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# WWAARC RECIEVES $52,250.00 in GRANTS FROM NYSARC TRUST SERVICES

**SLINGERLANDS, NY** – Warren, Washington, and Albany Counties ARC (WWAARC), a chapter of the Arc NY, received $52,250 from two grants it graciously received in the spring of 2023 from the NYSARC Trust Services. These funds were used to enhance and enrich the lives of people we support in our Guardianship and Recreation programs.

The WWAARC Guardianship Committee and people we support with Guardianship Services are very thankful for the generous contributions of $35,250.00 they received from the NYSARC Trust Services. Our Guardianship Committee members provide thoughtful and responsible supports and services to six people who would not otherwise have a legal guardian. They respect the individualized Guardianship Services needed by each person in an ethical, competent manner with dignity, compassion, and trust. The Guardians encourage and support the person's meaning of quality of life; assist people supported to be actively involved with their own lives to the extent possible including decision-making and other aspects of everyday living.

As 2023 unfolded, holidays, birthdays and the change of seasons were honored with gifts that those receiving Guardianship Services cherished, experiences that they remembered which brought out their individual personalities and talents, discussions on health and well-being and sometimes the difficulties of life, the true feeling of friendships and understanding did not waver.

Throughout 2023, we remembered the value of Guardianship Services not only for those receiving the supports, but also for the Guardianship Committee as "guardianship is a continuous life-long relationship of trust". This generous Guardianship Grant from the NYSARC Trust Services offered our Committee opportunities to support and assist those people receiving Guardianship Services to pursue their life interests.

WWAARC sends our true appreciation to the NYSARC Trust Services Trustees for a grant that focuses on well-being and quality of life of each person supported with Guardianship Services.

"We are extremely appreciative of the NYSARC Trust for the grants that we have been given. The impact of their continued support of the programs and services we provide is immeasurable." said Dan Murray, Executive Director of WWAARC.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded WWAARC $17,000 to support recreational opportunities in our Day and Residential Programs. This year the grant funds were used to enjoy 4 different lunch cruises in Lake George, tickets to see the Lion King Broadway Show at Proctors in Schenectady, Schaghticoke Fair tickets, to host our agency picnic, and to purchase supplies for our annual scarecrow competition. The recreation grant funds presented us with the opportunity to purchase items, create experiences, and make memories that will last a lifetime!


WWAARC is a 501c(3) not-for-profit and is the Warren, Washington & Albany Counties Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. WWAARC is respectfully committed to providing services, advocating for and offering opportunities to individuals with differing abilities, and their families. We support them in reaching their fullest potential. Information is available on how NYSARC Trust Services may benefit members of the public:  visit the website at www.nysarctrustservices.org, call 1-518-439-8323,  or toll-free 800-735-8924 or e-mail info@nysarctrustservices.org.

Warren, Washington & Albany Counties Chapter of The Arc New York (WWAARC), located in upstate New York, is a nonprofit organization serving nearly 700 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more than 70 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.

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