and solid stewardship. Since 1990, he was at the helm of The Arc Northern Chesapeake, an organization he transformed from facility based services to support services. Among the many bold decisions he made was to be one of the first chapter executives to close their sheltered workshops by moving employees into integrated settings. Tim traveled throughout the country providing training on how this was accomplished and giving others the opportunity to build on his success.

As an activist, Tim was an authentic agent of change and his involvement in disability issues was evident on every level: national, state and local. He was a member of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council and served on the boards of several organizations including The Harford Leadership Academy, Family Partnership, and the Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth.

He was a past president of The Maryland Association of Community Services, and represented The Arc on the ADA Accessibility Guidelines Federal Advisory Committee. In 2009, Tim was the recipient of the Executive Excellence Award from The National Council of Executives of The Arc (NCE). Tim was considered a major force within NCE particularly on its training activities; his mentorship and leadership skills served the organization well.

All who knew and worked with Tim observed his deeply humanistic approach to his work, especially when working directly with people with intellectual disabilities and their families. The understanding, respect and integrity revealed in those relationships embodied the values he lived out in providing leadership to his chapter in Maryland and to his commitment to people with intellectual disabilities leading full and inclusive lives.

Tim's colleagues at The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region noted that "Integrity, respect, community building, responsiveness, team, inclusion and self-determination are not just the core values of The Arc, but principles by which Tim lived his life."

Memorial Details:

Viewing on Wednesday, January 13 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at:

Ruck Towson Funeral Home

1050 York Road

Towson, Maryland 21204

Phone: 410-823-1700

Directions are available here: <http://www.ruckfuneralhomes.com/index.cfm>

The funeral will be Thursday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. at:

St. Joseph Parish, Cockeysville

100 Church Lane

Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

(410) 683-0600

<http://www.stjoseph-parish.org/>