



# THE SPARKLER

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## SPARC Celebrates 6 Months Together

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### "Bowling Day!"

Community Outings and celebrating with friends are some of our favorite pastimes at SPARC!



## We Celebrate Our Supporters

SPARC celebrates six months of operation! We celebrate with, and thank our families, friends, and supporters that have made the first months so fabulous. We want to recognize the strong support from Fairfax County Community Recreation Services.

We send a special thank you to Sara Mumford and the team from Therapeutic Recreation. SPARC will be forever grateful for their contributions to our organization. We have made

many new friends at the Southgate Community Center. SPARC appreciates the support and helpfulness of Lashawn, Mimi, and Rob.

Lashawn's vision of a partnership between Stroller Fit and SPARC has been a wonderful success. We have made a lasting connection with The Stroller Fit mom's who work out in the gym Tuesday's and Thursday's. This generous group developed a complete fitness program for SPARC and



**A very happy club member!**

even held a fundraiser to donate exercise equipment to SPARC. We enjoy their visits in our club meetings, playing with the kids, and working out with them. We are fortunate to have made this partnership; they're all "SPARCLES"!

## A Loss for SPARC



The entire SPARC family mourns the loss of our very special friend, Ahmed Eldarwish.

Ahmed was such a dear friend. He was always ready with a big smile and

a spirit that filled our club with fun and laughter!

His enthusiasm and humor are missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

## SPARC Had a Ball at the GALA!

Club members Philip Wilcox, Justin King, and Ellen Rickerson joined in the exciting night at The Arc of Northern Virginia Mardi Gras in April Gala!

The Arc of Northern Virginia generously donated tickets to SPARC that were raffled off to club members. Our SPARC club members had a fantastic



**Philip Wilcox, one of our ticket winners.**

night. Mrs. Wilcox said that the evening was “better than an inaugural ball”!

It was a special night, celebrating with old friends and meeting new friends.

Congratulations to all our friends at The Arc on your successful event! We can't wait for pictures!!

## Upcoming Fundraiser—Place Your Pre-Orders

We're gearing up at SPARC for the publication of our cookbook, a collection of adapted recipes called [SPARC Cookbook: An Explosion of Flavor!](#)

Monica and The Sparcles have been working to compile recipes that are easy and tasty!

There's always something delicious cooking in the SPARC kitchen. You'll hear lots of laughter and see smiles when cooking is happening at the clubhouse.

Thanks to Monica for organizing our Pampered Chef fundraiser. Because of your generosity, SPARC

now has more adapted kitchen tools. Many thanks to all!

Thanks also to our Advisory Board member Ashley Faaborg for coordinating the production of our cookbook with Robinson Secondary School WAT class.

## Meet Club Member Cathy....

Names are drawn for the featured “Sparcle”. Two names are then drawn to select the club member interviewers. Here's Justin D. and Ryan as this month's reporters interviewing Cathy!

(Q) Why did you first come to SPARC?

(A) To have something fun to do.

(Q) Why are you in a wheelchair?

(A) Because my legs don't work.

(Q) If you could change something about yourself what would it be?

(A) I would try to walk.

(Q) What is your favorite food?

(A) Spaghetti !

(Q) What's your favorite activity at SPARC?

(A) UNO and other games at SPARC

(Q) Who do you live with and who

## Meet Cathy (continued)

Who helps you the most?

(A) I live with my mom, and whoever I can get to help me, right now my friend Barbara helps me a lot.

(Q) What is your favorite season?

(A) Spring (and summer and fall)

(Q) Do you like to travel?

(A) I do but, I don't travel often.

(Q) Where did you first see the Wiggles?

(A) From my friend Scotty.

(Q) Do you think about any careers?

(A) I'd like to work for the Wiggles or I'd like to help work for a basketball team.

(Q) Are you happy at SPARC? Yes!



Cathy, Linda (mom) and Tim Brown at our Grand Opening!

## SPARC Wish List

There's always a wish list to work toward filling.....

- QuickBooks 2007 for Non-Profits software
- Standing Mixer
- Scanner
- Printer
- Laptops/Notebooks
- Funding for Foundation Center Monthly On-Line subscription (Grant writing!)
- Funding for Foundation Center Classes
- SPARC tee shirts
- Branding for Success by Larry Checco
- The Fundraising Habits of Supremely Successful Boards by Jerold Panas or any other Panas books