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*For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities*

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**RE:** The Arc of Chemung Awarded Grants from NYSARC Trust Services  
*to Support Recreational and Guardianship Opportunities for people with disabilities in Chemung County*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Elmira, NY** – The Arc of Chemung announces that it has been awarded \$31,891.90 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support The Arc of Chemung’s recreation and guardianship programs.

**Recreation Program:** The Arc of Chemung’s Recreation Program, which received \$15,000, creates recreation, socialization, and leisure opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in the community are often socially isolated and lack the social skills to pursue a life with meaningful relationships.

**Guardianship Program:** The Arc of Chemung’s Guardianship Program, which received \$16,891.90, administers guardianship services under the auspices of NYSARC, Inc. Corporate Guardianship Program. This is a program that is intended to provide guardianship supports to individuals in need of such supports but who have limited availability of family or other natural supports to fulfill this role. The Guardianship Program focuses on the best interests of individuals, while taking into consideration the personal wishes, preferences and beliefs that afford each individual the greatest amount of independence and participation in decisions affecting the person’s life.

**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 more than 1,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families annually. Learn more at [www.arcofchemung.org](http://www.arcofchemung.org). The Arc of Chemung is a chapter of the state agency, The Arc New York, and is nationally accredited by The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).

**ABOUT NYSARC TRUST SERVICES**

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping more than 20,000 people with disabilities protect their eligibility for government benefits and improve their quality of life. Our trust programs give people with disabilities the opportunity to remain on their communities with greater comfort and independence while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

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, we can also administer Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online at [www.nysarctrustservices.org](http://www.nysarctrustservices.org).

