

## **Media Release**

**06/18/10 – ARCA Receives \$40,000 Daniels Fund Grant**

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## **ARCA and the Daniels Fund Creating Opportunities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

### **Daniels Fund Grant Supports ARCA's Career Enhancement Services**

*Albuquerque, NM* – ARCA received a \$40,000 grant from the Daniels Fund to support ARCA's Career Enhancement Services (ACES) Program. ACES helps individuals with developmental disabilities build new life and job skills through specialized literacy instruction, supported employment, community volunteer activities, health and wellness education and a variety of day program activities.

"ARCA's mission is to open doors for people with developmental disabilities to be valued members of the community," said Elaine Solimon, ARCA Executive Director. "Giving back to our community in meaningful ways is important for what it provides our friends and neighbors; it's imperative for how it enriches our personal sense of value. This grant will help supplement funding for 135 people participating in one or more of our ACES programs."

Bill Daniels, a pioneer in cable television known for his generosity to those in need, established the Daniels Fund to provide grants and scholarships in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. For more information, please visit [www.danielsfund.org](http://www.danielsfund.org).

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*ARCA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1957 by a group of Albuquerque families who had children with developmental disabilities. The mission of ARCA has remained consistent for 53 years: opening doors for people with developmental disabilities to be valued members of our community. For more information, please call Michele Cody at 505-332-6803 or visit our web site at [www.ARCAOpeningDoors.org](http://www.ARCAOpeningDoors.org).*