Community Partnerships With a Shared Mission

2025 Annual Report

The Arc Chemung-Schuyler New York



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Salvatore Garozzo, MBA, MS, CRC, Chief Executive Officer

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Our Mission | Who We Are

The Arc Chemung-Schuyler is a family based organization, providing supports to people with varying abilities. We create opportunities for individual growth, while emphasizing choice. Our passion for excellence is evidenced by our family and community partnerships, quality supports, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision | Where We Are Going

The people we support are accepted and valued members of their communities.

Our Values | We Believe In

- Our Staff Being Our Greatest Resource
- The People We Support Being First
- Doing the Right Thing
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Life-Long Learning

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From our Board President, Margaret Lawrence:

The Arc Chemung-Schuyler is a family-based organization, powered by people, serving more than 1200 individuals in 18 counties. The work is rewarding and at times challenging; all is incredibly important, requiring every member of the team to bring their A-game each day. Many thanks to Salvatore Garozzo, Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors, members of the Senior Leadership Team, and all of the staff who support the Chapter and work collectively to fulfill the mission. Each and every one of you make a difference daily, and it is sincerely appreciated.

This August, the Agency's Board of Directors will meet to review and develop the organization's next strategic plan. The group will be charged with identifying goals that provide Sal, and the team, with a framework. This framework will need to evolve over time to meet the needs of the people, and families, we support. This is no easy task. Now, more than ever, it is critical for us to strengthen our advocacy; to diversify our funding streams, and to look for opportunities that allow the organization to best address the future. Over the last 75 years, The Arc Chapters have come so far, and we must not take a step back now.

In closing, I wish to extend a sincere thank you to our community partners. Your support helps to keep our voices heard, our programs strong, and most importantly, to realize our vision that the people we support are accepted and valued members of their communities.

Warmest Regards,

MargaretLawrence

From our CEO, Salvatore Garozzo:

In 2024, our community partners truly helped support our mission in ways that we could never have imagined. Our relationships with our community would not have been possible without the efforts made by Board President, Margaret Lawernce, The Arc Chemung-Schuyler's Board of Directors, members of the Senior Leadership Team, and all of the staff—each of which demonstrating their commitment to our mission.

When we looked for volunteer opportunities to help the people we support live fuller lives, Arnot Hospital was there to meet this need. These opportunities helped create friendships, learn new skills, and develop the confidence to encourage the people we support to look for that future dream job. When we were looking for social opportunities during the holidays, The Watkins Glen-Montour Falls Rotary Club was there to help. They hosted a Christmas party for the people we support, and their families, which was a huge success! It was great to see families there, helping us enhance the holiday celebration. Additionally, our community partners helped through some difficult times as well. When staff and people supported grieved the loss of a loved one, Pastor Mike Kelly, from Montour Falls United Methodist Church, was there to offer spiritual guidance and support. You are truly examples of partners in our shared mission and we appreciate all you do for our community.

In response to our partners' commitment to including us in our

community, The Arc Chemung-Schuyler team got together and reopened the Neighborhood Center in Watkins Glen as a community center.

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As a space dedicated to building and enhancing relationships, we were pleased to host Economic Opportunity Program of Chemung and Schuyler Counties, Montour Falls Library, and Corning Community College. In addition, we must thank the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) for awarding us a \$291,429 Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP) grant, enabling us to make needed updates and repairs to the roof and HVAC units on the Neighborhood Center.

Certainly, we cannot have an annual report on the value of community partnership without mentioning the incredible donation from Mr. Golisano. His generous \$5 million gift has impacted many lives, with funds being used to replace badly needed backup generators, to ensure homes have continuous power during times of power outages. This is even more relevant now that the storms seem to be increasing in frequency and the needs of the people we support have become more medically intense (some people we support require continued supply of electricity to power their medical devices). These funds enabled our agency to complete more than forty capital improvement projects!

As we look ahead, we will continue to build new partnerships around our shared mission. We want our community to know that we value our relationships and how they enhance the quality of life for the people we support. Whether it is by providing a volunteer opportunity, offering a job to a person supported, making a dental appointment available at a new clinic, or even sharing a kind word in the community, we thank you for being committed to a community where the lives of the people we support have meaning and value.

Sincerely,

alvatore Garozzo MBA MS CRC

The Arc Chemung-Schuyler 2025-2026

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Celebration of Services Awards

Pamela Stevens, Community Champion

presented to an individual who is truly a part of the community; joining clubs and/or groups, using public transportation, and just getting out and about often.

Johnathan Orr, Employee of the Year

presented to an individual who is doing great things at their place of employment.

Johnathan Sanders, Journey to Independence

presented to an individual who is learning skills to live independently.

Mary Kathleen "Katie" Knuth, Volunteer of the Year

presented to an individual who is committed to volunteering and making a difference in their community.









