

Mon-Arc was awarded a plaque for celebrating over 50 years in the community. From the Michigan Week program booklet:

*The Mon-Arc of Monroe promotes the general welfare of all persons with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, counseling, education, and community program services. It is an affiliated chapter of The Arc Michigan and The Arc of the United States.*

*Our organization was founded in May 1962 by parents who were concerned about the lack of schooling and services available for people with disabilities and their families. The group was instrumental in the passage of the \$985,000 bonding proposal for construction of a special education school in 1971: The Monroe County Educational Center.*

*The Mon-Arc of Monroe was awarded the Community Achievement of the Year award for Monroe County in 1972 by the Michigan Week Committee. The award was presented to a group for accomplishments that has brought or is expected to bring betterment or advancement to the community.*

*Today, with a membership of nearly 100, we are guided by the same sense of purpose and dedication that inspired those parents 55 years ago. We have a rich tradition of services that address education, personal independence, financial assistance, health care, socialization, etc. for the developmentally disabled of Monroe County.*