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Arc Launches Two New Networking Groups in Hastings For Parents of Kids with Developmental Disabilities

ST. PAUL – Parents of children with autism and Down syndrome can get connected, gain valuable information and resources, and share emotional support at two new networking groups offered in Hastings by Arc Greater Twin Cities.

Both groups will meet on a monthly basis during the school year at McAuliffe Elementary School, 1601 12th Street W., Hastings. Both groups are free. Meetings will include a pizza dinner, and child care will be provided.

The **Autism Group** will meet on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Meeting dates for 2010 are May 6, June 3, Sept. 2, Oct. 7 Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

The **Down Syndrome Group** will meet on the fourth Monday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Meeting dates for 2010 are April 26, May 24, Sept. 27, Oct. 25 and Nov. 22. There is no December meeting.

Participants should register in advance. For registration or more information, call Arc at (952) 920-0855.

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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