

BY THEIR SIDE TIMELINE

- 1963- First meeting establishing Arc Maryland Retardate Trust. Original Trust prepared.
- 1965- First application approved. Membership fee set at \$500. Members visited by Trustees and volunteers.
- 1974- Name changed to "Maryland Trust for the Retarded". 15 members.
- 1979- Name changed to "Maryland Trust for Retarded Citizens (MTRC)". Individual monitoring services established. Membership fee increased to \$1,000.
- 1980- Trust Document was revised and brochures printed.
- 1981- Set target of 200 members to make MTRC solvent. Policies and procedures established. Luanne Frebertshauser became first social worker to provide professional advocacy and oversight services.
- 1982- First sponsors meeting held. Membership fee increased to \$1,200.
- 1984- First issue of the MTRC newsletter was distributed.
- 1985- Goal of 200 members was reached. First scholarship money of \$1,200 was received. Monetary Trust established at Union Trust Co. Volunteer visitor project. 213 inactive and 5 active members.
- 1986- Donated computer received from the McNulty Foundation. Membership fee increased to \$1,500.
- 1989- 3 year plan of action developed and formal committees formed. Fee increased to \$2,000.
- 1990- Office moved to Westminster when Arc Maryland moved to Annapolis. Fundraising efforts expanded.
- 1992- Actuarial study conducted on sustainability of MTRC services.
- 1993- Based on actuarial study, lifelong member service was changed to 1 assessment visit with follow up each year. Additional visits and monitoring available on a fee-for-service basis. New model presented to sponsors. 39 withdrew membership with refund of membership fees. Members whose sponsors had already passed away continue to receive original service.
- 1994- Advocacy service plans were defined. Volunteers received training.
- 1996- The Education Committee was formed; initial focus was assisting families with transition planning. A Future Planning Workshop was held in Montgomery County.
- 1997- Membership directory helps families network; interested siblings connected for networking.
- 1998- MTRC goes online with website and email.
- 2000- Long range planning. Investment Fund was moved to BB&T. 248 Inactive and 38 Active Members.
- 2001- Family information updated; families surveyed about Care Plans. 244 Inactive and 42 Active Members.
- 2002- Investment Fund moved to Alex Brown. 241 Inactive and 44 Active Members.
- 2004- MTRC Incorporated and approved as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Grant secured to print and distribute educational material. 240 Inactive and 43 Active Members.
- 2006- 5 professional case managers serve 53 Active Members. 229 Inactive members.
- 2007- Case Managers re-named "Personal Advocates". 222 Inactive and 60 Active Members.
- 2008- Board approved new name, "*By Their Side, Inc.*" with tagline, "Lifelong Advocates for Marylanders with Developmental Disabilities". 220 Inactive and 64 Active Members.
- 2009- Board Committees focus on services, outreach, finance. 218 Inactive and 62 Active Members.
- 2011- Actuarial excel program developed to assist Board with fee structuring for the future. Investment fund moved to Harbor Investment Advisory. 207 Inactive and 69 Active Members.
- 2012- Office moved to Arc Baltimore; Beverly Rill retired as executive director, Kathy Vecchioni hired. 7 Personal Advocates serve 67 Members and 16 with Advocacy Plans. 204 Inactive Members
- 2013- Board identifies fees for siblings and families who are not members. 11 Personal Advocates serve 65 Members and 28 with Advocacy Plans. 205 inactive members. Membership fee \$2400 or \$3000 for sponsors over 65; step instituted to assure sufficient funds for lifelong service.
- 2014- By Their Side partners with Arc Maryland and Developmental Disabilities Council to form Maryland Sibling Network. Family Advocacy Support Fund established. Personal advocates located in each region of Maryland; 14 Advocates serve 65 Members and 39 individuals with advocacy plans. 198 inactive members. Member fee \$3000, \$3500(65-74), \$4000(74+).