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Liberty ARC Celebrates Vocational Accomplishments With Graduation Ceremony

Amsterdam - Liberty ARC's Career for Me held a graduation ceremony to recognize 11 people for their hard work in completing the year-long program in their effort to prepare for entering the workforce.

Careers for Me is a time-limited career exploration program. Over the year participants attend, they participate in job site tours, attend job fairs, host guest speakers, and learn about different industries. Each month explores a different industry and set of careers. Throughout the year, participants are gaining skills and knowledge to prepare for employment while discovering their personal strengths and vocational interests. Participants also prepare a draft resume, obtain interview skills, participate in trainings transferrable to many workplaces including first aid/CPR and respectful workplace/harassment, and prepare for their transportation needs.

At the ceremony, participants were recognized for their accomplishments and presented with certificates. The celebration also included a luncheon and a live musical performance.

Those who received recognition are Puranand Allie, David Beauparlant, Sunita Bishundial, Alex Coffin, Edward Delgado, Jacob Grimm, Autumn Lesniewski, Grayson Rusnica, Joseph Sciocchetti, Jeffrey Thayer, and Ashley Rizvi.

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 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.

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