

We are all in this together



## We are proud to present

## Liberty ARC's 2020 Annual Report



There is no question this was a year unlike any other – when we sat down to write this letter last year, nobody could have predicted the many ways our lives would look different at the end of 2020. But thanks to the strength of our mission, the dedication of our board, volunteers, and staff, and our commitment to the individuals we support, Liberty ARC achieved remarkable things in 2020. Throughout the year we made sure the people we support and our staff were given the best to provide for their health and safety, modified our programs where possible to be socially distant, and continued to provide our services. We are so proud of how Liberty ARC drew strength in the face of adversity, and quickly and decisively adapted to this unprecedented situation.

2020 wasn't all challenges – the year had some very significant achievements and bright spots. Liberty Enterprises, the manufacturing facet of our organization, saw a significant increase in sales for essential sanitation products to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. We are immensely proud of our individuals and staff for their role in keeping New York safe during this pandemic. Robert Yesse, one of the many dedicated employees at Liberty Enterprises, was recognized for his commitment and hard work when he received the prestigious William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award from NYSID.

There were many individuals, businesses, and community partners who donated to Liberty Foundation or provided grant funding in support of our mission in 2020. Despite not being able to hold our typical events, we were very touched by the commitment of our community of generous supporters. Your contributions made a significant impact on the people we serve, helping to improve the quality of life of those we support in tangible ways at a time when it was needed most.

We would like to close by expressing our deep gratitude to our incredible staff for the compassion and dedication they show every day by encouraging and supporting individuals to reach their goals. We'd also like to thank our Board of Directors, Committee Members, Executive Team and Administration for their outstanding efforts in 2020. "Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values." Our mission statement is more than just these inspiring words, it is reflected in the stories featured throughout this publication - stories that bring to life the everyday achievements, large and small, which illustrate the amazing ways Liberty ARC makes a difference in the lives of the people we support.

Donna Canestraro, Board President

Jennifer Saunders. Chief Executive Officer

## **Mission Statement**

Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values.

## **Liberty ARC's Values**

Quality

Respect

Teamwork

Resourcefulness

Integrity

Person-Centered



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With COVID-19 precautions in place, Joe Lynch initially wasn't too excited for his 49th birthday in August – he couldn't have a party or see his friends. However, with the help of the dedicated Liberty ARC staff, Joe had a very special birthday in 2020 when he received the best gift ever: a pet dog.

Joe had wanted a dog for years; he talked nonstop about having his own best friend and companion one day. He continuously saved his money and volunteered to dog sit for people, dreaming of the day when he would have his own pup.

Then in August, Joe finally met his new best friend, Gizmo, after Assistant Manager Donna Hall and Direct Support Professional Jessica Bortell made the arrangements for him to have a four-legged friend. Joe was incredibly happy and grateful, and the two friends are now inseparable!

"I was very excited when I met Gizmo," Joe said. "He's changed my life - he's changed me. He's such a good dog. He's very sweet and mellow. He sleeps in my room every night and he loves going for car rides. We are best friends."

# **Graduating High School** in the Face of Adversity

Graduating high school is a huge accomplishment in itself, but to graduate during a global pandemic – now that's impressive! Imani Haynes and Anthony Perez, participants in Liberty ARC's Residential Program, did just that, when they celebrated their high school graduations in June.

Imani attended Canajoharie High School, while Anthony attended Amsterdam High School.

During Anthony's time at Amsterdam High School, he grew to enjoy learning about a lot of different subjects and he built many special friendships, especially with his favorite teacher, Mrs. Fox, and his favorite aide, Mrs. Noto.

"Mrs. Fox was my teacher for two years," he said. "She made me scrambled eggs and she taught me how to clean the classroom. Mrs. Noto taught me math and I enjoyed learning. Math was my favorite subject. I also liked learning about national parks and history."

Anthony's goal for the future is to get a job to make money and be more independent.

"I would like to find a job stocking shelves in a department store or in a grocery store," he said. "I would like to get a paycheck for the work that I do."

