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RE: The Arc of Chemung Announces 2018—2019 Board of Directors

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Elmira, NY – The Arc of Chemung recently held its annual membership meeting in which the slate of officers and directors were voted on for the 2018-2019 year.

Officers for the Board of Directors include Anita Lewis, President; Eileen Remec, Vice-President; Tom Gough, Treasurer; and Beverly Schwartz, Secretary.

Board of Directors include Betty Butz, Dorothy Caldwell, Kevin Granger, Cheryl Guild, Kathy Littleton, Cheryl Locke, Lee Moran, David Ralph, and Margaret Sisson. *Ex-Officio, Sean Eagen, The Arc of Chemung's Executive Director.*

The Arc of Chemung's Board of Directors is comprised of a diverse team of parents and local professionals. The Board supports and guides the agency in providing programs and services to individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.

Additionally, Board President, Anita Lewis highlighted the 65th anniversary of the Agency by saying, "Today, we celebrate 65 years – doing incredible things with incredible people. Formed in 1953, by a small group of parents who were concerned with the lack of educational supports available for their children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The Arc of Chemung's journey began. With a budget of approximately \$2,700, the agency began as a single classroom located in the Jewish Community Center. Six children with disabilities attended the school and were given the opportunity to learn with the ultimate goal of living as independently as possible. Through the years, the agency developed programs to meet the needs of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, not just children. 65 years later, serving nearly 1,000 individuals, our journey continues."

Lewis added, "We have been fortunate, for the past 65 years, to have had so many wonderful people, businesses, and organizations support our work. I invite you to join us on our continued journey. Be part of our growth, and success. Continue to celebrate tremendous milestones with us."

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 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, The Arc New York, and is nationally accredited by The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).*

