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Liberty Foundation Holds Concert to Raise Funds for People With Disabilities to Live Best Lives

Denim and Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert A Fundraising Success

Amsterdam – In its seventh year, Liberty Foundation held their annual Denim and Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert featuring Skeeter Creek on Friday, September 22 on their Liberty ARC Campus Drive in Amsterdam. The event raised over \$45,000 to provide life-enriching experiences and vital services for people with disabilities in Montgomery County.

It was a lovely evening saying goodbye to summer and hello to fall under the big tent while supporting a great cause in the community. Overall 335 guests were in attendance.

Every year, Liberty Foundation's Denim and Diamonds funds and provides vital programs, services, improvements to homes, and experiences which are not funded through government programs to the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities supported by Liberty ARC. Monies raised through the annual event this funded items like memorable trips, including to Santa's Workshop and a cruise luncheon in Lake George, updated gym equipment, passes to local gyms, and an adjustable drawing table for those in wheelchairs to take part in art activities. In years prior Liberty Foundation has provided funds for purchases such as a sensory playground, medical equipment, and updated furniture.

Liberty Foundation and Liberty ARC would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the following community businesses and business partners for their generous support of this year's event:

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About Liberty Foundation

The Liberty Foundation was started in 1993 to benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by Liberty ARC. The Liberty Foundation funds programs, services, and items that are not otherwise funded through state or federal government programs to enhance the lives of Liberty ARC participants. Throughout the years, the opportunities and services provided by Liberty ARC and supported by the Liberty Foundation has helped people with disabilities in Montgomery County live their best lives. The foundation provides resources that allows Liberty ARC to deliver an outstanding level of service and program excellence, so that each person can achieve a quality of life they value.

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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