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The Arc Mid-Hudson Awarded Remainder Grant Money from NYSARC Trust Services
*To support guardianship and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in Green,
Putnam and Ulster Counties.*

Kingston, NY. The Arc Mid-Hudson a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities in Greene, Putnam and Ulster Counties has been awarded a generous sum of money in restricted grants from the Trustee Management Board of the NYSARC Trust Services to support The Arc Mid-Hudson guardianship and recreation programs.

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 eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2020, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$2,636,000 in grants to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

This year, The Arc Mid-Hudson received \$66,000 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, The Arc Mid-Hudson Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services to 20 people and is ready to assist more as a Standby or Alternate Standby guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded The Arc Mid-Hudson \$24,000 to develop new recreational opportunities to enrich the lives of the more than 1,300 members it serves. The Arc Mid-Hudson plans to use the recreation grant funds to This grant allows for individuals to have opportunities and experiences that they might not be able to fund themselves.

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About The Arc Mid-Hudson:

The Arc Mid-Hudson is a private not-for-profit agency founded in 1956 by families in Greene, Putnam and Ulster Counties who believed that their children with disabilities should have the same opportunities as their peers. Supporting 1,800 people from preschool through adulthood, our mission is "To empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to



achieve and experience the highest quality of life.” We are guided by the core values of: Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence; The Arc Mid-Hudson believes each person is unique and we provide individualized services each program participant. With over 1,700 employees, The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of the largest employers in the area. The Arc Mid-Hudson is the Greene, Putnam and Ulster Counties Chapter of The Arc New York and is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership. For more information about The Arc of Ulster-Greene, visit www.ArcMH.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 at www.nysarctrustservices.org.

About The Arc of New York

The Arc of New York is the largest not-for-profit in New York State serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The 53 Chapters comprising The Arc New York are located in every county in New York State. The organization supports over 60,000 individuals, employs over 30,000 people and has a membership of over 110,000. For more information visit www.NYSARC.org

About The Arc of the United States:

The Arc advocates for and serves people with I/DD, including Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and other diagnoses. The Arc has a network of 700 chapters across the country promoting and protecting the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes and without regard to diagnosis. For more information visit www.TheArc.org