



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Annual Theater Production Made Possible Through Grants**

AMSTERDAM- Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., will present the play *Cinderella* on Saturday, October 7, at Lynch Middle School, Amsterdam, NY. This full-length production is made possible through two grants; a \$15,000 grant from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services and a \$1000 grant from Stewart's Shops Holiday Match program.

Participants in Liberty ARC's Family Support Services (FSS) Recreation program have been working together, this week, with Liberty ARC staff and professional actors associated with the Missoula Children's Theatre. 19 individuals ranging in age from 7-21 will be playing the parts in the classic fairytale, *Cinderella*. This unique, educational opportunity allows these budding actors to develop and grow; their creative and social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem.

The community is invited and Liberty ARC encourages all to attend. The play is free and open to the public.

In addition to help support the play production, the remainder of the NYSARC Trust Services grant was utilized to purchase camping equipment and supported a group recreation event to Yankee Stadium.

**What:** Cinderella- Presented by Liberty ARC's FSS Recreation Program

**Where:** Lynch Middle School, Amsterdam, NY

**When:** Saturday, October 7, 2017- 1:30pm

#### **About Liberty ARC**

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., was founded in 1957 by parents of children with developmental disabilities who wished to establish special education programs in the local community. Currently celebrating 60 years of quality services, the organization has grown to include vocational, recreational, residential, day, family support and health-related services to nearly 580 individuals with physical, developmental and other disabilities.

#### **About NYSARC Trust Services**

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping more than 16,000 people with disabilities protect their eligibility for government benefits and improve their quality of life. Our trust programs give people with disabilities the opportunity to remain in their communities with greater comfort and independence while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

NYSARC Trust Services administers first- and third-party supplemental needs trusts, pooled trusts for income and resource (asset) protection, and individual trusts. When protecting settlement proceeds with a NYSARC Community Trust, we can also administer Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online [www.nysarctrustservices.org](http://www.nysarctrustservices.org).

#### **About Stewart's Holiday Match Program**

The Stewart's Holiday Match program is run from Thanksgiving Day through Christmas with customers donating more than \$926,000 in 2016. The funds were doubled to more than \$1.85 million with the Stewart's match. The program's funds benefit organizations/programs for children in the areas of social services, health, education, recreations, and the arts.

#### **About Missoula Children's Theatre**

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) is a traveling production troupe that focuses on developing life skills in children through education, entertainment, enrichment and participation in the performing arts. In 2015, they worked with 65,000 children in more than 1,200 communities in all 50 states and 17 countries. This is the second year Liberty's FSS recreation program has worked with MCT.