

Happy 60th Birthday to Abilis!

For 60 years, Abilis (formerly known as ARC) has led the way in Fairfield County. We have served people with autism, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities since 1951 and supported their basic right to live, work and participate in their communities. We have been a resource for families and helped them remain healthy and strong. We have become a fixture in our communities, working with local school boards, social service agencies, city halls and town halls, as well as state government and our sister nonprofits, to educate, assist and create a more caring society.

As we look ahead, we are redoubling our commitment to build able lives and strong communities over the next 60 years.

It's also time to celebrate!

Abilis has planned a year full of activities to mark this special occasion. Come join the party -- and the fun!

- January 6-27, 2011, **Abilis Windows on the World**. Free exhibit of artwork by adults with disabilities at the Byram Shubert Library, Greenwich. Opening reception, Jan. 6.
- February 4, 2011, **Abilis Family Rock Show**. Free concert by Abilis Band Jam, the all-abilities musical performance group, with special guests the Swingset Mamas at the First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich.
- April 28, 2011, **Abilis 15th Annual Parent and Community Conference**. \$30, lunch included. Daylong conference at the University of Connecticut-Stamford on **Building Welcoming Communities: bringing together people and ideas to create a more just and caring society** with internationally known activists Jack Pearpoint and Lynda Kahn.
- May 18, 2011, **Abilis Annual Meeting**. Free. Details to come. Join us as we review Abilis' accomplishments over the last year and consider its place in our communities at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich.
- August 9, 2011, **24th Anniversary Jerry Sr. Memorial Celebrity Golf Tournament**. Details to come. One of the oldest celebrity golf fundraisers in New England, benefiting Abilis through the generosity of Porricelli's Market and the Porricelli family at Innis Arden Golf Club in Old Greenwich.
- October 22-23, 2011, **Abilis Founders Weekend**. Details to come. A celebration to remember for the next 60 years, featuring a **cocktail party** on Saturday and a glorious **Walk in the Park for Abilis** at Greenwich Point on Sunday.