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Montgomery County Organizations to Participate in NYSID WORKS!
A Community "Thank You" Event

**New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. recognizes employment of
New Yorkers with disabilities during statewide day of community service**

Amsterdam, NY – New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID) will coordinate NYSID WORKS! A Community "Thank You" Event on Thursday, September 17 to thank New York State for creating jobs for New Yorkers with disabilities — a celebration of work by working.

This day of service is in appreciation for thousands of job opportunities for New Yorkers with disabilities. Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. will join NYSID, its member agencies and corporate partners in a day of volunteer service in communities across New York State.

Each NYSID member agency or corporate partner is choosing a local non-profit in need of a small beautification project. Through these joint, statewide community service projects, member agencies, corporate partners and NYSID send a unified, heartfelt message of gratitude to legislators, business and community leaders across New York State for creating employment opportunities for New Yorkers with disabilities.

NYSID WORKS! complements NYSID's 40th anniversary theme of "40 Years of Looking Forward" while also seguing into National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) in October.

Established in 1975, NYSID (http://www.nysid.org) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation which creates employment opportunities for nearly 6,800 New Yorkers with disabilities annually. NYSID supports job creation efforts for a diverse group of New Yorkers with disabilities through a statewide network of 170 community rehabilitation agencies and private sector business partners.

HERE IS A DESCRIPTION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROJECT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

Liberty volunteers at first Habitat For Humanity home in Montgomery County to benefit Manny and Melissa Castro, two individuals in Liberty's program (82 Brookside Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010)

From 9:00am – 5:00pm a group of 30-35 volunteers will work on interior (painting, hanging sheet rock) and exterior (landscaping, retaining wall, planting) projects at the future home of Manny and Melissa Castro, both of whom are in Liberty's program. The Castros were chosen as a Habitat "Partner Family" in 2013, and their home is the first being built through Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County.

Manny and Melissa Castro both plan to attend the event in the afternoon.

Since breaking ground in early 2014, a tremendous amount of progress has been made, thanks, in large part, to Liberty's Facility Management Department. Staff lent their diverse expertise in the building and grounds trades by volunteering to help with this project. Eleven staff members have donated a combined total of more than 450 hours of benefit time to construct the home's foundation, walls and roof.

About Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. (http://libertyarc.org)
Liberty, 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. Over the past 54 years, the organization has grown to include vocational, residential, day, family support and health-related services. In 2014, there were 114 individuals with disabilities from Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. who worked on NYSID Preferred Source contracts.

About Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County (http://www.habitatmcny.org)
Habitat for Humanity makes the dream of homeownership a reality for hardworking, lower-income families across Montgomery County. It builds and repairs houses using volunteer labor and donations. Partner families purchase these houses through no-profit, no-interest mortgage loans or innovative financing methods.

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