

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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RE: The Arc of Chemung Announces Two Additions to its Leadership Team

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Elmira, NY – The Arc of Chemung is pleased to announce two new directors who have been added to its Leadership Team: Diane Marshall and Joel Robinson, Jr.

“The Arc of Chemung has recently reorganized its vocational program, Southern Tier Industries, to bring a renewed focus on expanding opportunities for integrated employment,” said Sean Eagen, Associate Executive Director for Programs. “We remain committed to providing individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities the skills necessary to contribute to their community,” added Eagen.



Diane Marshall, STI Program Director—Diane joined The Arc of Chemung in June 2014 as the Vocational Manager. Diane has an extensive background in vocational rehabilitation and is skilled in nonprofit organizations, career development, coaching and conflict resolution. She previously worked for the state vocational rehabilitation agency in New York as a counselor, a supervisor, a trainer, and facilitator. Diane is a professional with a master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Syracuse University and a graduate certificate focused in Leadership from Cornell University NYSSILR.

Diane is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), and a Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP). Diane also serves an experienced adjunct instructor with Keuka College and as a consultant trainer for Innovations.

Diane resides in Corning with her husband and has two adult children. Diane has been involved in the community participating on several non-profit boards, as the chair of student volunteers for the Corning LPGA and for the past ten years as a volunteer and facilitator with Corning’s Gaffer District events. She enjoys also enjoys quilting and antiques.



Joel Robinson, STI Administrative Director—Joel joins our team with an extensive background in service delivery, development, and community engagement. Most recently, Joel served as the Chief Development Officer for United Way of the Southern Tier, since 2015. Prior, as a Chapter Executive for nine years, he held responsibility for delivering Red Cross services in Chemung and Schuyler counties, eventually becoming responsible for a six-county area for the organization. Many know Joel from his family business in Elmira, Robinson Lumber, where he worked for over thirty years, rising to the position of President.

Among other interests, Joel has been active with community and nonprofit



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organizations throughout the last forty years including the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, Glove House, Chemung County Planning Commission, Corning Community College, and the Chemung County Human Relations Commission, among others. Joel graduated from Alfred University with a BS in Finance, lives in Elmira with his wife, and has three grown children.

Southern Tier Industries (STI), a division of The Arc of Chemung, provides training and employment opportunities to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. STI is dedicated to developing vocational skills and work habits in order for individuals we support to be employed at local businesses. To date, 172 individuals in Chemung County receive supports from STI.

ABOUT THE ARC OF CHEMUNG

Founded in 1953, The Arc of Chemung is a person-centered, not for profit organization committed to meeting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the Chemung County area. The agency provides quality supports and opportunities for individual growth for every person supported by means of education, increased community acceptance, and participation.

The Arc of Chemung supports nearly 800 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families annually. Learn more at www.arcofchemung.org. *The Arc of Chemung is a chapter of the state agency, NYSARC, Inc. and is nationally accredited by The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).*