

WE LOVE OUR DSPs

The week of September 12th, the Arc Allegany-Steuben celebrated National Direct Support Professionals Week!

The Arc Allegany-Steuben is dedicated to supporting and respecting people’s choices on their journey to independence. Our Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), often referred to as personal assistants or care aides, maintain trusted relationships with hundreds of people with disabilities throughout Allegany and Steuben counties. They enable people with developmental and intellectual disabilities by assisting them with their daily affairs and intimate needs: medications, meals, dressing, mobility, vocational training, respite care and other services. The success of our programs can be attributed to the unfailing devotion and commitment to providing quality services by our team of Direct Support Professionals.

The Arc Allegany-Steuben would like to thank all of its DSPs; the value of this important work cannot be underestimated and it provides a benefit to not only the people we serve, but our entire community as a whole. THANK YOU!

New York Special Olympics Athletes Chosen for USA Games in 2022



Congratulations to Kristen Massey and Michael Potter!

Both Green Machine athletes have been selected to represent “Team New York” at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida. Michael will be competing as part of the New York Bocce Team and Kristen will be participating on the New York Track & Field Team.

The 2022 USA Games is hosted once every four years and is scheduled for June 5-12, 2022, in Orlando, Florida. During this week, more than 5,500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean will travel to Florida to take part in 13 sporting events (Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Gymnastics, Soccer, Powerlifting, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon, and Track & Field).

See You at the County Fair



Allegany County Fair Booth



Steuben County Fair Booth

The Arc Allegany-Steuben spent a week at the Allegany County Fair (July 19th-24th) and the Steuben County Fair (August 17th – 22nd) this summer. Associates from various departments across the agency signed up to work the booth and show off our newly-merged look.

Lots of familiar and new faces stopped by the booths; giving the Arc Allegany-Steuben a chance to catch up with long time friends, reconnect with those we have lost touch with, and educate those who were not familiar with the work of the Arc.

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Mission, Vision & Values

During the unification process, to assist in blending the two agency cultures, the Arc of Steuben and Allegany Arc contracted with 19 Ideas Marketing Firm to create a new Mission, Vision & Values. All Steuben and Allegany Associates were invited to participate in an online survey and interviews with staff, people served and stakeholders were held in both counties during July and August 2020. The feedback received was utilized by 19 Ideas to create the Arc Allegany-Steuben’s Mission, Vision, and Values. Our shared values are very important when it comes to setting the tone and standards for our agency and they were selected after careful consideration of many factors.

MISSION

To support and respect people’s choices on their journey to independence.

VISION

A community of people who see opportunities in each other.

VALUES (I HEART)



Honor

Be honest about any internal struggles or communications; around the future each person can expect; in the ways that you respect the transparency you would want for yourself.

Educate

Be a beacon of inspiration for people; of inclusion for communities; of advancement by talking, promoting and educating those who further the stigma; and of radiant positivity, always.

Adapt

Be open to change within the organization; to inspire opportunities within people; and to an ever-changing industry that requires patience and compassion.

Remain

Be committed to your community, your team and your people; to always doing what’s right; and to making a positive impact every day.

Try

Be willing to be flexible with your team and on behalf of the people you support; to do everything you can to make a difference for one person; and to speak up as an agent of change when it’s most needed.

Legislative Advocacy Update



During the month of September, the Arc Allegany-Steuben was busy meeting with local legislative representatives to discuss the important issues surrounding the direct support workforce crisis.

The Arc Allegany-Steuben, along with neighboring Arcs (In-Tandem, The Resource Center and The Arc of Chemung - Schuyler) met with Congressman Tom Reed September 1st to advocate for the Better Care Better Jobs Act and creating a Standard Occupational Code for DSPs. Two self-advocates (Ted Perry and Bryan Burdick) and a Direct Support Professional (Julia Davenport) also shared their personal stories with the Congressman.

Executives from the Arc Allegany-Steuben then met with Assemblyman Palmesano and a representative from Senator O'Mara's office September 20th to discuss stopping the residential and therapeutic leave cuts, funding a living wage, and investing in the future of our Direct Support Professional workforce. Two self-advocates (Ted Perry and Ridge Erskine) also attended and shared their personal stories.



Green Machine Softball Team vs. Arc Associates



Congratulations to the Arc Allegany-Steuben Associates who defeated the Green Machine softball team 11-4 during the annual Arc Allegany-Steuben Associate vs. Green Machine Softball Challenge.

The Green Machine put up a good fight, but could not hold off the Arc Associates powerful bats.

Annual 5k Raffle Run/Walk



Volunteers were scattered in the streets of Wellsville Saturday, September 18th guiding walkers and runners through the village as part of the Friend's Foundations annual 5k Raffle Run/Walk



Runners and walkers of all ages participated in the event; raising developmental disability awareness. The top three event finishers were: Ben Jordan, Elijah Brophy and Noah Joslyn.



Proceeds from the event will support Green Machine athletics and Friends of Allegany Arc Foundation activities.

art for the Arc

Virtual Experience

Save the Date

Online Silent Auction
Starting Friday, November 12, 2021
From 6pm to 8pm on Saturday

The silent auction will feature artwork from local artists including original pieces from artists here at The Arc Allegany-Steuben.

Don't miss out on the Art for the Arc experience, take the event to you! Purchase a Tasting Box ticket to enjoy while you bid!

Visit arcofsteubenfoundation.org for more information

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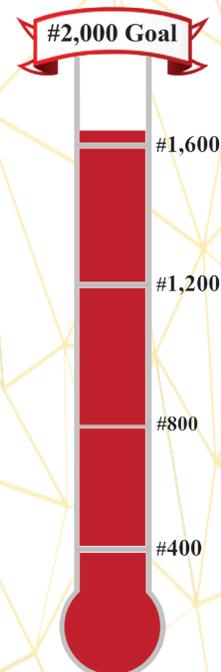
Membership Campaign Recap

Thank you to the #1,672 people who showed their support for the Arc Allegany-Steuben and those we serve by becoming 2021 Arc Allegany-Steuben Members.

2021 was a great year for Membership; entitling the Arc Allegany-Steuben to 34 Delegate Votes pertaining to issues directly effecting the positions and platforms essential to the agency's long-term survival and growth.

If you became a Member in 2021 – Thank You! Your support is a reflection of your belief in the agency's mission and your dedication to those we serve.

2022's Membership Campaign will kick-off in March with the goal of reaching #2,000 Members and growing the Arc Allegany-Steuben's life-touching footprint. Together we are making a difference.



• IMMEDIATE OPENINGS •

We are hiring

- DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS
- LIFE COACHES
- REGISTERED NURSE
- MEDICAL ASSISTANT
- PRODUCTION WORKERS
- CAREER SUPPORT SPECIALIST
- PLANNING & INTAKE SPECIALIST II
- PRODUCTION COORDINATOR
- EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST I
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
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