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## **Volunteer Now and Help Open the New Arc's Value Village in St. Paul**

ST. PAUL – Volunteers at Arc's Value Village Thrift Stores & Donation Centers are passionate about the work they do. Why? Be among the first in St. Paul to find out by joining in the fun every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the new store opens this fall at the Hillcrest Shopping Center, 1650 White Bear Ave N.

Before the first customer makes the first purchase at the new Arc's Value Village in St. Paul, there's a lot of advance work to do to get the store ready to open. A temporary preparation site is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 5 to 8 p.m. Donors can drop by to drop off gently used clothing and household items and volunteers are needed to unpack, sort and tag items to get them ready for the new sales floor.

Arc's Value Village Thrift Stores & Donation Centers are successful because of its volunteers, which comprise nearly 70 percent of the stores' workforce. Their donations of time and talent mean that more of the proceeds from Arc's Value Village support Arc Greater Twin Cities. Revenue from the sale of donated items at Arc's Value Village helps fund Arc Greater Twin Cities' programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. It's shopping with a purpose!

Arc's Value Village welcomes volunteers age 12 and older, as individuals or in groups. Contact Volunteer Manager Molly Lindblad to schedule your volunteer time now. Call 952-915-3652 or visit [www.arcsvaluevillage.org](http://www.arcsvaluevillage.org).

Wondering what to donate? Arc accepts clean clothing, accessories, housewares & small appliances, linens & crafts, kids clothing & toys, books, magazines, music & movies, home décor & accessories, art & collectibles, and vehicles too!

Now celebrating 27 years in business, Arc's Value Village Thrift Stores & Donation Centers generate more than 40 percent of Arc's annual revenues; foster awareness of Arc's programs; and are indispensable to Arc's effectiveness. By expanding to St. Paul, Arc is investing in and ensuring its future capacity to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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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