It has been a big year for The Arc of Weld County, as we celebrated 30 years of providing life changing advocacy and community outreach to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. All year, we have shared time with our community, reminiscing on the past and eagerly looking toward the future, and 2023 sure looks bright!

As we close out this year, we once again gathered for our 2022 Annual Meeting, the first in-person meeting since 2019, and it felt so good to be together. There were so many amazing experiences at the meeting, including seeing old friends and making new ones, sharing in the talents of the Talent Showcase performers, the arc thrifty interactive centerpieces, great food, music and dancing, and of course the award ceremony for the inaugural presentation of the Margaret Brown Community Impact Award.

The Margaret Brown Community Impact Award was created this year in honor of Margaret Brown, a trailblazing advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and longtime member of The Arc, who passed away in April. Her commitment changed not just our agency but our community forever, and for that we honor her legacy. In this inaugural year, the board unanimously selected our very own Representative Mary Young to receive this honor for her work in special education and Colorado legislature to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our shared community. Below is a picture of Mary and Kris Housel, our board president, as well as a link to the speeches delivered at the meeting, sharing more about the award and Mary.

Moving forward, each year The Arc board will honor a new recipient with this award, someone who has demonstrated a commitment to serving and supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Future recipients will have demonstrated a commitment to our vision of inclusion, acceptance, and belonging, as Margaret had done before us. We are excited to see who may follow Mary in receiving this prestigious award in the many years to come.
Additionally, if you weren’t able to attend the meeting or did join us but want to take a bit more time to reflect on the event, please review the links below with valuable information about our business meeting, what our agency accomplished in 2022, and how we plan to continue our mission driven work in 2023. Thank you all on behalf of The Arc of Weld County clients, board, volunteers, membership, and staff, we look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year!

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Executive Director

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