

A HISTORY OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Arc of Indiana was established in 1956 by parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities who joined together to build a better and more accepting world for their children. The Arc of Shelby County was established in 1966 by local parents and professionals seeking to obtain a public school education for their children. Some parents also wanted their adult children to have employment or adult day services.

In 1969, the Indiana State legislature passed a law requiring a free public school education for all children. Children living with a disability could no longer be excluded. Unfortunately, it was not until 1973 that sufficient funding was approved to actually begin special education services.

In 1972, The Arc of Shelby County applied for, and was approved for, a federal grant in the amount of \$15,000. This grant was used to hire the first executive director of Handicapped, Inc. It was a small sheltered workshop and served about 10 developmentally disabled adults. In 1974, an executive director was hired and the organization name was changed to Shares, Inc. and that name remains today.

The local chapter continued to operate with various programs until 1996. In 2015, a group of interested parents and others, decided to re-start the local chapter in order to help parents needing assistance in raising their special needs children.

WE WORK EVERY DAY TO:

- Empower families with information and resources to help their children lead full and meaningful lives.
- Guide and support people living with an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD) to be self-sufficient and independent to the greatest extent possible.
- Inspire positive change in public policy and in public attitudes towards those living with a disability or special need.
- Promote public awareness of the importance of prenatal care.
- Serve as a voice and advocate for families and their loved ones living with a disability.
- Help demonstrate that all persons have value and can contribute to making our community a better place to live a more productive life.



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