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### **Jumping for The Arc Eastern Connecticut**

Danielson, CT - President & CEO of Putnam Bank Thomas Borner jumped out of a perfectly good airplane on August 11<sup>th</sup>, along with Putnam Business Association President Dick Loomis, in order to raise money for The Arc Eastern Connecticut and its programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The event, called “Jumping for the Arc” and held at Skydive Danielson, was conceived by Mr. Borner after winning a Tandem Skydive in June at The Arc’s annual fundraising golf tournament. Other skydivers who joined Mr. Borner and Mr. Loomis were Putnam Mayor Barney Seney, Earl Rosebrooks of Fluid Coating Technology and Gayle Vare of The Arc. All skydivers helped raise funds for The Arc’s programs with their commitment to jump.

“The jump was a great experience, as it was my first time, but more importantly raising money to help The Arc Eastern Connecticut made it all the more rewarding.” stated Mr. Borner.

The event grossed more than \$4,000, with Mr. Borner personally matching donations up to \$1,000. Proceeds will help provide adaptive technology for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in The Arc’s supported residences and day programs throughout eastern Connecticut.

CEO Kathleen Stauffer praised the initiative—and bravery—of all participants. “Putnam Bank and the Putnam Business Association have always been strong supporters of programs for people with IDD in our communities, and we were extremely touched and incredibly grateful that Tom Borner came up with this creative and wonderful way to help us further our mission.”

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