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Advocacy and Resource Center Awarded \$75,500 in Grants from NYSARC Trust Services

To support guardianship and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in Clinton County.

Plattsburgh, New York –Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. d.b.a Advocacy and Resource Center has been awarded \$75,500 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support their guardianship program and provide recreational opportunities for developmentally disabled individuals receiving services.

NYSARC Trust Services has been able to enhance the lives of people supported by awarding a total of \$2,933,000 in grants to The ARC New York Chapters statewide.

In 2019, The Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC Inc. received \$60,500 to provide guardianship services for people supported who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, The Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. Guardianship Program currently provides supports and services to fourteen people as primary guardian and are ready to assist one more as standby guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. \$15,000 to support new recreational opportunities and enrich the lives of more than 550 individuals it serves. The Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC Inc. plans to use the recreation grant funds to support people with disabilities to live an integrated life. Funds will be used to provide new opportunities to the people we support to participate in their communities. People will also continue to be provided with activities that enhance the quality of their lives while providing opportunities for integration with a basketball court rental, concert tickets, Vermont Lake Monsters baseball tickets, various shows and musicals in 2020. In addition, people will be able to utilize funds for technology to promote integration and independence.

To learn more about The Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC Inc. *d.b.a.* The Advocacy and Resource Center www.cviarc.org

About the Advocacy and Resource Center

Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. began over 65 years ago as an organization of parents who wanted better lives for their children with developmental disabilities. Over the years, the Advocacy and Resource Center has matured from a small, parent-run group to an agency staffed by professionals and operated as a business that is accountable to numerous stakeholders. Currently, over 550 individuals and their families benefit from the wide variety of services, such as vocational programs, community integration, therapeutic intervention and residential options. Advocacy and Resource Center focuses on assisting the developmentally disabled to actively participate in home and community life through personal skills development, employment, social activities and volunteerism.

About NYSARC Trust Services

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping more than 20,000 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 remain in their communities with greater comfort and independence while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

NYSARC Trust Services administers first and third-party supplemental needs trusts and pooled trusts for income and resource (asset) protection. While protecting settlement proceeds with a NYSARC Community Trust, we can also administer Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online www.nysarctrustservices.org.