During Imani's time at Canajoharie High School, she enjoyed participating in art and gym class. She especially loved hanging out with her friends and meeting new people.

Imani is making plans for her future, and she's excited for whatever is in store for her!





# Gorden Lansing's 90th Birthday Celebration

Gorden Lansing talked about his 90th birthday for months leading up to the big day - 90 is a milestone birthday for anybody, but when the day finally arrived, there was a special surprise in store that had been 48 years in the making...

He was surrounded by friends, family and staff in Liberty ARC's Spoons Café. The room was decorated in black and gold balloons, photos of Gorden with all of the people he cares for, and a big cake with '90' written on it.

After he did his rounds and said 'hello' to everyone, Gorden was presented with a very memorable gift – a gift he had been trying to obtain for years, and with the help of John Glode, Liberty ARC's Director of Operations, he finally received it.

Gorden's gift was a letter from Maria Beyer, the Developmental Disabilities Program Specialist, at the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities Region 3 Office.

Maria's letter read:

## Dear Mr. Lansing:

This letter serves to update you on your status as a previous resident of Rome Developmental Center, in Rome, NY. Our records indicate that as of July 1972, you were no longer affiliated with, or under, the care of, or otherwise associated with Rome Developmental Center. As of that date, you were able to move out in the community and build upon your independence and dreams. You have been your own quardian and had the opportunity to pursue many opportunities. Congratulations on your independence and all of your accomplishments.

John read the letter to Gorden over a microphone so that everyone knew what was happening. There wasn't a dry eye in the cafe. Gorden thanked everyone for attending and explained how important it was that he now had his "official freedom" from Rome Developmental Center and this was one of the best birthdays he had ever had!

## Katie's Strides to a Healthier Future

Despite being home for several months due to COVID-19 precautions, Katie Guisti came back to the Life Skills Day Hab program in July with a goal set in mind and the motivation to accomplish it: to make positive strides in her fitness and health.

Each day Katie came to Day Hab, she chose an exercise activity to complete. When she first began her journey, she wasn't a fan of most exercise options...until she gave the exercise bike a try!

This was new for Katie, and she only had the stamina to ride for one minute at a time when she started. With perseverance, she continued pushing herself along, becoming more comfortable and secure with the bike. She steadily increased her time on the bike.

By the end of 2020, Katie's stamina had increased tremendously! She was going on the bike three



times a day, and had pushed herself to ride for 18 minutes! Every time she started a workout she was supported and encouraged by everyone around her as they cheered and clapped her on.

Not only did Katie begin an ongoing goal of hers in 2020, but she

also lost 11 pounds since beginning that journey. She's motivated to continue increasing her stamina and her health in 2021!



## **Katina Scott** DELAWARE Named New Statewide Director

In 2020, Steve Knight, the former Statewide Director of Choices for Community Living (CCL), announced his retirement after a decade of service to CCL. We were sad to see Steve go, but we were very excited to announce the appointment of

Katina Scott as our new statewide director!

Katina came into her new position with more than 10 years of experience at CCL. She began working at the agency in 2008, and for 11 years she served as the Assistant Director next to Steve.

"For the past 11 years I have served the employees and individuals supported at CCL," Katina said. "I am committed to providing person-centered and individualized supports to everyone who is a part of CCL. Being the Statewide Director of CCL will allow me the opportunity to continue supporting the great work that

we do on a daily basis, while also looking for opportunities for CCL to grow and evolve. I am very excited for this opportunity and I can't wait to see what the future holds!"

# CCL Named Top Workplace



In August, Choices for Community Living (CCL) was proud to announce that we were recognized as a Delaware Top Workplace for the first time by The News Journal!

**Choices for Community Living (CCL Delaware, Inc.) Board of Directors** 

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# New Dimensions in Health Care Remains Dedicated to **Patients** During COVID-19

Throughout the COVID-19 shutdown, New Dimensions in Health Care (NDHC) remained committed and vigilant to providing services

to patients. Chief of Dentistry, Dr.

