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Liberty ARC awarded over \$35,000 in grants from NYSARC Trust Services

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.



Above: Pictured is a fun night of dancing at Liberty Foundation's Denim and Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert in September. Tickets for people supported by Liberty ARC were purchased with awarded grant funds through the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support Liberty ARC's recreation programs.



Below: Pictured is a group who receives services at Liberty ARC attending an Amsterdam Mohawks game over the summer through grant funds received through Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support the agency's recreation programs.

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