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## **Arc's Value Village Seeks Halloween Lovers**

*Volunteers needed to help stores get ready for the holiday*

ST. PAUL – The Halloween Boo-tique™ at Arc's Value Village Thrift Stores & Donation Centers is the place many Twin Cities adults and children count on to find fun and inexpensive costumes. To get ready for the Halloween season, Arc's Value Village is counting on volunteers to help fill its stores with more than 100,000 donated Halloween items.

Arc's Value Village welcomes volunteers age 12 and older, as individuals or in groups, who can give a few hours of their time in September. Volunteers are especially needed:

- **Monday, Sept. 13** — Starting at 9 a.m., volunteers are needed to help unload four trailers of merchandise for *A Celebration of Sorts* on Sept. 14, at Southdale Center. Volunteers need to be prepared for heavy lifting.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 14** — Volunteers are needed for all three shifts to sort through and tag piles of merchandise at the seventh annual *A Celebration of Sorts*, a joint public volunteer event with the United Way Caring Connection. Shifts are from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. *A Celebration of Sorts* takes place at the former Mervyn's store (SE corner at Southdale Center).
- **Wednesday, Sept. 15** — The sorted merchandise needs to get to Arc's Value Village stores, which requires some muscle. Starting at Southdale at 9 a.m., help load trucks to deliver to the stores.

• **Sept. 20-22** — Stock the Boo-tique and get a sneak peek at costumes and decorations! Volunteers are needed at all four Arc's Value Village stores in Brooklyn Center, New Hope, Richfield and Saint Paul to get ready for the official kick-off of Halloween Boo-tique at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 23.

For more information or to volunteer, call Arc Greater Twin Cities, 952-920-0855, or apply online at [www.arcsvaluevillage.org](http://www.arcsvaluevillage.org).

Thanks to generous donations from the community, Arc's Value Village has worked on behalf of Arc and the people it serves for more than 25 years and generated more than \$16 million for Arc programs and services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

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](http://www.arcgreatertwincities.org).

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