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The Arc Rockland Awarded \$35,173 in Grants from NYSARC Trust Services

To support guardianship and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in Rockland County

Valley Cottage, New York – September 2, 2024 – The Arc Rockland, a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities in Rockland County, has been awarded \$35,173 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support The Arc Rockland’s 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 disabilities by enabling individuals to maintain financial eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2024, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$2,697,508 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

This year, The Arc Rockland received \$21,900 to provide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, The Arc Rockland’s Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services to 3 people and is ready to assist 4 more as a Standby or Alternate Standby guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded The Arc Rockland \$13,273 to support new recreational opportunities and enrich the lives of approximately 600 individuals it serves. The Arc Rockland plans to use the recreation grant funds for individuals to participate in a variety of activities, including bowling, baseball, dance, bingo, and Special Olympics. Along with the physical benefits of these activities, our individuals gain socialization experiences and engagement in the community.

To learn more about The Arc Rockland, visit www.TheArcRockland.org and follow up on social media channels.

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About The Arc Rockland

For 70 years, The Arc Rockland has provided comprehensive services to individuals with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD), including housing, education, skills training, recreation, socialization, and health care – all to help meet our mission to:

Empower the people we support to make personal choices and realize their dreams by providing them with resources to participate fully in community life.

About NYSARC Trust Services

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping thousands of 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 maintain comfort and independence in the community while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

NYSARC Trust Services provides administration of first- and third-party pooled supplemental needs trusts to help families **plan** for the future of a loved one with a disability, **preserve** income and assets for Medicaid planning purposes and long-term care needs, and **protect** unexpected windfalls of money.

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