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**For Immediate Release**

**The Arc Minnesota Board of Directors Elects Officers**

*Mike Wall to serve as Board Chair for new statewide organization*

**St. Paul, MN** (July 19, 2018) – The Arc Minnesota Board of Directors elected Officers to serve the recently merged organization. On January 1, 2018, 7 chapters of The Arc across Minnesota came together as a statewide organization to provide essential advocacy support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families throughout Minnesota.

Mike Wall, Maple Plain, will serve as Chair of The Arc Minnesota Board of Directors. Wall has served on The Arc Greater Twin Cities Board since 2013, and his family chaired the 2016 Arc Gala.

“I am honored to serve alongside our Board members to help advance the mission and optimize the effectiveness of The Arc’s programs throughout Minnesota,” said Mike Wall, Chair, The Arc Minnesota Board of Directors. “I am committed to pursuing opportunities to use my corporate, entrepreneurial, and personal experience in a meaningful way and contribute to the development and growth of this vital organization.”

The Board elected Peggy O’Toole-Martin, Rochester, as Vice Chair. O’Toole-Martin’s Board service includes Chair for The Arc Southeast Board, and as a Director on The Arc Minnesota Interim Board.

Darla Nemec, Eden Prairie, will serve as Treasurer of The Arc Minnesota’s Board. Nemec has served The Arc Greater Twin Cities as a Board member for 10 years where she served as the Finance Committee Chair.

Debbi Harris, Eagan, will serve as Secretary of the Board. Harris brings leadership and volunteer experience with The Arc as a former Board Chair and has extensive experience with public policy and board governance. She is also a member of the Diversity Committee for The Arc U.S.

Tom Judd, Excelsior, will serve as Chair of the Governance Committee. Judd brings years of experience in finance, business, governance, and organizational issues and has devoted decades to serve The Arc at the local, state, and national level.

“We are very grateful for the commitment, knowledge and experience of the Board and newly elected Officers. We look forward to their leadership as we extend support to more people throughout Minnesota,” said Rich Stoebe, Interim CEO, The Arc Minnesota.

Complete bios for all members of The Arc Minnesota Board of Directors are available at arcminnesota.org/leadership.

**About The Arc Minnesota**

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families trust The Arc Minnesota for information and assistance, personal advocacy, and public policy leadership to support a good life. Disabilities may include autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, fragile X, Williams syndrome, and other disabilities. The Arc Minnesota programs and services are funded through the generosity of individual donors, foundations, sponsors, and Arc’s Value Village Thrift Stores and Donation Centers. For more information, please visit [arcminnesota.org](https://arcminnesota.org/).

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