



Former SAIL Members Give Generously to Arc Park



Eric and Caroline, along with several of their friends from Supporting Access to Independent Living (SAIL), donated more than \$5K to the Arc Park in December to give children a fun and safe place to play.

SAIL, a nonprofit that supported adults to live independently in their own apartments, recently closed. The members came together, and wanted to do something special with the remaining nonprofit funds. The group all agreed to donate the funds to the Arc Park to help local children.



SAIL members—Eric, Caroline, Janelle and Martina—present check for the Arc Park to The Arc Lane County employees on December 19, 2022.

“We wanted to donate to a place that was meant for everyone and with things that everyone can enjoy,” says Caroline.

Eric and Caroline met at Willakenzie Crossing, an affordable housing complex for adults with developmental disabilities. The two are engaged to be married this June. Both benefited from the support that SAIL provided and are thriving today.

Eric works for Danone North America, a supplier of ice cream and frozen desserts. He works full time hand packing ice cream, and he no longer receives social security disability insurance benefits. Eric was an early recipient of SAIL supports and resident of Willakenzie Crossing, but eventually moved to a larger apartment.

Caroline continues to live at Willakenzie Crossing with a roommate until her wedding this June. She is an 18-year veteran employee of Oak Street Child Development Center, where she helps provide childcare to infants and toddlers.

Both Eric and Caroline were elated knowing they were helping others by donating to the Arc Park.

“What a wonderful gift that we were able to give children!” says Eric.

The Arc Lane County could not agree more.