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10-Year-Old Raises \$1,500 for Others with Disabilities

The Arc of the Capital Area received a check for \$1,506 from 10-year-old Yishai Barth, an Arc client with cerebral palsy, and a young advocate for Texas' disabled population. The check was presented to Arc Executive Director, Susan Eason, on June 22, 2006 during an informal presentation held at The Arc's office.



When asked why he chose to raise money by selling challah bread to his classmates at the Austin Jewish Academy Barth stated, "I was disappointed that the State of Texas was doing so little to help people with disabilities so I decided to give back."

One Texas issue Barth is referring to is the *McCarthy v. Hawkins* waiting list law suit, which is currently in the U.S. Federal District Court.

The law suit seeks Medicaid Waiver Services for more than 40,000 Texans with developmental disabilities who have to endure lengthy waiting lists for Home and Community-based Services (HCS) or Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS). Many have been waiting for services for seven or more years with no end in sight.

Barth is an extraordinary example of someone out to change the world against all odds, and The Arc is very lucky to have such a strong force fighting behind them.

The Arc of the Capital Area is a 501 (c)(3) organization that provides support and services to people of all ages with developmental disabilities, and their families, by promoting advocacy, independence, and integration into the community.

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