



*It was not that this man sinned, or his parents,  
but that the works of God might be displayed in him”*

*John 9:1-3*

This verse counters a misconception common in Jesus' era, and still part of "eastern" religions today. Jesus' disciples assume that the man they've passed by (John 9:1–2) must be blind as a punishment for something. This suggests the concept of *karma*, which implies that all suffering in this life is payment, or punishment, for prior acts of wrongdoing.

Jesus' answer clearly and definitively refutes these ideas. In a very broad sense, it's true that all human suffering is the result of sin. Adam's disobedience brought death and destruction to the entire human race (Romans 5:12). It's also true that most of the pain we experience in life is caused by the sin of people—either ourselves or others. Violence, starvation, crime, broken homes, and other effects of sin can impinge on people who are not directly to blame. More specifically, though, Jesus' words prove that not all suffering is punishment for sin. This man, in particular, did not experience blindness as any sort of judgment on sin, either his or someone else's.

### **PRAYER:**

*Lord, thank You for creating every child. Please equip Arc staff, community leaders, families, and Your followers as they support children with disabilities, and encourage them. May they experience Your deep love every day. Amen*



## **ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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*The Arc Downriver is a membership organization that works directly with children and adults within all levels of intellectual and other related developmental disabilities, and their families*

**Arc downriver** advocates for education, awareness, research and prevention. Each of these make up the elements underlying the agency's current emphasis on the provision of direct advocacy toward securing the proper services, programs and entitlements for the family.

### WHAT DOES ARC DO BESIDES ADVOCATE?

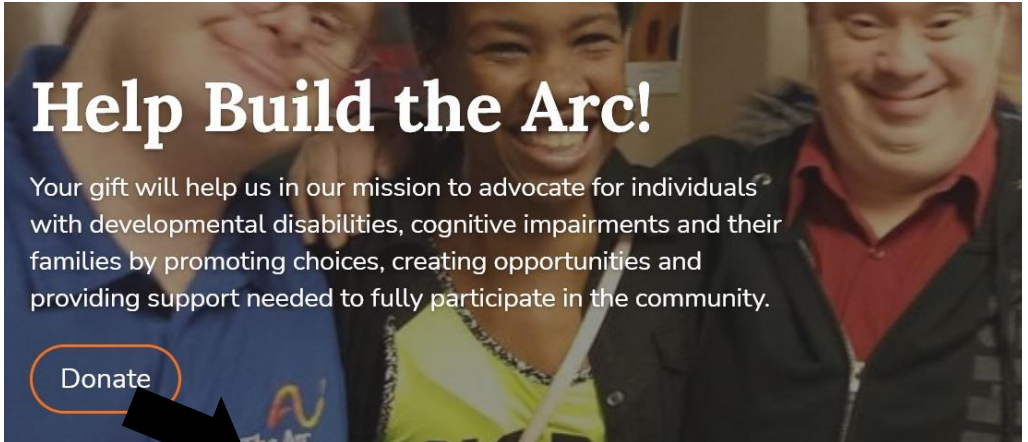


- Organizes all kinds of year round sports teams
  - Soccer
  - Bowling
  - Poly hockey
  - Power building
- Organize craft classes
- Hold dances
- Fundraise
- Have painting classes

### **Ways to help:**

1. Donate cash: <https://downriverarc.org/donate/>
  - Donate items for their fundraising auctions:
  - Sports memorabilia
  - Gift cards
  - Tickets to sports events or entertainment
2. Hygiene items
3. Art supplies
4. Business supplies

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