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We wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge someone who has been active in our organization for many years.

Don began volunteering with The Arc Muskegon in **1990** by helping to launch our first fundraising efforts. His company, West Michigan Grinding has supported EACH event since and has been a major sponsor and planning committee member of our Arc Open golf outing which began in 1993. Through his support, many other companies and members of the community have added The Arc as a charity they support.

Don served on our board of directors from **1995-2000** and continues on as a member of our Finance Committee, and also serves on The Arc of the United States Budget, Finance and Audit Committee.

A **donor** means so much more than a financial contribution. He believes in our mission, program services and has personally helped many families and people with developmental disabilities these past 26 years. He now considers HIS life richer for having the opportunity to meet many new people and build new friendships along the way.

Other Notables: **Men Who Care**, whose purpose is to gather 4 times per year and listen to presentations from local non-profits and then choose 1 to give \$100 from each member. We had been in front of this group 3 times and Don and Tim were not giving up! So on June 4, 2014 we were chosen yet again to speak. Don gave a fine presentation and ended by saying, "we need the money". Votes were cast and The Arc was chosen! This meant a total of \$10,000 for The Arc.

Annual Holiday Appeal – in 2015, Don anonymously (except to us) offered a \$5000 match gift, which secured Arc \$10,000 in donations. Again this year, 2016 he has offered the same match and we hope to be fortunate enough to receive \$5000 in donations and receive this generous match.

This only highlights his contributions over the years and because of this it is our pleasure to acknowledge Don Martines for his nearly 27 years of dedication to our mission through his generosity and volunteerism. We award him the Denise Potuznik Meier Award for his time, talent and treasure given to The Arc Muskegon and those we serve. Thank you, Don!