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NEWS RELEASE

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Three Groups Join Together to Host Computer Recycling Drive

(Hampton, VA, October 1, 2008) – Are you one of the many people in our community who has an old computer or computer equipment taking up valuable space in your home or office? Local landfills are beginning to prohibit the disposal of electronic equipment because of the negative effects it has on the environment, leaving businesses and residents wondering how to dispose of electronic equipment while protecting the environment.

To give individuals a “green” way to dispose of their computer equipment, The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, TOMAR Computer Integration, and ECPI’s Phi Theta Kappa Chapter have joined together to host a Computer Recycling Drive on Saturday, October 18th. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., individuals can bring their used or unwanted computer equipment to TOMAR’s facility at 5241 Cleveland Street in Virginia Beach. For a \$5 disposal fee, volunteers will collect old computer components, including towers, laptops, monitors, mice and power cables.

All materials collected during the Computer Recycling Drive will be taken to The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula’s facility in Hampton to be recycled. The Arc’s innovative e-Recycling program keeps tons of waste and harmful materials out of local landfills while providing meaningful jobs for individuals with intellectual disabilities. In this program, individuals with disabilities earn wages disassembling electronic equipment and preparing it for shipment to processing facilities. Computer components are shipped to facilities that reintroduce them to the production stream or melt them down. Other components – printers, scanners and peripherals – are dismantled for their components or sold to vendors who specialize in refurbishing and recycling these items.

The e-Recycling program was created by The Arc in 2003 in response to the overwhelming amount of electronic equipment being disposed of in local landfills. More than 207,838 pounds have been recycled in 2008.

Founded in 1953 by a group of concerned families, The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, Inc. has a proud history of service to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Services range from providing developmental screenings for children to helping elderly caregivers plan for the future of their aging loved ones with disabilities. Additional information about The Arc and its many services can be found by visiting www.arcvape.org or calling (757) 896-6461.

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Note to Editors: The media is encouraged to attend the Computer Recycling Drive to take photographs and interview representatives from The Arc, TOMAR Computer Integration, and Phi Theta Kappa. We also invite you to visit The Arc's facility in Hampton to see how the computers are disassembled and speak with individuals with disabilities who disassemble the computers on-site. Please call (757) 896-6462 for additional information or to schedule a tour.