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Allegany Arc and The Arc of Steuben Merge

WELLSVILLE, NY - Allegany Arc and The Arc of Steuben have officially merged, to become The Arc Allegany-Steuben. Both agencies are affiliated chapters of The Arc of the United States and The Arc New York and provide services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

The two organizations began to explore a merger in 2019, beginning a multi-step process that included due-diligence and a strategic fit analysis to ensure the merger would be beneficial to each organization, the people supported, and the associates. After a thorough review and much consideration, the merger was approved by both Board of Directors as well as The Arc New York.

As a larger, unified organization, The Arc Allegany-Steuben is better able to leverage best practices and team skills to enhance its supports and services. The merger of the two agencies allows them to expand their programming and services. They will now provide services to approximately 1,000 people with disabilities, with the support of over 800 associates, and a budget of \$34 million.

“The success of our newly unified organization is thanks to both the Allegany and Steuben associates who have worked hard to steer a strong course for our agency and for their efforts in support of this journey of unification,” said Mike Damiano, Executive Director of The Arc Allegany-Steuben.

The new, merged organization, provides residential, day habilitation, employment, family, community and social supports. The Arc Allegany-Steuben also operate a Business Services Division, which includes PWI, Wellsville Redemption Center, At Your Service Contract Cleaning, Steuben Area Rides and Star Enterprises; Janitorial Services, Screen Printing Services, Embroidery Services, Assembly & Mailing Services and Mini Storage.

Michael Damiano, Allegany Arc’s CEO, holds the same title for the merged organization. The Arc Allegany-Steuben’s Board of Directors include Kevin Gildner, President; Denece Gossie, Vice President; Linda Pullman, Treasurer; Olivia Dates, Secretary; Art Stilwell; Helen Binkowski; Linda Clayson; Amie Coats; Linda Elias Carl; Paul Greenfield; Pauline Holbrook; Ed Pekarek; Jim Stevens; Tom Talbett Jr.; Debbie Thompson; and Ed Wilson.

Administrative offices are located at One Arc Way, Bath, NY 14810 (Steuben County) and at 50 Farnum Street, Wellsville, NY 14895 (Allegany County).
