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### **ADVOCACY AND RESOURCE CENTER, CLINTON COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE ARC NEW YORK / NYSARC, INC. AWARDED \$85,516 IN GRANTS FROM NYSARC TRUST SERVICES**

*To support Guardianship and Recreational Opportunities for People with  
Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities in Clinton County, New York.*

Plattsburgh, New York – (February 3, 2023) – Clinton County Chapter of The Arc New York / NYSARC, Inc. d.b.a Advocacy and Resource Center was awarded \$85,516 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support their Guardianship program and provide Recreational opportunities for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities receiving services.

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 2022, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$3,189,968 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

In 2022, Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC Inc. received \$67,500 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 provided supports and services to 14 people as primary Guardian and one person as standby Guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. \$18,016 to support new Recreational opportunities and enrich the lives of more than 700 people receiving services. The Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC Inc. used the Recreation grant funds to support people with disabilities to live an integrated life, including hiring the profession singer and song writer River Jack to provide song writing and recording sessions over the course of several months with the people we support. The funds were also used to have the Zucchini Brothers perform a concert at ARC's PATH Day Habilitation site for the people supported. Funds also created an opportunity for a tubing

trip at Lake Luzerne for 16 people supported from both PATH Day Habilitation and Residential Habilitation. Recreation grant funds were also used to purchase snow gear and tubes for sledding that are available for use by anyone supported in the agency. Funds were also used to purchase yoga mats and hand weights that will be utilized by the people supported who plan on participating in the Health Matters Course.

### **About the Advocacy and Resource Center**

The Advocacy and Resource Center is the Clinton County Chapter of The Arc New York (NYSARC, Inc.). The Agency started in 1954 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 700 people and their families benefit from the wide variety of services, such as vocational programs, community integration, therapeutic intervention, day habilitation and residential options. The Advocacy and Resource Center focuses on assisting the intellectually and developmentally-disabled to actively participate in home and community life through personal skills development, employment, social activities and volunteerism. The Advocacy and Resource Center currently operates 30 sites in Clinton County and employs over 700 people, making it one of the largest employers in the region. To learn more about the Clinton County Chapter of The Arc New York / NYSARC Inc. *d.b.a.* the Advocacy and Resource Center please visit us online at [www.cviarc.org](http://www.cviarc.org).

### **About NYSARC Trust Services**

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping thousands of 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 maintain comfort and independence in the community while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

NYSARC Trust Services provides administration of pooled supplemental needs trusts to help families plan for the future of a loved one with a disability, preserve income and assets for Medicaid planning purposes and long-term care needs, and protect unexpected windfalls of money. NYSARC also administers Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts for people who use a pooled trust to protect settlement proceeds. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online [www.nysarctrustservices.org](http://www.nysarctrustservices.org).