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Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and City of New Hope Honor Arc Greater Twin Cities and Arc's Value Village

SAINT PAUL – Arc Greater Twin Cities is pleased to have its work on behalf of adults and children with developmental disabilities and their families recognized with two recent honors.

On November 5, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce presented Arc Greater Twin Cities with a 2009 Deubner Award. The Deubner Awards recognize organization five categories: emerging business, family-owned business, non-profit, service business and women/minority-owned business. Arc Greater Twin Cities received the award in the non-profit category as an organization that exemplifies growth, excellence, risk, diversity and innovation. The award is named in honor of Walter and Lydia Deubner, proprietors of a downtown Saint Paul grocery store who invented the first shopping bag with handles.

On November 9, the New Hope City Council selected Arc's Value Village Thrift Store & Donation Center to receive this quarter's Outstanding Business Award. The award, which will be presented at the November 23 New Hope City Council meeting, recognizes businesses in New Hope for noteworthy accomplishments, including providing outstanding community service. There are Arc's Value Village stores in New Hope, Brooklyn Center and Richfield with a new Saint Paul store celebrating its grand opening event in the Hillcrest Shopping Center on Saturday, November 21.

“At Arc, we work hard to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families realize their goals of where and how they live, learn, work and play. We are very proud to have our work recognized by both the Saint

Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of New Hope,” says Arc CEO Kim Keprios.

Arc’s Value Village has generated nearly \$16 million on behalf of Arc and the people it serves, thanks to generous donations from the community. Revenue from the sale of donated items helps fund Arc Greater Twin Cities’ programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. It’s shopping with a purpose!™ For more information, visit www.arcsvaluevillage.org.

Arc Greater Twin Cities is a nonprofit agency serving the many needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Established in 1946, Arc has been changing attitudes, changing policies and changing lives for more than 60 years. Arc helps individuals and families address issues that span the lifetime, including early intervention, education, transition to adulthood, health care, housing, employment, guardianship and more. For more information and volunteer opportunities, call Arc at (952) 920-0855 or visit www.arcgreatertwincities.org.

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