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Liberty ARC Awarded Over \$35,000 in Grants from NYSARC Trust Services Funds support guardianship and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities across two counties

AMSTERDAM- Liberty ARC, a chapter of The Arc New York, has been awarded \$35,400 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support the agency's recreation programs and guardianship program across both Montgomery and Schenectady Counties.

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 financial eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2024, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$2,697,508 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

This year, Liberty ARC received \$8,939 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 is ready to assist more as a standby or alternate standby guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded Liberty ARC \$26,461 to support recreational opportunities. Recreation grant funds help chapters of The Arc New York enhance recreational opportunities for the people with disabilities they serve. Liberty ARC has used these funds throughout the year to purchase a variety of fun activities including supplies for dances, camping trips, baseball game tickets, game nights, bowling, and going out to eat. The agency also purchased arts and crafts supplies and admissions to places such as trampoline parks, fairs, and Liberty Foundation's Denim and Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert.

About Liberty ARC

Liberty ARC, a chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties. 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 first- and third-party 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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