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The Arc Mid-Hudson was awarded \$65,360 in Grants from NYSARC Trust Services

Kingston, NY The Arc Mid-Hudson a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities in Columbia, Greene, Putnam, and Ulster Counties has been awarded \$65,300 in 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 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) by enabling individuals to maintain financial eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs.

This year, The Arc Mid-Hudson received \$47,000 to provide guardianship services for people with I/DDi 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 support and services to 10 people and is ready to assist 8 people as a Standby or Alternate Standby Guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded The Arc Mid-Hudson \$18,360 to support new recreational opportunities and enrich the lives of the more than 1,700 individuals it serves. The Arc Mid-Hudson plans to use the recreation grant funds to allow 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 Ulster, Greene, and Putnam 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 1,500 employees, The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of the largest employers in the area. The Arc Mid-Hudson is the Ulster, Greene, and Putnam Counties Chapter of The Arc New York and is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership. For more information about The Arc Mid-Hudson, please 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