

Board Member Spotlight

Our board of directors actively supports the day-to-day work of The Arc of South Carolina, establishing the long-term vision and stability of the organization. They are enthusiastic and passionate ambassadors, always eager to invite folks to know more about our work in the community and in public policy. They bring their expertise and engagement to the table and are wonderful co-pilots in our mission to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. We are very grateful for our amazing board of directors!

We'd like to put a spotlight on our board members and highlight the great work they are doing. Meet **Matthew Greg**. He currently serves as a hospital chaplain at Lexington Medical Center. He is an ordained Christian minister endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He graduated from Duke Divinity School with a Master of Divinity Degree. He previously served as a hospice chaplain in the Midlands. He is married to Maura Greg and is a resident of West Columbia.





We asked Matthew a few questions and we'd like to share his responses with you.

What prompted you to serve as a board member at The Arc of South Carolina?

As a pastor, I hope to see all people find meaningful relationships that respect their spiritual beliefs and practices. I wanted to find ways to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities after experiencing communities of inclusion in North Carolina where individuals with IDD actively contribute and lead in every area of their lives, especially related to matters of faith and in religious settings. By supporting our passionate staff's wellness, our organization's collective impact is multiplied.

What is The Arc of South Carolina doing that you are most excited about?

I am most excited about striving for a more just world where people with disabilities have real needs like housing and transportation met, while creating opportunities for people of all abilities to build relationships that transform their values, attitudes, and assumptions. The Arc of South Carolina is continually bringing people together to feel supported and foster hope, including meet and greets between families, partnering with USC's Best Buddies program, and days of service.

What experience do you have related to our mission?

From church members to neighbors and friends, my life and understanding of God has been enriched by the presence of people with disabilities. In North Carolina I lived in a community with people who had intellectual and developmental disabilities. From grocery shopping, cooking meals, and cleaning to prayer, singing, and dancing - sharing life together doing activities that are a part of everyday life lessened the misunderstandings others have of people with disabilities. Our mission involves actively supporting the full inclusion and participation of people with IDD into the community throughout their lifetimes.