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Warren, Washington, and Albany Counties ARC Awarded \$56,500 in Grants from NYSARC Trust Services

To support guardianship and new recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in Warren, Washington and Albany Counties

Queensbury, NY – 12/19/2017– Warren, Washington, and Albany Counties ARC (WWAARC) a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities, has been awarded \$56,500 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support WWAARC’s guardianship and recreation programs.

This year, WWAARC received \$41,500 to provide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported entirely by community volunteers, the WWAARC’s Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services for eight people and is ready to assist five more as a Standby or Alternate Standby guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded WWAARC \$15,000 to develop new recreational opportunities to enrich the lives of nearly 1,000 people they serve. WWAARC used the recreation grant funds to throw a summer picnic. This picnic featured bands, dancing, a cookout, games, face painting, an ice cream truck and more! The “fun for everyone” theme offered a variety of options and encouraged people to make choices in how to spend their recreation time so they can engage in the activities that please them most. While some may look forward to the picnic food and relaxing with their friends, others may look forward to dancing to a live band and a DJ, competing in midway-style party games or picnic tournaments like horseshoes and corn hole.

“We love having the people we support from all of the counties we serve come together for a grand picnic and party at the end of the summer. Our recreation staff worked very hard to plan a tremendous event that brought smiles to the face of every person who was there,” said John Von Ahn, Executive Director of the WWAARC.

To learn more about WWAARC, visit our website at <http://wwaarc.org/>, follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WWAARC/>), or call us at (518) 935-4441.

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About WWAARC

Warren, Washington & Albany Counties Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. (WWAARC), located in upstate New York, is a nonprofit organization serving nearly 1,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental

disabilities. For more than 50 years, WWAARC has represented a longstanding tradition of providing outstanding advocacy, family support, and the very best quality services to many people throughout Warren, Washington and Albany Counties.

About NYSARC Trust Services

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping more than 16,000 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 remain in their communities with greater comfort and independence while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

NYSARC Trust Services administers first- and third-party supplemental needs trusts, pooled trusts for income and resource (asset) protection, and individual trusts. When protecting settlement proceeds with a NYSARC Community Trust, we can also administer Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online www.nysarctrustservices.org.