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The Aurora School building on the Paxton Campus dedicated to “Butch” Miller

Leesburg, Virginia – July 11, 2014 – The Board of Directors and staff of The Arc of Loudoun as well the Trustees of the Margaret Paxton Memorial are thrilled to dedicate The Aurora School building to James E. “Butch” Miller, the Owner’s Representative for the Trust, which owns the Paxton Campus in Leesburg. A newly-installed plaque installed on the building states, “In honor of J.E. “Butch” Miller, beloved friend of Paxton whose expertise, hard work, and generous spirit brought the dream of this building to life for the children.” The Arc of Loudoun signed a lease with the Paxton Trustees in February 2008, and began working with Butch to renovate the beautiful buildings on Campus to be accessible and updated to serve children with disabilities. By the time The Aurora School moved to the Paxton Campus in December of 2009, Butch had worked diligently to convert the old gymnasium on Campus to a state-of-the-art school specifically designed for the Aurora students. Jennifer Lassiter, Executive Director, believes “Naming the Aurora building for Butch was the best way we knew to demonstrate his lasting legacy at Paxton.”

Since moving to Paxton in 2009, The Arc of Loudoun has strived to renovate all of the structures to serve individuals with disabilities and their families. There are 11 buildings at Paxton, including Mrs. Paxton’s 1872 mansion and barns, a “peacock house,” four brick cottages, and a gymnasium. The Aurora School building was the first renovation, followed by the Nalle cottage for The Arc offices. In 2010 the Wright Cottage was converted to the Open Door Learning Center preschool, then in 2011 the Peacock House was renovated to serve as the “Paxton Attraction”—a store run by adults with disabilities, as well as renovating “Maggie’s Closet”, a clothing store run by volunteers and people with disabilities that allows people in need in the community to shop for free. Last year, we renovated the Miley cottage for the ALLY (“A Life Like Yours”) Advocacy Center, and this year we are repurposing the Davis cottage to expand The Aurora School and house “STEP Up,” a vocational training program. “With each renovation, Butch ensured not only the best possible craftsmanship and quality in construction, but superior design focused entirely on the needs of the children. Butch has spent the last 6 years learning about children with special needs and their families and helping us build space that will meet their needs,” says Bill Hanes, Trustee for the Margaret Paxton Memorial.

Butch did not begin his construction career at the Paxton Campus. Since the 1960's, Butch worked for and rose to become President of the highly successful and respected multi-million dollar construction company known as Moses-Ecco, a concrete construction company based in Washington DC. Afterward, Butch went to work as Senior Vice President of L. F. Jennings Construction Company, a multi-million dollar Virginia-based company, until his retirement in 2002. He was also a member as well as an officer in several building trade organizations. Butch came out of retirement to act as the Owner’s Representative for the Margaret Paxton Memorial Trust and in that capacity worked with The Arc of Loudoun in its relocation and occupancy of the Paxton Campus.

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*...supports families and maximizes the potential of children of all abilities so that they may **thrive** in the community.*



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