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## Ford Meter Box and The Arc: Community Partners



Ford Meter Box is blessed to be located in Wabash, Indiana, and to support and partner with many admirable local nonprofits. One such organization is the local Arc. The mission of Arc of Wabash County is to challenge, empower and support individuals with disabilities to reach their highest level of independence.

Arc began in 1954 as a school for children with intellectual disabilities. As the children reached adulthood, Workshop Enterprises was created to provide gainful employment opportunities. In the mid-1960s, Workshop Enterprises became a chapter of the national Arc organization. Former Ford Meter Box president, Stan Ford, was a charter board member of Arc and believed in the value and importance of the organization.

The workshop is now called Pre-vocational Industrial Services and provides local businesses with quality services such as industrial parts assembly, document shredding, and cardboard recycling and bundling. This work ensures Pre-vocational Industrial Services can continue to employ over 50 people who might not otherwise be considered for employment in the community. Arc clients take great pride in their work assisting Ford Meter Box with catalog assembly, large mailings (such as this publication), and minor component pre-assembly. Arc's other programs support over 100 individuals in the community with life skills, social activities, and housing.

Former Ford Meter Box president Tom Hodson remarked, "Arc has been a great resource to Ford and a wonderful addition to the community." We are proud to support this fantastic organization and appreciate the services they offer.