Michael Vuotto, DDS, and his team continued taking emergency dental patients, while Nurse **Practitioner Tracy Kuban** and her team continued all medical services.

In 2020, NDHC was also re-certified as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) by the National Center on Quality Assurance (NCQA.)

Being recognized as a PCMH means NDHC specializes in delivering high-quality, patient-centered care. Care is focused on the patient, rather than the care setting, and the staff at NDHC go out of their way to do just that - focusing on sharing information and coordinating with other clinicians, community resources and secondary services to provide the best care possible for all patients.

New Dimensions in Living, Inc.

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# 2020 // Employees of the Year



**Jennifer Bernardo** Director/Assistant Director of the Year

"Working with my team to support people to reach their goals and gain independence is my favorite aspect of my job-that's what it's all about here."





Michele Ilnicki Support Employee of the Year

"Getting the opportunity to interact with the people we support is definitely something I love about working at Liberty. Also, over the years, I've worked in so many departments with so many wonderful people, and I work with an awesome group of nurses that truly work together as a team - they all make my job even more enjoyable and they all make a difference."



We recognized our amazing staff, once again, with over 700 frozen turkeys for the holiday season, and \$1,000 seasonal bonuses for all full-time employees.

One of the turkeys escaped, however, and was protesting the turkey giveaway...

Liberty ARC Named a Top Workplace...AGAIN





**Cathy Monk** Manager of the Year

"I'm very proud of the staff I've worked with! Everybody I've met over the years at Liberty has been different, and I like all of the different people I meet here. So many people have entered my life, and I love it. They just put a smile on my face every day."



**Alicia Morley** Program Employee of the Year

"I love that I'm able to not only make a difference in others' lives, but I'm receiving the same each and every day from those I support, and I'm also gaining another family."



## **DSP Apprenticeship Program**

At the end of 2020, Liberty ARC partnered with the New York State Department of Labor and Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FMCC) to start Liberty ARC's first Direct Support Professional (DSP) Apprenticeship Program.

The Apprenticeship Program was created to enhance the professional status of the DSP role and give staff the confidence to move forward in their career at Liberty ARC.

Upon completion of the 2-year Apprenticeship Program with FMCC, participants will be granted a certificate in Individual Studies as a Direct Support Professional. Each participant will complete 35 credits; 19 credits in class and 16 credits completed through on-the-job training. After successfully completing the program, participants will receive a \$500 annual pay increase. The program is fully funded by Liberty ARC.



## Robert Yesse Wins Joslin Award



In the fall, Robert Yesse was awarded the New York State Industries for the Disabled. Inc. (NYSID) 2020 William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award – one of the highest honors that NYSID bestows on members of its workforce. This year there were two Joslin award winners for the entire state, and Liberty ARC was thrilled that one of them was Robert.

Robert also takes on the lead machine operator role in Liberty Enterprises' chemical, food-fill and soap production areas. He is a resource and wealth of knowledge in times when equipment fails, a part needs to be replaced, supplies need to be re-ordered, or just in his overall job analysis.

When sales surged because of COVID-19, Robert willingly adjusted his schedule to work more hours and he took on the role of trainer and mentor for the new employees to help meet production demands. Robert's commitment to his work ethic, performance

and growth along with his commitment to the success of Liberty Enterprises are reasons why he was awarded the 2020 William B. **Joslin Outstanding** Performance Award!





# **Liberty Enterprises Steps** Up to Help NY's **COVID Response**

In March and April, when the country was in the beginning of the COVID pandemic, Liberty Enterprises saw an enormous increase in demand for sanitizer, soap, cleaning, janitorial, and other essential products sold to New York State through NYSID. There was approximately a 300 percent increase in product fulfillment to New York State end-use customers to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Liberty Enterprises' staff stepped up to the challenge to fulfill the orders as fast as they were coming in. Liberty's employees and clients played a critical role in NY's COVID response.

