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Liberty ARC Receives Stewart's Grant Funding to Benefit Community Children

Amsterdam – Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of the Arc New York, is pleased to announce it has received grant funds from the Stewart's Holiday Match 2021-2022 program

Liberty ARC received \$1,250 in funding to provide children with disabilities with healthy food and drink options throughout the year as they participate in Liberty ARC's Family Support Services (FSS) programs.

Children that participate in FSS programs, including camps, summer recess, and after-school programs received hands on experience preparing healthy meals and beverages that they can enjoy in program, as well as education on nutrition as an important life skill. Snacks made included homemade popsicles with fresh fruit.

Through the grant funds, children and their families also received large snack bags, filed with kid-friendly snacks, including oatmeal, fruits, and macaroni and cheese.

FSS is a vital service for families caring for a child with a developmental disability at home, offering a variety of fun and educational activities tailored to meet each individual's unique needs and goals. Currently, 50 children participate in Liberty ARC's FSS program.

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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