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## **Liberty Appoints New Foundation Board Member**

**AMSTERDAM**- Brett P. Harris was recently appointed to a seat on Liberty Foundation's Board of Directors. Harris has served on the organization's investment committee since 2012.

"We are so pleased to welcome Brett Harris to the Foundation Board", said Liberty CEO Jennifer Saunders. "His experience in the financial world, along with his enthusiasm for Liberty's mission will help the Foundation as we work to assure a solid future for the people we support and the organization."

Harris earned his MBA from the College of St. Rose and has a BA in Finance from Siena College. He has an extensive background in the finance industry and currently holds the position of Assistant Vice President at First Niagara Bank. In this capacity he oversees operations of nine branches and manages more than \$250 million in financial assets.

"My goal in joining the Liberty ARC organization is to share my professional skills with a great cause that helps serve and give back to the local community and neighbors," said Brett. "My hope is to bring fresh ideas and new perspective to an already well established board in hopes of further progressing our presence and maximizing the ability for Liberty to achieve a higher quality of life for the members they serve."

Founded in 1957, Liberty is a not-for-profit organization serving over 600 individuals with developmental and other disabilities. Liberty offers vocational, day & family support and residential services in Montgomery County, as well as an out-of-state agency in Delaware, MA. The organization also operates New Dimensions in Health Care, providing dental and medical services at 40 Wall Street, Amsterdam, Priority Care, which refers in-home care giving in several counties in the state of Florida and Liberty Fresh Market a bulk-food store and training program aimed at equipping the individuals Liberty supports with skills necessary to obtain, maintain or advance in competitive employment or self-employment.