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## **The Arc Mid-Hudson 2024 Wine & Dine Event Raised over \$66,000**

**Kingston, NY.** The Arc Mid-Hudson's Annual Wine & Dine was held at Diamond Mills in Saugerties, NY, on April 12, 2024. The evening, which paired four delicious courses with fine wines, had 181 attendees and raised over \$66,000.

"The Wine & Dine event attracts more and more people each year, which is one of the reasons why we had to move it to a much larger venue like the Diamond Mills. It was wonderful to see so many people who have been long-term supporters of this event, as well as new guests, too." said John McHugh, Chief Executive Officer of The Arc Mid-Hudson. "I want to thank Brianne Ebel and the staff at Diamond Mills, who did an excellent job helping us run this event. The money raised from events like this go directly back into the programs that help support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism."

This year's Wine and Dine event featured a special performance by Ian Flanigan. Ian, a former contestant on The Voice and a member of the Advisory Board of Hope Rocks, has been touring across the United States for more than a decade. Hailing from Saugerties NY, Ian has a diverse background in country, Americana, and folk music. He is a talented multi-instrumentalist, producer, and songwriter signed with Reviver Publishing. Currently, Ian is embarking on his second full-length album with Reviver Entertainment Group, collaborating closely with producer Jon Stone to explore a unique direction in country music.

After dinner, Bob Siracusano and Ray Tucker from Sawyer Motors in Saugerties, NY, hosted a lively auction. There were ten auction packages generously donated by Bob Siracusano, Resorts World Catskills, Ester Wine & Spirits, Your CBD Store Kingston, Diamond Mills Hotel, Upstate Films, Reginato's, Ulster County SPCA, Bradford Portraits, Royal Carting Services, Rose Forte-Piccoli, Rob Potts, Stone Ridge Spirits & Wine, JK's Wine & Liquor, Headless Horseman Hayrides and Haunted Attractions, and Whitecliff Vineyard.

The Arc Mid-Hudson extends their sincere gratitude to Jamie Cobb and Gene Fina from Stone Ridge Spirits & Wine for their generous donation of the wine served, Tim Sweeney for his knowledgeable discussion of the wine pairings, and the Wine & Dine Committee for organizing such a wonderful evening. We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the attendees and sponsors for



graciously supporting The Arc Mid-Hudson and its mission “To empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve and experience the highest quality of life.”

**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 1,324 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](http://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](http://www.NYSARC.org)