



The Arc Community Trust of Pennsylvania (ACT) is a non-profit corporation incorporated in Pennsylvania for the purpose of administering a pooled special needs trust for the benefit of individuals with disabilities. ACT also acts as Trustee for other special needs trusts, including educational special needs trusts.

### New Logo for ACT!

Over the decades, The Arc Community Trust of Pennsylvania has made a few changes



to both the name and the logo that represents the Trust. Originally, ACT was called The Arc Family Trust of South Eastern Pennsylvania. As ACT expanded and began to serve individuals across Pennsylvania, it was clear our name needed to reflect that service area. The name was then expanded to The Arc Community Trust of Pennsylvania.

During that same time frame, the logo also evolved to represent both the organization and the community served. To assist in limiting the confusion between the Arc's in our community and the mission of the Trust, our logo transitioned into what is represented above in blue and teal.

In effort to further provide the Trust with distinction, we have taken steps to further enhance our logo. As you see above, the new logo has taken on a refined style to represent ACT in a more distinctive manner.

In a similar fashion to the logo, the ACT organization continues to evolve. I believe this sentiment is best expressed in ACT's mission; to serve as trustee for a variety of special needs trusts with integrity and in a manner that exceeds best-practice fiduciary standards, protecting public benefits and financial assets for the beneficiary.

ACT is committed to enhancing the life of each beneficiary while assisting to maintain their valuable public resources. In effort to accomplish this, we will continue to strengthen our policies and increase communication with all stakeholders.

Beginning with this newsletter, you will see the new logo appear on ACT correspondence as well as our website. We are excited about the change and believe the new logo is a representation of our continued refinement and progress.

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**LOCAL SUPPORT**

Are you looking to get connected, find an advocate, gain support or assistance navigating the system? Below are local organizations that ACT recommends, who work with adults with disabilities and may be able to help you!

- ◆ **The Arc Alliance**  
[www.TheArcAlliance.org](http://www.TheArcAlliance.org)
- ◆ **The Arc of Chester County**  
[www.arcofchestercounty.org](http://www.arcofchestercounty.org)
- ◆ **Delaware County Advocacy & Resource Organization**  
[www.delcoadvocacy.org](http://www.delcoadvocacy.org)

**For additional resources view our website!**  
**[www.ArcTrust.org](http://www.ArcTrust.org)**

For additional information and access to resources, please take a moment to visit our website at [www.ArcTrust.org](http://www.ArcTrust.org).

## STAFF UPDATE

ACT is pleased to have **George Reitnour** serving as our most senior Trust Administrator. We believe you will find George and our all of the ACT TA's to be valued resources.

George was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar Association in 1982 after completing his J.D. at Duquesne University of Law in 1982. For seventeen years, George practiced law in southeastern Pennsylvania, emphasizing estate planning and administration. During that time, George also focused on elder law, real estate and business law, as well as work with non-profit organizations.

After practicing law, George transitioned to the position of Vice President with National Penn Investors Trust Company and then Branch Banking & Trust Company (B.B. & T.). George

### THANK YOU

"I appreciated the opportunity to work toward the Mission of the Trust in enhancing the lives of the beneficiaries I serve."

administered over \$250 million in accounts and provided expertise on a variety of trust-related areas including: retirement planning, tax law, fiduciary law, charitable gifting, real

estate and business law as well as elder law.

In 2017, George joined ACT as a Trust Administrator and quickly became a critical and valued Trust Administrator. His legal and trust related experience has provided our beneficiaries with a well versed and seasoned TA.

George's passion is to positively impact and enhance the lives of individuals with special needs and those who have been impacted by catastrophic events. His compassion and dedication is apparent in his work as he seeks to provide financial stability and peace of mind to beneficiaries, caregivers and families.

George and the team here at ACT look forward to working with you.

## New Staff

ACT also is pleased to announce the addition of **Christina Rahm** and **John Meloche** to the ACT team. As Trust Administrative Assistants, Christina and John will be working closely with beneficiaries and their caregivers to support and enhance their lives.

ACT continues to strengthen its team in effort to provide beneficiaries with the support and service they deserve.

## SNT DISTRIBUTIONS

This list is offered to provide guidance on how a special needs trust can help enhance the quality of a person's life and is not inclusive. Please keep in mind that the Trustee by law must have absolute discretion in reviewing requests for distributions. Do not view this list as guarantees. A trust document may also contain specific language regarding distributions. **Examples of acceptable distributions:**

- Attendant care, case management, counseling, job coaching, Independent evaluations and testing (vocational, medical, psychological, etc.)
- Medications, medical and adaptive equipment
- Computer hardware and software (limited)
- Guardianship, Power of Attorney and advocacy services
- Attorney fees
- Home adaptations, appliances, furniture and household items
- Private lessons & materials and school or camp tuition
- Entertainment and recreation
- Lawn care and snow removal
- Clothing and hygiene products
- Cable, telephone and internet services
- Medical, nursing and dental care, tests not covered by another source
- Insurance premiums (health, dental, car, homeowners and renters)
- Travel expenses including transportation or hotel

### DISTRIBUTION FORMS

To access further details on distributions and to download the appropriate form (s) visit our website.

[www.arctrust.org/trust-distributions](http://www.arctrust.org/trust-distributions)

**Examples of distributions usually Not Permitted** for a Person Receiving SSI. If distributions are made from a trust for food and shelter expenses, a person's SSI payment may be reduced. The following is a list of distributions that are usually not made from a trust for beneficiary receiving SSI:

- Funds given directly to the beneficiary for any purpose
- Food (from snacks to meals)
- Rent or mortgage payments; property taxes; homeowner association dues or property fees
- Utilities including electricity, gas, heating fuel, garbage, sewer or water

### Examples of Prohibited Distributions by ACT:

- Alcohol
- Cosmetic surgery, tattoos and piercings
- Gaming and gambling
- Firearms and other weapons
- Motorcycles, ATVs; dirt bikes; golf carts
- Gifts for others, gift cards and charitable donations
- Luxury items

**If you have concern or questions about a possible request please contact your Trust Administrator.**