

## **Debbie Jewell - Chief Development Officer**



Debbie Jewell received her Bachelor's Degree in English from Gettysburg College and later went on to Graduate School for course work in Public Relations at Rowan University.

Debbie worked as the Campaign Director at United Way, then at the Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation as their Director of Development. Right before coming to The Arc, Debbie switched gears and worked in real estate as a buyer's agent.

Debbie came to The Arc in 2007 as Director of Fund Development and Communications, before being promoted to her current position as Chief Development Officer at The Arc. In this role, Debbie is responsible for giving management and direction to all of the fundraising activities and all of the communications activities for the agency.

When Debbie is not at The Arc, she and her husband stay busy taking care of their two horses and their farm. On weekends they take turns going to horse shows or rodeos. Debbie also enjoys spending time with her son and his wife and her four grandchildren.

"I would like people to visit one of our group homes to see what a warm and loving environment the residents enjoy. There is definitely a stigma attached to group home living especially by parents of people with developmental disabilities. Our own Board members who are parents have been pleasantly surprised to experience the homey atmosphere and the loving relationships among residents and staff. If more people could have an opportunity to meet our folks and see the lives they live with The Arc's support I think it would really open their eyes."