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The Arc Mid-Hudson 2023 Wine & Dine Event Raised over \$30,000

Kingston, NY The 9th Annual Wine & Dine was held at Frank Guido's Little Italy on April 14, 2023. The evening, which paired four delicious courses with fine wines, had 85 attendees and raised over \$30,000.

"This year's Wine & Dine once again was a great success. This event helped us raise funds to revitalize our Pecora Community Room at the Joseph T. Pecora Center on 139 Cornell Street in Kingston," said John McHugh, Chief Executive Director of The Arc Mid-Hudson. "Fundraising events such as the Wine & Dine are a great way to get the community together and raise much-needed funds for the people we support with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

Following dinner was a spirited live auction hosted by Bob Siracusano of Sawyer Motors in Saugerties, NY, with many items available for bidding with names such as 'Wines from Around the World,' 'Locally Owned and Grown Spirits,' Wine & Spirits, 'But First, Coffee,' 'Self Care,' 'Right up your Alley,' 'Alexa Bring Me Wine,' 'Save Water, Drink Wine,' 'Who's Hungry,' 'Sip Back and Relax,' 'The Perfect Day,' and 'One Night Stay at Resorts World.' An exciting addition, courtesy of Bob Siracusano, were two visits from his Good Humor Ice Cream Truck. Thank you to this year's donors; WB Mason, Mountain Float, Ship to Shore, Keegan Ales, Millbrook Winery, Spins Bowl, Baldwin Vineyard, Water & Wines, Quartz Rock Vineyard, Hungry for Travel, LLC., Whitecliff Vineyard, Hot Spot Yoga, Wiltwyck Golf Club, Santa Fe Uptown, Santa Fe Burger Bar, Sawyer Ice Cream, Resorts World, Sawyer Motors, Bob Siracusano, and Tim Sweeney.

Bob also requested a "Fund in Need" to raise money to revitalize our Joseph T. Pecora Center in Kingston. The revitalization will include a Community-Based Respite program that will be open to the community members who have a developmental disability. Plans are also to offer a Senior Day program and establish a hub for our Day Habilitation Without Walls program. Future space will be available to community organizations for club meetings, including chess, knitting, and book clubs.

The Arc Mid-Hudson would like to thank Tim and Laurel Sweeney from Stone Ridge Wine & Spirits for donating the wine served and the wine and spirits used in the auction items, Bob Siracusano, our Wine & Dine Chairman and live auctioneer.



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 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