



**The Arc Allegany-Steuben Awarded \$28,500  
Grant from NYSARC Trust Services**

The Arc Allegany-Steuben has been awarded \$28,500 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support The Arc Allegany-Steuben's guardianship.

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 people to maintain financial eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2025, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$1,687,293 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

This year, The Arc Allegany-Steuben received \$28,500 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.

To learn more about the supports and services offered by The Arc Allegany-Steuben, visit [www.thearcas.org](http://www.thearcas.org).

**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.

**David Gardner Named The Arc Allegany-Steuben's  
2025 NYSID Outstanding Performer**



Congratulations to David Gardner, NYSID's 2025 Outstanding Performer! David was recognized by his friends, family, and peers at a luncheon held in his honor October 24th.

NYSID's Outstanding Performer Awards Program celebrates those who have overcome individual challenges to experience meaningful employment on NYSID Preferred Source contracts.



The Incredible Voice self-advocates and friends showed up in record numbers for this year's fall highway clean-up. Exit 39 off I-86 never looked so good!

**Incredible Voice Apparel Store Now Open**

The Incredible Voice self-advocates now have their own online store! Get all kinds of gear featuring the Incredible Voice logo and show your support for our amazing self-advocates. A portion of every item sold goes directly to supporting the Incredible Voice self-advocates and advancing their mission.

CLICK HERE to shop now and make a difference: <https://incrediblevoice.itemorder.com/shop/home/>





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# It's *The Arc*, Not *ARC*

*Promoting respect and inclusion for people with disabilities since 1950.*



## A Quick Reminder: The Correct Name is The Arc

Let's get it right! The correct name is The Arc, not ARC. Using the proper name shows respect for the people we support and our mission.

Since 1950, The Arc has been at the forefront of promoting respect and inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). While our name may be familiar, it's important to remember:

- It's The Arc (not an acronym)
- It's not ARC or The ARC

By using our name correctly, you're helping us emphasize respect, consistency, and our identity as a nationwide network with nearly 600 chapters advocating for people with I/DD.

Together, let's continue building a world of respect, dignity, and inclusion for all!

## The Arc Allegany-Steuben 2026 Holiday Schedule

- Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day
- Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day
- Friday, July 3 - Independence Day
- Monday, September 7 - Labor Day
- Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 27 - Day After Thanksgiving
- Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 25 - Christmas



*Achieve with us.*





## Tell Governor Hochul to Support People with Disabilities in FY27 Budget

The Arc New York has launched a One-Click Campaign to inform the Governor of our budget requests, and we encourage you to add your voice. By participating, you will quickly send a letter to Governor Hochul, reminding her that support for New Yorkers with I/DD must be a priority in this year's Executive Budget.

We are asking for:

- A 2.7% Targeted Inflationary Increase (TII) to ensure funding accounts for the increased cost of living and providing services
- The Careforce Affordability Initiative to support affordable housing, childcare and healthcare for direct care staff
- Infrastructure Investments to ensure funding accounts for the increased cost of living and providing services to maintain facilities, meet state climate goals, and support innovative services

CLICK HERE to participate in the One-Click Campaign:  
<https://arcny.quorum.us/campaign/FY27-NYS-Budget>



## NYSEG/RG&E Donates \$3,500 to The Arc Allegany-Steuben

New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E), subsidiaries of Avangrid, Inc., have provided a \$3,500 donation to The Arc Allegany-Steuben to support services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The funds will be used to enhance programs that promote independence, community inclusion, and skill development for the people served by the agency.

## 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! The team brought home a variety of medals.



## Annual Christmas Card Design Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to Jeremy Brooks and Chris Wood, the winners of this year's Christmas Card Design Contest! Each artist had their design featured on The Arc Allegany-Steuben's 2025 Christmas cards, received a dozen cards to share, and an Arc logo T-shirt.



Jeremy Brooks



Chris Wood

The Incredible Voice self-advocates decorated the agency's Christmas tree on the David A Howe library lawn this year. Each member chose an ornament that represents their favorite holiday memory or tradition. A beautiful display of individuality, joy, and holiday spirit!





## **The Arc Allegany-Steuben Receives \$5,000 Grant from Health Foundation for Western & Central New York to Support Green Machine Athletics**

The Arc Allegany-Steuben is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York to support its Green Machine Athletics program.

The Green Machine Athletics program provides year-round sports training and opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). By promoting active lifestyles and creating inclusive opportunities to participate in athletics, the program helps participants build confidence, develop skills, and experience the many benefits of sports and healthy living.

"This generous support from the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York ensures that people with I/DD have ongoing access to athletics, wellness, and community engagement," said Carrie Redman, The Arc Allegany-Steuben's Development Director. "Sports play a critical role in promoting health, inclusion, and empowerment, and we are grateful for this investment in our Green Machine athletes."

The Health Foundation's vision is a healthy central and western New York where racial and socioeconomic equity are prioritized so all people can reach their full potential and achieve equitable health outcomes.

"The Green Machine Athletics program gives participants the opportunity to have fun, improve their health, and connect with their community," said Nora OBrien-Suric, PhD, President, Health Foundation for Western & Central New York. "We are thankful to The Arc Allegany-Steuben for leading this important work."

Santa made an early appearance to greet move-goers at the agency's annual Holiday Movie (Zootopia 2) at the Spotlight of Hornell theater.



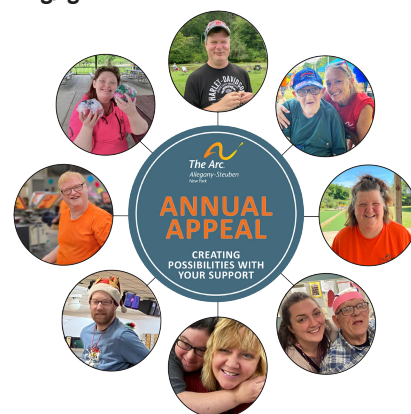
## **The Arc Allegany-Steuben Foundation's Annual Appeal**

When you give to The Arc Allegany-Steuben, you're not just donating - you're empowering possibilities.

Your support helps people discover new skills, find jobs, connect with friends, and live with dignity and independence.

Our Annual Appeal is happening now—please consider making a gift today to help us continue this vital work.

Give here: [www.thearcas.org/give](http://www.thearcas.org/give)



*Achieve with us.*