Our Programs and Services

Community Services

Career and Employment Support (Vocational Training): Benefits Advisement, Career Exploration and Transitional Employment with Youth, Community Pre-Vocational Services, Employment Services

Community Supports and Day Services: Community Habilitation, Day Habilitation, Day Hab Without Walls, Early Intervention, Family Member Training, Interim Case Management, Recreation, Respite (Community and/or After School)

Access to Supports (Intake)

Initial point of contact for a person and their family to gather information, assess need, and ensure individuals are directed to the appropriate service or resources. This service also includes handson assistance with the OPWDD Eligibility process.

Clinical Supports / Developmental Health Services

Social Work, Psychology, Psychiatry, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech & Language, Nutrition, At-Home Behavioral Support

Housing Supports

Traditional Group Housing, Respite, and Independent Housing options, which all aim to promote independence, community integration, and a high quality of life for individuals with development disabilities.

Our Programs and Services

Guardianship

This program ensures individuals have someone to advocate for their well-being and make decisions in their best interest, particularly in healthcare, housing, and day/recreational services.

NYSTART/CSIDD

Crisis prevention and response support that assists with Crisis Plan Development, Consultations, Education and Training, and also Crisis Response. There is also the option to work with a Therapeutic Coaching team to assist with crisis stabilization, assessment, and identifying interventions to reduce stress for the individual and system.

Assistive Technology Center

Home Enabling Support Program is a new initiative that will assist people who live in noncertified settings, enrolled with OPWDD, to address their needs in ways that promote, maintain, and improve the person's abilities and interactions, and supports their ability to live independently and meaningfully participate in their community. Assessments and trainings will also include services through ACCES-VR and our Article 16 Clinic.











Our Impact

We provided supports and services to 1,222 people, and their families, across 18 counties!



Our Impact

564 people were referred to us to receive information and referral services. We assist people in navigating the often confusing array of programs and services to ensure they receive the support they need.

144 people received assistance with becoming eligible for

services. We help people with IDD and their families receive proper assessments, access resources, and navigate benefits eligibility.

5 people received emergency assistance. The Arc Chemung-Schuyler Fund is a local endowment administered through the Community Foundation of the Elmira-Corning Area, Inc. The Fund is used to "fill the gaps" and provide for special needs or unforeseen expenses beyond those provided for by various other agencies, including government supports.



512 staff members employed!

- <u>All staff</u> received a pay rate increase.
 - Health

 insurance costs
 increased by 8%,
 but the agency
 did not pass
 that expense to
 our staff.
 - New positions have been added, to support the program areas and the people we support.

Our Financials

REVENUE: \$35,485,480 TOTAL



EXPENSES: \$33,230,387 TOTAL



149 community businesses and organizations support our Business Services Division.

29 people we support are employed at one of our businesses.

The Business Services Division provides businesses, government agencies, and local non-profits with cost effective and quality business solutions. Supporting one of The Arc's businesses not only provides a customer with a solution to their needs but also develops vocational skills and work habits in order for individuals supported to be employed at local businesses.

At each of our businesses, we provide the opportunity for upward movement, offering the people we serve choice. The business settings also bring community engagement and new friendships, to stem isolation. Everyone employed in The Arc's Business Services Division earns minimum wage or better.

Transportation services provided in 4 counties! Chemung, Schuyler, along with neighboring Steuben, and Tompkins Counties.

22,876 trips were provided by Schuyler County Transit

... of these—**5,447 trips** were for people supported who use public transit to get to/from day programs or employment and **17,000 trips** were provided to people supported who do not use public transit, getting them to/from day programs and employment.

Our Report Card for the Year

We ...

- Initiated a Technology First movement which resulted in The Arc Chemung-Schuyler being awarded the Home Enabling Support contract for the entire OPWDD Region I.
- Secured \$2.9 million in grant funding from OPWDD, to support our NYSTART/CSIDD program.
- Secured a \$297,000 DASNY capital improvement grant to replace a portion of the old roof and HVAC system at the Neighborhood Center in Watkins Glen.
- Secured funding, with the support of our partners at the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc., to initiate a "new neighbors" program to recruit non-native employment candidates to our agency.
- Received a \$5 million gift from Mr. Tom Golisano.
- Underwent renovations to make the front entrance of our Sullivan Street building ADA accessible (Summer, 2025).
- Put Advocacy into Action! Throughout the year, we joined forces with The Arc New York and The Arc US, along with self-advocates and families, to fight for Medicaid access to be safeguarded at the federal level. We also advocated for a Targeted Inflationary Increase (TII) at the sate level, which would increase the cost of living percentage allocated to stabilize our workforce.



Our Valued Company/Organizational Partners:

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