



**The Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (AVFRD)** is committed to protecting the lives and property of Ashburn and Loudoun County residents and visitors by providing the best possible fire, rescue, emergency and medical response services. We pledge to perform our duty with courage and dedication. We also strive to be active in our community and proactive with public education and prevention campaigns.

AVFRD has been serving the community since 1944. Currently, AVFRD has approximately 200 active members. We are your neighbors, friends, and co-workers; men and women; married and single. We go to school or have full-time day jobs in a wide range of occupations. But we share one professional goal – to be there when you need us. Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

### **One Department, Two Stations**

AVFRD volunteers respond to calls from Station 6 in Ashburn and Station 22 in Lansdowne. Like most fire-rescue companies in Loudoun County, AVFRD is part of a combination volunteer and career system. Volunteers are on duty at both stations between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. to staff a total of three fire engines and two ambulances each night. Loudoun County Fire-Rescue career personnel staff both stations between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Station 6 also houses a 24-hour career Medic.

Whether it's a medical emergency, a car accident or a house fire, AVFRD answers your calls for help. Through continuous education and training, we're prepared when you need us. We work to educate the public on fire and accident prevention. We host several community activities – pancake breakfasts, Open Houses and our annual Santa Parade – as well as numerous parades, fairs, concerts and fireworks displays.

### **Come & meet us at our annual Spring Open House-Sunday, May 15th from 12 – 3:30**

*This is also the week we celebrate our Emergency Medical (EMS) personnel. Welcome to a positive, packed afternoon with fun for the whole family.*

- **Ambulance and fire engine tours**
- **Fire truck rides**
- **Shoot the hose**
- **Vehicle Extrication**
- **Rescue helicopter landing**
- **Search and rescue dog demonstration**
- **Face painting**
- **Balloon artist**
- **And much more!**

Our "Safety Beat" offers a fun educational environment for kids to learn safety measures. Visit 3 of 5 safety stops to receive an event t-shirt. Visit all 5 and be entered to win a Grand Prize.

- **Accident Prevention**
- **Learn to Call 911**
- **School Bus Safety**
- **Stranger Danger**
- **Water safety**

***We invite you to come spend the afternoon with us in our home.***



### **The Arc of Loudoun celebrates its second year on the Paxton Campus**

Founded in 1967, **The Arc of Loudoun** is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that advocates for and provides direct services to children and adults with disabilities, as well as their caretakers and families. The Arc advocates and promotes individual support and equitable participation for people with disabilities with their non-disabled peers in all aspects of community life, including education, residence, vocation and healthcare. Our goal is to secure the full range of human and civil rights for children and adults with disabilities.

**The Arc of Loudoun** currently has four programs in place to meet the growing needs of the community and the families it serves. All four programs are located on the Margaret Paxton Memorial Learning and Resource Campus (Paxton Campus), a beautiful 16.75 acre property in Leesburg, VA, that was left by Rachel Paxton in her will of 1922, to benefit "convalescent and needy children." In 2009, The Arc negotiated a twenty-year lease with the Paxton Trust, and the property now provides an ideal setting where families can find the resources and support they need to assist their children and loved ones with disabilities.

**The Aurora School**, a program of The Arc since 2003, moved to a fully renovated, state-of-the art building on the Paxton Campus. The school is a fully licensed, year round school that serves children with disabilities including Autism, developmental delays, intellectual disabilities, speech language impairment and traumatic brain injuries. Students on an academic curriculum follow the Assessment of Basic Language and Learning (ABLLS) curriculum, the SRA reading and Distar math curriculums and the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) hierarchy. Students on an independent living curriculum focus on communication (either verbally, with sign language, or following the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) protocols). Staff uses Applied Behavior Analysis with an emphasis on verbal behavior. Aurora is recognized across the nation as a pioneer of education for children with disabilities.



**ALLY Advocacy Center** operates on the principle that every child in Loudoun County, particularly those with disabilities, deserves an education as well as "A Life Like Yours." We believe that education is the key to opportunity and our goal is to assist parents and caregivers in finding help for their child with disabilities through referrals, programs and instruction. The center works to identify local, state and federal agencies that provide the necessary services, supports and educational programs for children with disabilities. It provides direct legal representation on a limited case-by-case basis and also works on a systemic level to effect change for those with disabilities. We work to provide families and caretakers with the tools, information and resources they need to become empowered and find a voice to advocate for their child or loved one. We strive to serve those families who are the "working poor"—those families who not qualify for legal aid, but do not have expendable income to pay for legal assistance. The average out-of-pocket cost in Virginia for a year of ABA therapy is at least \$35,000. We don't believe parents should have to choose between high-quality legal services and providing their child with necessary services.

**The Open Door Learning Center**, an inclusive preschool for children of all disabilities, as well as at-risk children, opened in another fully renovated cottage on the campus. The school will utilize Natural Environment Teaching (NET), where the teacher has a curriculum in mind and makes it portable. Learning is not dependent on a table or a particular set of materials—here, the cliché that "the world is a classroom" really applies. The preschool will offer certified teachers, individual lesson plans, hands on learning, reduced student-teacher ratios, music, art, science and math enrichment and reduced tuition for qualifying families.

And last but not least, our newest program with the help of the Walmart grant for transitioning services is **STEP Up** (Supported Training Employment Program). This program will address career awareness, social skills and vocational education and other aspects necessary for smooth transition into independent living.

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