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NYSARC Trust Grants Support Arc Herkimer Guardianship and Rec Programs

HERKIMER, NY—Arc Herkimer, a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities and others in the community, was awarded \$53,000 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support guardianship and recreation programs in 2017.

NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts (SNT) that can make dramatic improvements to the lives of people with disabilities while enabling individuals to maintain eligibility for public benefits programs, such as Medicaid and SSI.

Arc Herkimer received \$38,000 to support the local Corporate Guardianship program, which assures families that their relatives with developmental disabilities, who might require additional decision making assistance will always, if needed, have a guardian in place to help advocate for their expressed wishes, choices, dignity, and personal autonomy through appropriate supports and services.

Additionally, Arc Herkimer received \$15,000 which was utilized for recreation events and programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. The grant funded two shows: "Mystery and History of Magic," and "Pecos Bill Rides the Oregon Trail," at Herkimer College. Recreation events and programs also included pottery and photography classes, a

year-long choral program, a supports & services carnival, and three dances. Additionally, funds paid for trips to the Herkimer Diamond Mines, Farmers Museum in Cooperstown, NY, and the Herkimer County Fair.

For more information regarding recreation programs, contact Outreach Coordinator Monalisa Fermin at (315) 574-7822. To learn more about the Arc Herkimer, visit online www.archerkimer.org.



Sandy Stoltz enjoys pottery classes at Arc Herkimer. The recreation program was supported by a grant from NYSARC Trust Services, which supports guardianship and recreation programs for chapters throughout New York state.

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For 2017, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$2,793,500 in grants to NYSARC Chapters statewide. 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, the organization can also administer Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit online www.nysarctrustservices.org.

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