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**VIRGINIA HUMAN SERVICES NON-PROFIT WINS GLOBAL GIVING BERTH**  
*SPARC, Supporting Adults with Disabilities, One of Only Four Virginia Charities*

Burke (VA), March 2, 2012—Specially Adapted Resource Clubs, known locally as SPARC, announced today that the charity had won a permanent spot for donations through GlobalGiving.org.

SPARC's announcement came at the conclusion of a "challenge phase" that required charities to reach specific dollar and donor goals. SPARC, which provides free day support for adults with disabilities, created an online giving campaign that raised more than \$5,000 from more than 46 donors in only 28 days.

"SPARC is honored to win a spot on the Global Giving platform," said Executive Director Donna Goldbranson. "We share this coveted space with only 22 other human services groups throughout the entire United States and only four Virginia non-profits," she said.

Goldbranson founded SPARC in 2006 to support adults with disabilities because of a lack of services available from state agencies. "After high school, Virginia programs outside of institutionalization are scarce and often have waiting lists with thousands of names," she said. "Joining Global Giving's family has allowed us to begin raising money to open a third facility without using funds from other sources."

SPARC opened its first facility in Reston, Virginia in 2006. A second location opened in McLean, Virginia in November, 2011. Twenty-five adults currently receive free services from SPARC. The organization plans to open multiple facilities throughout Virginia during the next two years.

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**About SPARC:** Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing dynamic, enduring learning opportunities for adults with lifelong disabilities in a natural community setting. SPARC does not benefit from federal or state funding and uses a unique financial model to provide free day support for adults with disabilities. Locations in Reston and McLean, Virginia serve 25 people with disabilities.