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Pack Your Bags and Win Airline Tickets at Arc's Value Village Store

Handbag Donation Drive Supports People with Disabilities

MINNEAPOLIS – Escape for an evening of fun and you might win a chance to escape for a week courtesy of Worry-Free Vacations! Arc's Value Village Thrift Store & Donation Center in Brooklyn Center is holding its third annual handbag donation drive with a drawing for a getaway, including hotel and airfare, courtesy of MLT Worry-Free® Vacations.

On Thursday, May 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Lori and Julia from FM 107.1 will again appear at Arc's Value Village Thrift Store in Brooklyn Center to host this year's "Pack Your Bags and Win Airline Tickets" event. Last year's event brought in more than 800 handbags. This year, Arc's Value Village hopes to make it 1,000. The more handbags you donate, the more chances you get to be the lucky one to pack your bags and vacation!

For every handbag in good condition donated during the event, the donor will receive one entry for a drawing to win a great prize:

- Two round trip airline tickets, including airfare and hotel, courtesy of Worry-Free Vacations;
- One of several new handbags donated by The Fun Sisters Boutique, It's My Bag or Our Little Secret; or
- A pampering treat from Aagesen Chiropractic Clinic.

Winners will be announced at the end of the evening and you must be present to win, so shop while you wait using the Arc's Value Village coupon in the Blue Sky Guide! The first 107 handbag donors will receive a complimentary copy of the Blue Sky Guide coupon book (a \$20 value).

If you cannot make it to the event, but still want to support the cause, consider stopping by an area business that is collecting handbags for the event. Last year, clients and staff at Aagesen Chiropractic Clinic in Saint Louis Park collected more than 100 bags. They aim to do it again this year and bring the bags to the event at Arc's Value Village. Other area businesses who would like to get involved can call Pam Carlson at 952-915-3634 for more information. All proceeds from the donation drive help people with developmental disabilities and their families through programs and services provided by Arc Greater Twin Cities.

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 nearly \$15 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.

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