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November 15, 2021

Dear Members of The Arc Upper Valley:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

The Arc of North Dakota is again collaborating with local chapters to present annual meeting information to members. In accordance with the bylaws of the individual chapters, each organization must conduct an annual meeting before year-end. As the pandemic continues to create health and safety issues for our members, The Arc Upper Valley has decided to send out annual meeting materials for our chapter and The Arc of North Dakota by mail. Enclosed in this mailing, you will find reports from The Arc of North Dakota and The Arc Upper Valley. Additional materials can be found at www.thearcuppervalley.org. You are encouraged to review these documents so that you are well-informed when you complete the enclosed voting ballot.

Members of The Arc Upper Valley who are in good standing with the organization, meaning current on membership dues and maintaining voting privileges as specified in the bylaws, are allowed to vote on organizational matters. The number of votes cast must be equal or exceed a quorum of 10% of the membership of 62, for approval of each matter listed on the ballot. For the purpose of determining allotment of votes, a self-advocate, individual membership, honorary membership, and lifetime membership is counted as (1) vote. A family membership and a corporate membership are counted as (2) votes.

All members with voting rights have been mailed a copy of the voting ballot as required by the organization's bylaws, which is included with this mailing. Members are asked to vote using the enclosed ballot that must be returned by mail to The Arc, Upper Valley, 2500 Demers Avenue, Grand Forks, ND 58201. Alternatively, you can complete the ballot online by following the voting link at www.thearcuppervalley.org. You will need information from the paper ballot to complete the online ballot. **All ballots must be returned or completed online by December 15, 2021.**

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials or need help with any of the voting process, please contact our office at (701) 772-6191, ext. 11 or by sending an email to rhafner@arcuv.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachel A. Hafner'.

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