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**CLINTON COUNTY CHAPTER NYSARC, INC. Awarded \$85,500 in Grants from  
NYSARC Trust Services**

*To support guardianship and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in  
Clinton County.*

Plattsburgh, New York – (February 22, 2022) – Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. d.b.a Advocacy and Resource Center has been awarded \$85,500 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support their guardianship program and provide recreational opportunities for developmentally disabled people receiving services.

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 eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2021, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$3,080,500 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

In 2021, Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC Inc. received \$67,500 to provide guardianship services for people supported who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, the Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. guardianship program provided supports and services to thirteen people as primary guardian and one person as standby guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded Clinton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. \$18,000 to support new recreational opportunities and enrich the lives of more than 700 people receiving services. The Clinton County Chapter, NYSARC Inc. used the recreation grant funds to support people with disabilities to live an integrated life. In 2021, the Recreation Grant supported people with disabilities to purchase a Kubota 4-seat utility vehicle. The vehicle is equipped with a cab enclosure, cab heater, four-point harnesses, tracks for the snow and other specifications. The utility vehicle will be used for the people we

support to enjoy trails and off roading experiences with the support of staff.

### **About the Advocacy and Resource Center**

The Advocacy and Resource Center is the Clinton County Chapter of the Arc New York (NYSARC, Inc.). It started in 1954 as an organization of parents who wanted better lives for their children with developmental disabilities. Over the years, the Advocacy and Resource Center has matured from a small, parent-run group to an agency staffed by professionals and operated as a business that is accountable to numerous stakeholders. Currently, over 700 people and their families benefit from the wide variety of services, such as vocational programs, community integration, therapeutic intervention, day habilitation and residential options. The Advocacy and Resource Center focuses on assisting the intellectually and developmentally-disabled to actively participate in home and community life through personal skills development, employment, social activities and volunteerism. The Advocacy and Resource Center currently operates 30 sites in Clinton County and employs over 700 people, making it one of the largest employers in the region. To learn more about the Clinton County, NYSARC INC, d.b.a The Advocacy and Resource Center, please visit us online [www.cviarc.org](http://www.cviarc.org)

### **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 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. NYSARC also administers Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts for people who use a pooled trust to protect settlement proceeds. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online [www.nysarctrustservices.org](http://www.nysarctrustservices.org).