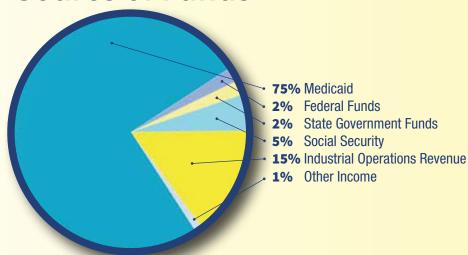
> GOJO/Purell products sold by Liberty Enterprises accounted for more than 25,000 cases fulfilled

> > during March and April. These products include hand sanitizers, sanitizing wipes, dispensing units and dispenser refills – products that were in high demand when the pandemic first hit New York State. Over that twomonth period of time, sales orders for these essential products increased more than 100 percent!

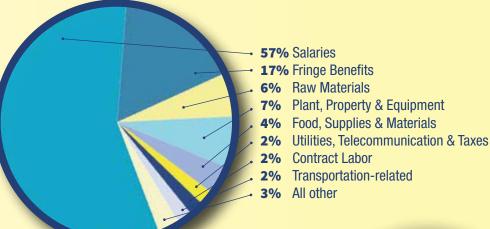
Erin Abele, Director of Employment Services and Industrial Operations, was extremely proud of her team.

"Our shipping and receiving staff, drivers, material handlers, quality assurance and control personnel, production planner, lead supervisors, machine operators and packagers have eagerly taken on these challenging times and are working tirelessly," Erin said. "Team members from other departments of the organization, including staff training, employment services, facilities and retail operations are also lending a hand and helping out with our day-to-day production needs. We are stronger together!"

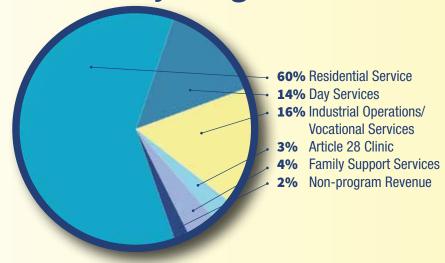
# Source of Funds



# **Use of Funds**



# **Revenue By Program**



## **CP of NYS Grants**

Liberty ARC received more than \$27,000 in Funds Received through the Community Health Outreach Project administered by the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State which was used to purchase items such as:

- iPads, protective cases and applications for Liberty ARC's Speech Language Pathology (SLP) department.
- Mobility devices such as the Rifton TRAM and a Shower-Bathing Trolley
- HEPA filter packs to assist in the COVID pandemic in our residences





# **Liberty Foundation**

Though the pandemic put a stop to our in-person events in 2020, the Liberty Foundation's donors came through in a huge way for the individuals we support! Many event sponsors continued their long-time support of Liberty by giving generously. Their gifts and sponsorships are gratefully noted on the donation pages in this report, and thanks to these donations the Liberty Foundation was able to provide critical funding for items and programs this year.

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## Second Year of

## **Ground Level Grants**

In 2020, thanks to generous donations, Liberty Foundation financed the second year of Ground Level Grants. Any employee throughout the organization can submit an application for a Ground Level Grant on behalf of someone we support. All employees are encouraged to apply when they see a need or item that can improve the lives of individuals we support,

encourage independence, and aid them in reaching their goals. We received some very creative and inspiring applications! Liberty Foundation committed \$30,000 to the program and issued 18 grants in 2020 for items and programs such as iPads, virtual music therapy sessions, games, and much more. It's another way that Liberty Foundation - and our donors – support the people we serve with a quality of life each person values at Liberty ARC.



When the pandemic hit, our first thought was the health and safety of our residents, staff, and people we support. Liberty Foundation stepped up with funding to cover the unexpected costs of PPE in the spring of 2020, to make sure that we were safe and protected in our homes and programs.







## Our sincere thanks to all who have generously given throughout the year.

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The following individuals gave an additional donation to Liberty Foundation at the time of purchasing their Feather Your Nest raffle tickets. All 300 Feather Your Nest raffle tickets were sold in 2020!

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### **DENIM AND DIAMONDS**

The following individuals or businesses gave a generous donation to Liberty Foundation in lieu of their sponsorships for the Denim & Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert, which was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID -19 Pandemic.

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