



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Liberty ARC Receives Funding from the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State**

**AMSTERDAM-** Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$4,293 as part of the Community Health Outreach Project administered by the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State (CP of NYS). The funding will assist Liberty ARC to purchase iPads, protective cases, and applications for the agency's Speech Language Pathology (SLP) department.

The Community Health Outreach Project was established in January 2020 to assist individuals with disabilities, of all ages, living within a defined 14-county region. The Project aims to provide access to supports to enable people to remain independent, increase their health status, and be active within their homes and communities. CP of NYS offers financial assistance that is otherwise unavailable to individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other significant disabilities, or to agencies on behalf of eligible individuals. Through the Community Health Outreach Project, CP of NYS is doing its part to improve social and environmental living conditions, while promoting quality of life.

"We are thrilled to help Liberty ARC obtain the technology needed to improve the lives of the individuals they serve in Montgomery County," said Cindy J. Morris, Project Director of the Community Health Outreach Project at CP of NYS. "Because of the extreme generosity of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, the Project has been able to fund a variety of requests, including durable medical equipment, environmental modifications, and therapy aids, by removing barriers and offering financial assistance unavailable from other sources to individuals with I/DD. Our focus on the social determinants of health allowed us to create an environment that promotes good health for all. We are excited for the positive impact CP of NYS, together with Cabrini Health, will make on the Capital District for this underserved population."

Liberty ARC will use the funding to provide individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, receiving SLP services through the agency's Article 16 clinic, with access to new technology to further their personal, therapeutic goals. The grant funds will be used to purchase three iPads, and three protective cases, as well as download a variety of applications. The iPads will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of speech therapy, and provide people with disabilities a new tool to gain independence, build relationships, increase communication, and improve social skills.

"We are so grateful to the Awards Committee of the Community Health Outreach Project, and to CP of NYS, for selecting Liberty ARC as a recipient of these funds," said Jennifer Saunders, Chief Executive Officer, Liberty ARC. "The Community Health Outreach Project afforded us the opportunity to procure this equipment, after other funding sources had been exhausted. Working together to support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values is what we do at Liberty ARC. We extend our sincere gratitude to CP of NYS for working with us on this project."

### **About Liberty ARC**

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The ARC New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are proud of our six decades of bringing these innovative and valuable programs to those most vulnerable in our community. While staying committed to our framework the agency has grown our employment, residential, day supports, family support and health-related programming throughout the years. Our mission- *Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values* - together with our *Values* make up the foundation on which our culture is framed. We are extremely proud to be a pioneering agency, which coupled with a dynamic workforce and our person-centered mission makes Liberty ARC a stand-out in our field.

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