

Dear friends of Liberty ARC,

For as long as I can remember, our family has been involved in advocating on behalf of people with disabilities. Two of my sons, Joe and Brian, were born with disabilities. When we moved up here I got involved with Liberty ARC for opportunities and services for my children.

One thing I learned was that through **donations like yours**, Liberty ARC provides **top-quality experiences and services!**

In the early 2000s, Brian, Joe, and I were living in the area to be closer to my other son, Dr. Kevin Cope, who had set up a local medical practice. Kevin was

“I really appreciate the way that Liberty worked with my mom. She is in her 80s and she still likes to have contact with my brothers... Liberty has been great helping her maintain those visits and contact with my brothers.”

~Dr. Kevin Cope

welcoming and understanding of patients with disabilities, drawing from his personal experience of including Brian and Joe in his interests and hobbies growing up. We saw firsthand when the boys were young that they thrived when taking part in activities that were meaningful to them.

Moving here is when we discovered Liberty ARC and all of the wonderful programs they provide. From day programs to employment supports, Liberty ARC helped Brian and Joe achieve the lives they wanted to live, with jobs they

enjoyed and support when they needed it. And when Brian and Joe were each ready, Liberty ARC made their transition into a residential home as easy as possible.

Donors like you are crucial to the mission of Liberty ARC. With YOUR donation Liberty Foundation can provide the extra supports, needed items, and life-enriching activities that aren't funded by other means.



Brian, Joe, Barbara, and Dr. Kevin Cope

Moving out was a big change for Brian and Joe, but Liberty ARC's caring staff made sure they were comfortable every step of the way. They each did so well in their new homes!

Brian is very talkative and outgoing, and Joe is quieter. The people at Liberty ARC respected and worked with each of their personalities, helping them each find a niche at work and in their new homes. Since coming to Liberty ARC, Brian has matured a lot and enjoys his two jobs, one at the Mohawk Valley Welcome Center and the other at one of the agency's day hubs.

Liberty ARC is more than just a fantastic agency – the people here treat my sons like family.

Each week, staff members arrange for Brian and Joe to visit me at home. When I recently was unable to drive, they arranged rides or drove the boys over so that we could continue our weekly visits, which mean so much to me.



They say it takes a village to raise a child... I think it takes an entire community - of donors and supporters - to make opportunities like those afforded to Brian and Joe possible. Please join me in supporting Liberty Foundation's 2022 Annual Appeal with your generous donation.

All gifts to the Liberty Foundation go to fund programs, experiences, and items for Liberty ARC that are

not covered by state or federal funds. There's a reason why Liberty ARC is one of the best providers in New York, and that's thanks to the dedication of staff and the support of donors like you. Thanks to donors like you, Brian and Joe are able to live lives that are full of meaningful activities and receive support from staff who truly care about them.

Your gift before the end of the year will provide opportunities for people with disabilities to thrive in our community. Transportation, items for homes, YMCA memberships, trips to baseball games, and hundreds of other great experiences are only made possible through donations to Liberty Foundation. The funding for these life-enhancing experiences comes from the gifts of donors like you!

When Liberty Foundation began, the goal was to support people with disabilities in Montgomery County. Today, that's still the goal, and your donation provides the assistance that means so much to families of loved ones with a disability, like our family.

With your donation to the Liberty Foundation, individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities will have a brighter future in our communities. There's no better way to support the good work of Liberty ARC and make a difference for a person with disabilities.

With gratitude,

Barbara Cope

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Your donation to Liberty Foundation helps people with disabilities in our area have the kind of full and meaningful life experiences **we all deserve!**