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NYSARC Trust Grants Support Arc Herkimer Guardianship and Rec Programs

HERKIMER—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 2018.

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 adults, teens, and children with developmental disabilities. The grant funded tickets for Utica Comets Hockey and Utica City Football Club, and a camping trip to Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park. Recreation events and programs also included pottery and art classes, themed activities at the Recreation Center, and monthly dances. Additionally, funds paid for trips to the Remsen Barn Festival of the Arts, Windy Hill Apple Orchard, The Farmer's Museum, Northeast Classic Car Museum, WonderWorks Destiny, Wolf Mountain Nature Center, and the Herkimer County Fair.

For more information regarding the Guardianship or Recreation programs, contact the Outreach Coordinator at (315) 574-7000. To learn more about Arc Herkimer, visit online www.archerkimer.org.



Michele Brewer, center, senior educator, Valley Commons program holds Liliana Griffiths, left, and Isabella Ingerham, right, to meet Poe the Chicken from the Utica Zoomobile. The zoo's visit was supported by a recreation grant from NYSARC Trust Services, which supports guardianship and recreation programs for The Arc New York chapters throughout New York State.

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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, services can also administer Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online www.nysarctrustservices.org.

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