

## The Arc Hosts Texas Hold'Em Tournament & Sponsors' Gala

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The Arc of the Quad Cities Area will host its 2013 "Texas Hold'Em Tournament & Sponsors' Gala" this Saturday, February 9, 2013. The tournament will be held in the Event Center at Jumer's Casino & Hotel in Rock Island. Proceeds of this charity gaming event of Texas No Limit Hold'Em Poker benefits programs and services for 325 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc's Texas Hold'Em Tournament & Sponsors Gala is sponsored by CBS4/WHBF-TV and Jumer's Casino & Hotel.

The Arc's 2012 champion Ryan York, Davenport, Iowa, returns to defend his title. York's placement in last year's tournament qualified him for a seat in the Main Event of the July World Series of Poker at The Rio in Las Vegas. The "QcKid" made The Arc proud, advancing as far as Day 3 of nearly 6,600 players, ranking him among the top 300 players in the world! Sponsors (\$100+ contributors) will have an opportunity to hear first-hand about York's WSOP experiences at the High Rollers Champagne Brunch at 10:30 am prior to the opening session. The odds are worth the stake, with a reasonable buy-in and capacity limited in the tournament's two sessions.

Buy-in is \$60 with a \$30 re-buy opportunity in the first hour of play. The event features two sessions – the first at 12 pm and the second at 4:30 pm. Admission is only guaranteed for players who pre- register at [www.arcqca.org/store/](http://www.arcqca.org/store/), through Facebook at The Arc of the Quad Cities Area, or via phone (through noon on Friday) at 309-786-6474. Each session will play to 10 winners and the 20 finalists will compete in the Final Round beginning at 9 pm. The tournament pays to the top 20 places, with the champion winning at seat at the World Series of Poker.

Founded in 1952, The Arc promotes living and working in partnership with the community to support individuals with developmental and other disabilities, through a variety of support services.

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