



Contact: Lynda Bell
Keep Nassau Beautiful
904-261-0165
knb@keepnassaubeautiful.org

Contact: Jennifer Paulk
The Arc Nassau
904-225-9355
jenniferpaulk@thearcnassau.org

Planting Nassau's Future Media Release

For Immediate Release

Planting Nassau's Future with The Arc Nassau

Nine trees were recently planted at The Arc Nassau, creating a place where community members can enjoy a rest on a shady bench.

Yulee, Florida, April 14, 2021. – Keep Nassau Beautiful (KNB) and The Arc Nassau (The Arc) recently completed the planting of nine new shade trees along the walking path located at The Arc property on Hamilton Street, Yulee. The trees were provided under a new KNB program, Planting Nassau's Future. One of the 30-gallon Red Maple trees was planted under a donation from The Arc. The remaining eight trees were donated by a resident who asked that KNB buy and plant trees; "small trees, Legacy trees, any trees."

Through KNB's Legacy Tree project, tax-deductible donations made to KNB may be earmarked for planting trees on public spaces in Nassau County. KNB will identify a public space and arrange for a tree planting. Donors may be recognized or remain anonymous. Since its inception, almost 30 trees have been planted under funds earmarked for Legacy trees.

"Keep Nassau Beautiful thanks our generous donors and sponsors for providing funds and in-kind services to allow us to increase the tree canopy in Nassau County," said Lynda Bell, KNB Executive Director, "With this donation KNB was seeking a space for many trees and The Arc had just the right need."

The Arc location at 86051 Hamilton Street, Yulee is a public space that includes a winding walking path surrounded on three sides by native plants and an upland tree hammock. Several donated benches are placed along the walking path to allow for quiet reflection, rest, and observation of wildlife. Adding trees, including three 30-gallon Red Maple and six 15-gallon Sweetgum, near the

benches will provide shade and fall color to the grounds. Liberty Landscape Supply sourced and installed the trees and the team at The Arc will ensure a solid watering plan to help the trees get their best start to a long life.

"The recent tree planting provides both shade and scenery to the quarter-mile walkway that meanders across The Arc Nassau's campus. These trees will serve as the foundation for sensory landscaping for the community members of The Arc Nassau." Curtis Hensyl, Secretary and OEC Chair for The Arc Nassau.

For information and to get involved in Planting Nassau's Future: www.KeepNassauBeautiful.org or 261-0165.



One of the three Red Maple and one of six Sweetgum trees donated to The Arc Nassau. Pictured include: Steve and Cathy Carr, Bob Koeph, Paul Bussell, and Jennifer Paulk all of The Arc Nassau. John Bell, Liberty Landscape Supply, and Kelley McCarter, KNB BOD Officer.



Staging Trees for planting at The Arc Nassau. Delivered and Installed by Liberty Landscape Supply.

About Keep Nassau Beautiful

Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. is working to inspire, educate, and equip individuals, groups, businesses, and governments to take action to make Nassau County a place where residents, visitors and wildlife can thrive and experience the beauty of Nassau County. www.keepnassaubeautiful.org

About the Arc Nassau

The Arc Nassau is a non-profit organization that has been serving the intellectually and developmentally disabled community through its diverse programming for over 45 years. Programming for these clients consists of life skills development, employment services, job coaching and on-the-job training. **"The Arc Nassau is committed to educating, motivating and encouraging individuals with varying abilities to achieve independence, and enjoy successful and fulfilling lives."**

###