



**News Release: September 21, 2022**  
**Contact Person: Winnie Blackwood**  
**Telephone: 518-954-3203; Mobile: 518-396-6178**  
**Email: blackwoodw@libertyarc.org**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Liberty Foundation Holds Annual Denim and Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert**

### **Funds Raised to Support People with Disabilities**

**Amsterdam** – Liberty Foundation held their annual Denim and Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert the evening of Friday, Sept. 16 on their Liberty Drive Campus in Amsterdam, N.Y., raising over \$20,000 to benefit people with disabilities in Montgomery County.

It was a lovely end of summer evening with over 315 guests in attendance, dancing under the big tent to a live performance by Capital Region country band, Skeeter Creek.

Funds raised by Liberty Foundation's Denim and Diamonds provide experiences and life-enhancing items for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are supported by Liberty ARC. Monies raised through the annual event in years prior have purchased a sensory playground, medical equipment, and recreation items, like trips to the area zoos and outdoor games. Several classes have also been purchased for identified persons based on their interests, including virtual guitar lessons for one individual who had a goal to learn how to play the string instrument and nutrition and cooking online courses for a person who expressed the desire to live a healthier life style.

Liberty Foundation and Liberty ARC would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the following community businesses and business partners for their generous support of this year's event:

**10k Blue Diamond Sponsor:** Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Inc.

**Rockin' Band Sponsor:** St. Mary's Health Care

**Saloon Sponsor:** AllSquare Wealth Management, LLC.

**BBQ Dinner Sponsors:** The Bonadio Group, CDPHP, and KeyBank.

**Denim Sponsors:** Focused Wealth Management; Habitat for Humanity in Montgomery County; HealthDirect Pharmacy Services; Hugh Johnson Advisors, Division of Graypoint, LLC.; and Niagara Label.

**Lucky Corks, Lucky Forks! Sponsors:** The Amsterdam Rotary Club; Betz, Rossi, Bellinger & Stewart Family Funeral Homes; Care Design NY; Community Bank, N.A.; Diane and James Gargiulo; and Montgomery County Office for Aging, Inc.

### **About Liberty Foundation**

The Liberty Foundation was started in 1993 to benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by Liberty ARC. The Liberty Foundation funds programs, services, and items that are not otherwise funded through state or federal government programs to enhance the lives of Liberty ARC participants. Throughout the years, the opportunities and services provided by Liberty ARC and supported by the Liberty Foundation has helped people with disabilities in Montgomery County live their best lives. The foundation provides resources that allows Liberty ARC to deliver an outstanding level of service and program excellence, so that each person can achieve a quality of life they value.

### **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.

###