



2023 Annual Appeal

Dear friends of Liberty ARC,

Like many in this area, we always knew that Liberty ARC was a resource for people with disabilities and their families but you never know the impact an organization like Liberty ARC really makes until you need it. **By supporting Liberty Foundation's 2023 Annual Appeal, you can help ensure that Liberty ARC continues to provide the best for people with disabilities and their families.**



Scott on the day he moved into his home with Liberty ARC.

When Scott was born in the late-1980s, we knew that we would need a little extra help. Just like today, Scott was joyful and a light to everyone. We wanted to find the best services and supports available to him as early as possible. That's why we started receiving assistance through Liberty ARC's Family Support Services. Scott participated in the after-school program and recreation activities, and we received respite services. **Liberty ARC has been a part of Scott's life from the start.** Like so many families in the area, we are so grateful to have this wonderful resource in our backyard.

In May 2014, Scott took a major step and moved out of our house and into one of Liberty ARC's homes, as part of the residential program. We were more nervous than he was! He was excited to pick the colors of his room and what his bedding looked like. He had so many choices to make that were completely his own. The staff at Liberty ARC were understanding and reassuring, warmly welcoming Scott into his new home. This offered Scott freedom,

independence, opportunity to grow, and most importantly a group of people that became like family to him. For almost ten years now, Scott has considered Liberty ARC his home.

Liberty Foundation needs YOUR donation to provide equipment, technology, experiences and the extra things not funded by traditional means. Donors like you help to ensure that people with disabilities and their families can turn to Liberty ARC for support, can call their house a home, and turn staff and housemates into their "other" family, for years to come!

Scott has always had a tremendous sense of humor and we're grateful to see that light in him has never dimmed. We've had the joy of witnessing Scott blossom and continue to grow since he has received services from Liberty ARC. He has close friends, staff members who care about him, and a community surrounding him. A highlight for him is delivering Meals on Wheels to those in-need. Scott has made wonderful memories with his housemates – including taking trips to NYC and Niagara Falls. Liberty ARC has created opportunities and experiences for Scott that otherwise would not have been possible. If you ask Scott what his favorite thing is



Thanks to donors like you,

Scott is living his best life!



Annual Appeal gifts have funded:

Transportation for people to maintain employment and volunteer opportunities in the community

Trips and visits to museums, attractions, zoos, and tourist destinations in the area

Quality homes and furnishings

Classes and workshops to learn new skills

Bicycles, gazebos, accessible swing sets, playground equipment, and games

about Liberty ARC, he will tell you, “Everything!”

When you give to Liberty Foundation, you are giving to support people with disabilities. **Your donations fund many of the needs that are not covered by state or federal funds and also help with things that make life special.** A gift to Liberty Foundation is a gift towards a quality of life every person deserves.

Your gift before the end of the year will ensure that more families have the support, acceptance, and experiences that have made such a difference to Scott. The ripples of your gift extend beyond what you may ever see - there is no better gift to give than making a positive difference in someone’s life! **Your donation to the Annual Appeal is what makes life-enhancing trips, items, and interactions possible.**

“Who knows what tomorrow is going to bring, and that is the joy that he has. He has that unknown future that is there, his for the taking, for him to grab, and Liberty is helping him with that. Without Liberty, he wouldn’t have the possibility. It’s fun to see what tomorrow can bring for him.”

– William Bonner

The generosity of donors over the years has made such a difference to the people Liberty ARC supports - Let’s keep the three-decades-long tradition alive with a gift that makes life a little brighter for someone with a disability in our community. **All donations stay local supporting people with disabilities in Montgomery County.**

Please join us in supporting **Liberty Foundation’s 2023 Annual Appeal** with your generous donation that will do so much good in our area!

With gratitude,
Mary Donohue and William Bonner, Amsterdam, NY

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