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Liberty ARC Awarded $34,110 in Grants from NYSARC Trust Services
To support guardianship and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in Montgomery County

AMSTERDAM- Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, has been awarded $34,110 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support the agency's recreation programs and guardianship program.

NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts (SNT) and pooled trusts that can make dramatic improvements to the lives of people with disabilities by enabling individuals to maintain eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2022, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of $3,189,968 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

This year, Liberty ARC received $21,610 to provide new recreational opportunities and enrich the lives of the people we serve. Liberty ARC has used these funds to purchase a variety of fun activities including camping trips, baseball game tickets, game nights, movie tickets, wrestling tickets, bowling, art classes, concert tickets, miniature golf, and amusement park day trips. The agency also purchased arts and crafts supplies and admissions to places such as Get Air Trampoline, fairs, and the Utica Zoo.

Liberty ARC also received $12,500 in grant funding to provide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, Liberty ARC's Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services to people and support as a standby or alternate standby guardian.

"We are thankful for the continued support of NYSARC Trust Services," said CEO Jennifer Saunders. "With these funds Liberty ARC is able to continue the important role of guardianship at our agency, and offer activities and experiences for the people we support that would otherwise not be available. We are grateful to NYSARC Trust Services for all that these grants allow Liberty ARC to achieve for the people we support."

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.

About NYSARC Trust Services
NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping thousands of people with disabilities protect their eligibility for government benefits and improve their quality of life. Our trust programs give people with disabilities the opportunity to maintain comfort and independence in the community while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

NYSARC Trust Services provides administration of pooled supplemental needs trusts to help families **plan** for the future of a loved one with a disability, **preserve** income and assets for Medicaid planning purposes and long-term care needs, and **protect** unexpected windfalls of money.

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