



**NYSARC**  
TRUST SERVICES

**The Arc Allegany-Steuben Awarded \$60,540 in Grants from NYSARC Trust Services**

The Arc Allegany-Steuben, a not-for-profit organization supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Allegany and Steuben Counties, has been awarded \$35,000 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support The Arc Allegany-Steuben’s guardianship program and \$25,540 to support recreational opportunities.

NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts (SNT) and pooled trusts that can make dramatic improvements to the lives of people with disabilities by enabling individuals to maintain eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2021, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$3,189,968 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

This year, The Arc Allegany-Steuben received \$35,000 to provide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, The Arc Allegany-Steuben’s Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services to six people and is ready to assist two more as a Standby or Alternate Standby guardian.

The Arc also received \$25,540 to develop new recreational opportunities that will enrich the lives of 100+ athletes served through its Green Machine athletics program. The Arc Allegany-Steuben will utilize the recreation grant funds to continue and expand its sport/athlete program offerings; bocce ball, bowling, softball, track & field, basketball and dance.

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**George Burnett Named 2022 William B. Joslin Outstanding Performer**



George Burnett stands with his mother.

The Arc Allegany-Steuben’s George Burnett has been recognized by New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) as an “Outstanding Performer” through the 2022 William B. Joslin awards program.

Joslin Awards Program celebrates those who have overcome individual challenges to experience meaningful employment on NYSID Preferred Source contracts.



Christina Leasure presents George with his Outstanding Performer certificate and award.

Burnett was recognized at a luncheon October 27th that was attended by over 25 of George’s family, friends, and coworkers.

To find out more about George, you can watch his Outstanding Performer video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91jk0k3m2Z0>



Congratulations to our very own Stephanie Kubiak who was named the 2022 Advisor of the Year by The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc. during their (virtual) Statewide Conference. Very well deserved Stephanie!

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**The Arc Allegany-Steuben 2022 Awards**

Congratulations to the 2022 Arc Allegany-Steuben award winners who were honored at the Art for the Arc fundraiser at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum. May you be proud of the work you have done, the person you are, and the difference you have made.

**JOAN MCNAMARA AWARD**



Congratulations to Elizabeth Tarr, The Arc Allegany-Steuben's 2022 Joan McNamara Award winner!

The Joan McNamara Award was established in memory of Joan McNamara by her family and friends. For nearly ten years, Joan served many at the Arc with dedication as a residential education coordinator and as a Special Olympics coach. Her focus was always to inspire and teach people to achieve their best, and she did so with creativity, humor, and compassion. This award was established to recognize a person who has best displayed commitment to self-development through learning and utilizing new skills.

**HONOR GRACE AWARD**



Congratulations to Linda Thomas, The Arc Allegany-Steuben's 2022 Honor Grace Award winner!

The Honor Grace Award was established by the Rev. Sandra K. Curtis in memory of her mother, Honor Grace King. This award honors a person who demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics: 1) Perseverance 2) Grace under difficult circumstances 3) Outstanding character 4) Acting with honor 5) Demonstrating kindness

**ELIAS HUBBS AWARD**



Congratulations to Kimberly Howard, The Arc Allegany-Steuben's 2022 Elias Hubbs Award winner!

The Elias Hubbs Award was established by Linda Elias Carl, and the late Walter Carl, as a memorial in honor of their mothers, Mary Elias, and Evelyn Hubbs Carl. This award is presented to a person who have made outstanding achievements and overcome tough obstacles in order to realize a personal goal.

**The Arc Allegany-Steuben 2023 Holiday Schedule**

- Sunday January 1 - New Year's Day  
*\*Business offices will observe the holiday on Friday, December 30, 2022\**
- Monday May 29 - Memorial Day
- Tuesday July 4 - Independence Day
- Monday September 4 - Labor Day
- Thursday November 23 - Thanksgiving
- Friday November 24 - Day After Thanksgiving
- Sunday December 24 - Christmas Eve  
*\*Business offices will observe the holiday on Friday, December 22, 2023\**
- Monday December 25 - Christmas

## Legislative Advocacy Update



There was an incredible turnout at the New York State Capitol for a rally in November. People from The Arc New York family (including The Arc Allegany-Steuben) and the New York Disability Advocates traveled to Albany to rally for staff and services.

Couldn't make it in person? You can still join the call by visiting: <https://p2a.co/e5sta1V>. Raise your voice for New Yorkers with I/DD!

## Associate vs. Green Machine Softball Challenge



Congratulations to the "Machine" team who defeated the "Green" team 8-6 during the annual Arc Allegany-Steuben Associate vs. Green Machine Softball Challenge. The game was played with unified teams this year due to the large number of softball athletes. It was a close game right down to the last inning, but the 'Machine' team pulled off the win.

## Genesee Regional Upstate Fall Classic



Congratulations to the Green Machine softball athletes who brought home a Silver in Team Competition and a variety of medals in Skills Competition at the Special Olympics Genesee Region Upstate Fall Classic softball competition.

## Special Olympics Western Super Regional Bocce Competition

Congratulations to all the bocce athletes who participated in the Special Olympics Western Super Regional Bocce Tournament at Houghton University! Green Machine athlete Jessica kicked off the event by reading the Athlete's Oath.



## Annual Christmas Card Design Contest Winners Announced

Brianna Neuhaus and Mary Kuhlmann were named the winners of this year's Christmas card design contest. Both artists had their design appear on The Arc Allegany-Steuben's 2022 Christmas cards, received a dozen cards for themselves, and received an Arc logo t-shirt.



Mary Kuhlmann



Brianna Neuhaus

## Let's Get Social!



Did you know The Arc Allegany-Steuben is on Facebook and Instagram? Follow us today at [facebook.com/thearcas.org](https://facebook.com/thearcas.org) and be kept in the loop on agency events, activities, announcements, etc. The Arc Allegany-Steuben also has an ADA compliant website: [www.thearcas.org](http://www.thearcas.org). Check us out the next time you are online.

# ACHIEVE Career Consultants

## Pre-Employment Transition Services for Students with Disabilities Available Free Online

The Arc Allegany-Steuben, Greater Southern Tier BOCES, and Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) have partnered to prepare students with disabilities for employment through a Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) program. The Pre-ETS program provides students with a variety of activities and services to explore work/careers, post-secondary education options, develop employment-related soft skills and provide opportunities to obtain work experience with the appropriate supports to help them be able to set and work toward reaching employment and social goals.

“Pre-ETS is a program designed to introduce youth and young adults to activities that will increase their knowledge of the world of work, work options, and education options,” said Christina Lyon, Director for Vocational Services at The Arc Allegany-Steuben. “The program provides students with opportunities for work/job/career exploration, classroom instruction, assessments, conversations, and participation in employment and post-secondary environments.”

Pre-ETS Services are available for students in Allegany, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Thompkins counties who:

- are 14-21 years of age
- have a documented disability
- are not currently eligible to receive services from ACCES-VR
- are attending a recognized secondary or post-secondary program; or a non-traditional or alternative secondary education program, including home schooling (other recognized educational programs, such as those offered through the juvenile justice system, foster care system etc., are also eligible).

If you would like additional information on the Pre-ETS program, please contact Christina Lyon at 585-593-5700 Ext. 227 or [christina.lyon@thearcas.org](mailto:christina.lyon@thearcas.org).

Santa made an early appearance to greet move-goers at the agency’s free Holiday Movie (Strange World) at the Spotlight of Hornell theater.



The Recreation Group enjoyed some holiday fun at the Corning Museum of Glass.



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