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Residents Celebrate Newly Renovated Space

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Elmira, NY – The Arc of Chemung recently held an open house at their Smith Road residence, to celebrate the completion of some intensive renovations, which included the addition of three new single bedrooms and a new staff office.

In addition to thanking The Arc of Chemung's Facilities Team, for making the newly-renovated space happen, Michael A. Doherty, Ph.D., The Arc of Chemung's Executive Director, and Lucimar Escudero, Board Vice-President, spoke about how the Agency set out with a mission to raise the funds from members of our community to support this project and we received tremendous support from: The Anderson Foundation; The Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning & the Finger Lakes, Inc.; First Heritage Federal Credit Union; The Hilliard Foundation; and Chemung Canal Trust Company. One resident provided a hand-held tour throughout the home.

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 <u>www.arcofchemung.org</u>. 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).



Top: Jane Joralemon, The Anderson Foundation; Lucimar Escudero, Board Vice-President and representing Chemung Canal; and Michael A. Doherty, Ph.D., Executive Director, highlight the contributions and history of the home.

Bottom: Residents at Smith Road celebrate their new space.



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