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Liberty ARC Recognizes Hard Work, Dedication of Direct Support Professionals

Agency Honors Direct Support Professional With Week-Long Celebration

Amsterdam – Liberty ARC is celebrating its Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) throughout the week of Sept. 12-18, during National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

“Liberty ARC’s Direct Support Professionals do a phenomenal job every day,” said Jennifer Saunders, CEO of Liberty ARC. “They consistently go above and beyond to ensure the individuals we serve are supported, cared for, and have opportunities to live their best life. This year’s theme for National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week symbolizes and celebrates the hard work of our DSPs and how much they mean to us and the people we support.”

During this special week, Liberty ARC is honoring their dedicated direct support workforce in Montgomery County for their commitment to providing the best supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) endorses the national week-long recognition of DSPs and their accomplishments.

Throughout the week, agencies like Liberty ARC thank DSPs in special ways for changing and caring for the lives of the individuals every day. Liberty ARC is marking this week with the theme of “The Best View Comes After the Hardest Climb,” and are including activities celebrating that: rock wall climbing, scavenger hunts, giveaways, surprise awards, and t-shirts given to DSPs.

DSPs provide care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their selfless roles include providing physical assistance, helping people fulfill their goals in life, and finding ways to engage the people they support with their community. Tasks such as managing funds, personal hygiene support, medical oversight, and other assistance offered by DSPs allows the people with disabilities supported by Liberty ARC to live their best lives. It is a fulfilling and rewarding job where close relationships are formed between the individuals we support and the DSPs.

“Our DSPs are the heart and soul of our agency,” Saunders said. “We are extremely grateful to them for providing the best care and assistance to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in

order to help them attain their personal life goals and dreams. If you know a DSP, please thank them for everything they do each and every day.”

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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