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Long-Time Liberty ARC Employee Appointed as Director of Nursing

Amsterdam – Liberty ARC is pleased to announce the appointment of Deborah Oliver as the agency's Director of Nursing.

Oliver has been a Registered Nurse for 38 years with a broad range of healthcare experience in medical/surgical, critical care, home care, skilled nursing care, staff education and nursing supervisory positions. For the past 20 years, Oliver has been employed with Liberty ARC in various capacities, including Residential Registered Nurse, Staff Training Registered Nurse, and most recently, Assistant Director of Nursing.

"I became familiar with Liberty ARC while working at a local hospital, where I provided nursing care to people supported by the agency," Oliver said of what drew her to Liberty ARC. "I also had colleagues whose family members worked here and spoke highly of the organization. The mission and values of Liberty ARC resonated with me and has kept me here for so many years, including the relationships I have built with the people we support and their loved ones."

In this new position, Oliver oversees medical supports and supervises Liberty ARC's Nursing Department, comprised of Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses, to ensure the highest quality of medical care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"While working at Liberty ARC I have been fortunate to receive growth opportunities and to work alongside wonderful mentors and colleagues who have supported me throughout my career," Oliver said. "I am proud to work alongside a collaborative, skilled nursing team that has a deep compassion and commitment to providing the best possible services. As a Director, I am excited to support growth opportunities and empower our nursing team in delivering the highest quality care possible."

Oliver attended the St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Amsterdam and became a Registered Nurse in 1987. She also attended SUNY Empire, where she completed numerous continuing education courses as part of her commitment to lifelong learning, professional development and excellence in nursing care.

"Deb brings a rare combination of compassion, expertise, and unwavering leadership," said Candace Opalka, Liberty ARC's Chief Operating Officer. "Her dedication sets a standard of excellence that inspires our entire medical team. She is a pleasure to work with her and to have her leading our Nursing Department."

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 The Arc New York

The Arc New York is the largest provider of supports and services for people intellectual and developmental disabilities in New York state. The 35 local Chapters of The Arc New York collectively support more than 60,000 people with disabilities and their families in every county of the state, and employ more than 30,000 people in the shared mission to provide people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities the ordinary and extraordinary opportunities of life. Founded by families more than 75 years ago, The Arc New York continues to be an influential advocate for the rights, opportunities, and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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