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Six Runners to Wear Boilermaker Charity Bibs to Raise Funds for Arc Park

HERKIMER—Arc Herkimer is one of 11 organizations named as a 2019 Charity Bib partner for the July Boilermaker Road Race. In turn, six Arc Herkimer employee runners are now enrolled to wear bibs to run and raise \$500 each to help fund installation of water fountains in Arc Park, a regional park created for recreation for all abilities in Herkimer, NY.

The organizations were selected by a committee of volunteers organized by Boilermaker Community Outreach Director Rebecca Kearns. Since its inception in 2013, the Boilermaker Charity Bib program has raised over \$600,000 for area non-profits.

Arc Herkimer's runners include Angela Cook, Shayna Huyck, Keith Johnson, Brittany Neff, Abbigail Perkett, and Audrey Piccione.

To assist the runners in raising \$500, individuals can donate at www.archerkimer.org under Ways to Give. They can select their favorite runner or choose to

share the donation amongst the six to help with their fundraising goals. Arc Park opened in June 2017 as a nine-county, regional destination available to people of all ages and abilities. The vision of community integration for people with and without disabilities has been realized as thousands of people have used the facilities.

Arc Herkimer President/CEO Kevin Crosley said, "We cannot be more pleased to be a 2019 Charity Bib partner to help make Arc Park in Herkimer, NY an even healthier place for families. Due to funding limitations, Arc Park was constructed without bathrooms and water fountains, features that encourage greater and extended use of the park. Visitors, while overwhelmingly positive, have noted the absence of both. Bathrooms will be installed in Spring 2019. We will utilize the funds raised by Boilermaker Charity Bibs to construct two water fountains. Humid summers are now routine in Central New York, and hydration is fundamental to healthy play and recreation."

Questions can be directed to Frank Reid, Arc Herkimer Vice President - Strategic Development at (315) 574-7347 or freid@archerkimer.org.



Arc Herkimer Boilermaker Charity Bib Runners include, from left, Angela Cook, Shayna Huyck, Keith Johnson, Brittany Neff, and Abbigail Perkett. They will be running to raise funds to install water fountains in Arc Park. Missing from photo: Audrey Piccione.