

# WE LOVE OUR DSPs



The week of September 7th, 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!





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## The Arc Allegany-Steuben Announces New Podcast Series



Introducing Journey Across the Arc — a new podcast series from The Arc Allegany-Steuben, hosted by Gregory DeGraff.

Take a deeper dive into the heart of our agency as Gregory spotlights programs, departments, and the people who make it all happen. Through real conversations and compelling stories, Journey Across the Arc offers an inside look at the services, support, and spirit of The Arc Allegany-Steuben.

More than just a podcast, it's a platform for exploration, education, and connection—designed to give listeners a richer understanding of the work we do and the lives we impact.

Episode #1 - Self-Advocacy with Kristen Babbitt

Episode #2 - Green Machine Athletics with Kyle Rook

Episode #3 - RISE Program with Melissa Spinelli

Episodes are currently available on-demand via The Arc Allegany-Steuben's You Tube Channel: [www.youtube.com/@thearcallegany-steuben3618](http://www.youtube.com/@thearcallegany-steuben3618)

Follow The Arc Allegany-Steuben on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/thearcas.org](http://www.facebook.com/thearcas.org)) to be notified each time a new episode drops.



2nd Annual  
Feathered Friends Duck Derby  
Friday, August 1st (11am) | Riverwalk Plaza, Wellsville

And the Winners of the 2nd Annual Feathered Friends Duck Derby are...



1st  
MICHELLE SERRA  
(\$600)

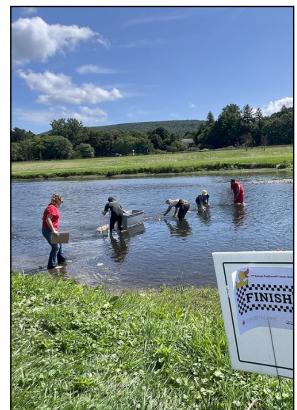
2nd  
JONATHAN CHAFFEE  
(\$350)

3rd  
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(\$200)

### LUCKY DUCKS:

#113 - JEFFREY CORBETT	#135 - JANINE LINZA
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WE HAD A QUACK OF A TIME!  
Can't wait till next year.



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## Recovery Through Employment

National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life. Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery and reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, people can and do recover, and gainful employment is obtainable.

The Arc Allegany-Steuben's ACHIEVE Career Consultants offer an Assisted Competitive Employment (ACE) program for people in Allegany and Steuben counties that is designed to assist people diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses with choosing, finding, and maintaining satisfying jobs in the competitive employment market.

ACE Employment Specialists prepare people for employment, assist in placing them in competitive jobs and provide extensive follow-up support to ensure a smooth transition into the work environment. The services also provide qualified individuals with job-related skills training as well as supervision and support services, both on and off a job-site.

If you would like additional information on ACE services, please contact Amber Parker, Director for Vocational Services, at [amber.parker@thearcas.org](mailto:amber.parker@thearcas.org) or 585-808-2856.

## Summer Scramble Results

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 21st annual Summer Scramble at the Wellsville Country Club. Congratulations to the winning teams!

- 1st Place Mens - Bruce Thomas, Bill Bastly, Brandon Haas, Dave Kuppernick
- 1st Place Womens - Cindy Haas, Heather Haas, Rose Cozzi, Traci Walker
- 1st Place Mixed - Sandy Jackson, Craig Jackson, Lynn Driskell, Chet Green



- Longest Drive - Women's - Rose Cozzi / Men's - Kyle Geer
- Closest to the Pin - David Cox & Traci Walker

## 4th Annual Fishing Derby

A giant Thank You to the Whitesville Rod And Gun Club for hosting another awesome Special Needs Fishing Derby. Over 100 people participated; catching a couple fish.



Congratulations to the Green Machine softball team who participated in the Special Olympics Western Region Softball Competition in Amherst August 10th and brought home bronze.

## 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 14th - 19th) and the Steuben County Fair (August 12th - 17th) this summer. Associates from various departments across the agency signed up to work the booth and share all the great things the Arc does.

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.

A promotional graphic for Stitched INK. It features the company logo with the tagline "CHANGING LIVES ONE SHIRT AT A TIME". Below the logo are five small images showing various stages of apparel production: screen printing, embroidery, and vinyl application. To the right of the images is text: "Providing a variety of apparel for all your needs Located at One Arc Way Bath NY 14810", "CONTACT US TODAY", and "customer.service@stitchedink.org 607-776-4147".

Need custom apparel for your business, organization or sports team backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee? Stitched INK provides screen printing, embroidery, and vinyl services as well as fundraising stores, company and team stores, and package per person.

Located in Bath, New York, Stitched INK is committed to providing high-quality, customized apparel solutions to a diverse clientele, including individuals, businesses, government, and community organizations. No matter your branded apparel challenge, Stitched INK will work with you to find a solution that exceeds your expectations; offering anything you can imagine when it comes to apparel - tee shirts, polos, hoodies, pull-overs, jerseys, hats - if you can wear it, Stitched INK can screen-print or embroider on it!

Contact Stitched INK today at [customer.service@stitchedink.org](mailto:customer.service@stitchedink.org) or 607-776-4147. Visit their new website ([www.stitchedink.org](http://www.stitchedink.org)) and like their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StitchedINK](http://www.facebook.com/StitchedINK)) to keep up with all the behind-the-scenes pictures and videos and see all the cool new designs they are creating.

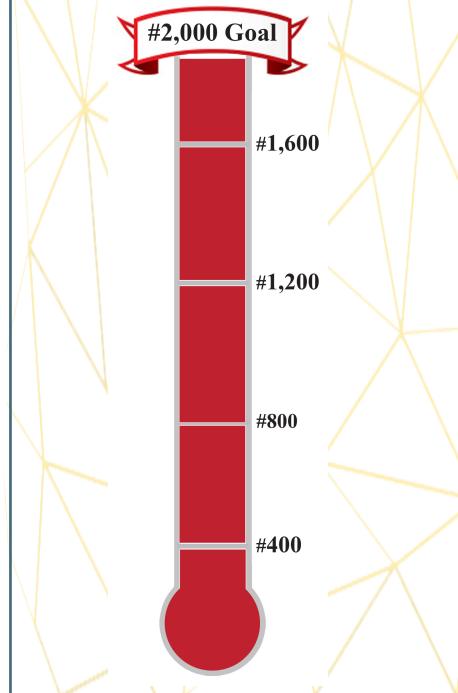
## Membership Campaign Recap

Thank you to the #2,006 people who showed their support for The Arc Allegany-Steuben and those we serve by becoming 2025 Arc Allegany-Steuben Members.

2025 was a great year for Membership; entitling the Arc Allegany-Steuben to 40 Delegate Votes pertaining to issues directly affecting the positions and platforms essential to the agency's long-term survival and growth.

If you became a Member in 2025 – Thank You! Your support is a reflection of your belief in the agency's mission and your dedication to those we serve.

2026's Membership Campaign will kick-off in March with the goal of once again reaching #2,000 Members and growing The Arc Allegany- Steuben's life-touching footprint. Together we are making a difference.



*Achieve with us.*