Jacksonville’s Arc Village has seen leaps and bounds within the year. Having first opened its doors to residents in May, the village now houses more than 90 tenants on its sprawling campus and continually pushes progress for young adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The village played host to the ARC’s annual Dinner with Bill Nov. 4 with home tours, a cocktail reception and dinner program on its Community Center green. Aglow with fairy lights to a soundtrack of live jazz, residents, their families, and community sponsors and members came together for a dinner intrinsically linked to the Arc Village’s mission.

Named for Bill Sackter, an early ambassador for people with I/DD who advocated for “a good friend, a good job and a good home,” the dinner served to herald the achievements of the community and help support needed programs.

The evening’s guests of honor included presenting sponsors, The DuBow Family Foundation, David and Linda Stein and J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver. Also in attendance were Lou Vaccaro, Arc Jacksonville board chair, and Baptist Health’s Audrey Moran, who served as event chair.

A Village of friends

Arc Jacksonville Village celebrates 2nd annual Dinner with Bill

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