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**2018 Humanitarians of the Year:
Tim and Laurel Sweeney**

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of The Arc of Ulster-Greene Foundation Newsletter. We are excited to be able to bring to you highlights of what the Foundation has been working on and how the Foundation is supporting the mission of The Arc of Ulster-Greene. The support from board members and donors are the key to our success, and

makes a huge impact on how our Foundation will grow.

Being a board member of the Foundation is one way to show support. Our board members come from varying backgrounds and work experiences. They bring with them their own unique talents and abilities. All of our board members participate on different committees and support our fundraising events each year. They help the Foundation reach its goals by contributing their time and helping wherever they are needed.

Our fundraising events are the primary source of revenue that the Foundation raises. These funds are vitally important to support projects in the agency that would not otherwise be funded by New York State. The projects go directly to improving the quality of life for people we support, such as the new deck and awning that will be installed at the Rousner home in New Paltz this spring. Our events also give us an opportunity to see friends and share a little bit about what is happening in the organization.

Volunteering at our fundraising events is critical to make the events run like a fine tuned machine. Many of our volunteers have expressed how rewarding it is to be involved. Not only do we involve the entire community in our events, but we also invite the people that are supported by The Arc of Ulster-Greene, working together towards the same mission and values.

2018 will be another exciting year for us as we continue to transform our former 20,000 sq. ft. work center in Kingston to the new Cornell Creative which will feature a Business Center consisting of small start-up entrepreneurial businesses that work in the artisanal food industry. The businesses that are currently partnering with the Cornell Creative Business Center will receive reduced operating costs in return for hiring individuals with a disability. We are also working on developing an Arts Center to provide the community and people we support opportunities to work with real artists in a medium of their choosing.

We have a countless number of great ideas, but without funding, many of them will never be realized. That is why The Arc of Ulster-Greene Foundation is so vitally important to us for providing opportunities to the people in our programs that often are not supported by our State funding. Thank you for allowing us to be creative and innovative and helping to improve the lives of so many people. Without you our programs may not be as rewarding and dynamic as they are today. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and I look forward to seeing you soon at many of our events this year.



The Arc of Ulster-Greene 2018 Wine & Dine Event Raised over \$22,000!

The 4th Annual Wine & Dine was once more held at the Chateau in Kingston on February 24th. The evening, which pairs four delicious courses with fine wines, raised over \$22,000.

“This year’s Wine & Dine once again had an amazing turn out. We are pleased that so many people joined us for this event,” said John McHugh, Executive Director of The Arc of Ulster-Greene. “Fundraising events such as the Wine & Dine is a great way to get out and have some fun, while at the same time supporting an organization such as ours and the future Arts Center here in Kingston.”

Following the meal, a spirited live auction hosted by Bob Siracusano of Sawyer Motors in Saugerties was held to fundraise for the Cornell Creative Arts Center that will be opening in 2019. Auction items featured a 5 course dinner for up to 12 people at their home cooked by Culinary Institute Chef, Jay Misasi, and which is also paired with wine by local wine expert Tim Sweeny from Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits. A 40 slot wooden wine rack filled with 3 cases of assorted wines, a case of wines from around the world, case of local spirits, and a set of three Game of Thrones wines. The Wine & Dine auction raised over \$10,000 for the upcoming arts center!

A special raffle was held featuring two tickets to the Benedictine Health Foundation’s Sample, Sip & Savor event, Easter dinner for 4 at the Chateau, exclusive wines and several gift certificates to local eateries.

A special thank you to the Wine & Dine Chairman and auctioneer Bob Siracusano and wine sponsors Tim and Laurel Sweeney who devoted their time and resources to make this Wine & Dine a flawless event.

25th Annual Holiday Auction

More than \$42,000 was raised at this year’s 25th Annual Holiday Auction held on November 10th at the Chateau in Kingston. Over 166 guests attended and enjoyed cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, live music and a delicious three-course dinner. Guests were able to bid on over 200 silent auction items and 14 live auction items, as well as participate in our Wine Pull and Fisherman’s Raffle. We would like to extend our appreciation to all the businesses that generously donated hundreds of auction items, and to our volunteers that made this year’s event so successful.



Congratulations to our 2018 Humanitarian Award Honorees!

On May 4th, 2018, The Arc of Ulster-Greene is honoring the following outstanding people and businesses for their dedication and passion in our community.



Humanitarians of the Year: **Tim and Laurel Sweeney**

Tim and Laurel helped The Arc of Ulster-Greene create a new event, The Wine and Dine wine pairing dinner, which just completed its fourth year. The Sweeney's generously donate all of the wine for these events, as well as cases of wine and cases of local spirits that are auctioned off after the dinner. The Sweeney's have been long-standing supporters of the agency, even prior to the inception of the Wine and Dine dinner. They support all our other events as well, attending them as well as donating wine and spirits for prizes at these events. For their philanthropy and continued support of The Arc of Ulster-Greene, we are proud to name Tim and Laurel Sweeney as Humanitarians of the Year.



Employee of the Year: **Olivia Buboltz**

Olivia was chosen from 11 other "Employee of the Months". She was nominated for her willingness to step up on every occasion to make her program run smoothly and happily. She is always willing to cover someone's shift if the need arises. She cares about the individuals and cares about the program. You can always count on her to get the job done.



Personal Achievement Award: **Berecia Jarvis**

Berecia was nominated for the Personal Achievement Award for her continued growth and betterment of herself. She started work at Just a Buck in New Paltz in 2014, and worked diligently on her employment goals. She worked hard to overcome personal barriers, and developed into the store's finest cashier. At this time, Berecia lived in a residence supported by Anderson School. In October 2016, after years of striving to prepare, Berecia was ready to move out of this house and into her own apartment in Kingston, without residential services being provided. She secured a new job closer to her residence at Five Below in February 2017. Due to staffing reductions, Berecia lost her job at Five Below. In May 2017, she readily worked with her Supported Employment team, and in July of 2017, she was hired as a Cashier at Walmart in Kingston. This was a new challenge for Berecia, as the pace of the store is fast, the orders are large, and it requires her to interact with customers and handle a great deal of money. Berecia has successfully acclimated to her new job and is a valued cashier at the store.



Heart of Gold Award: **Adams Fairacre Farms, Kingston**

Adams Fairacre Farms in Kingston has been a long-standing supporter of The Arc of Ulster-Greene. Since 1991, Adams has supported the agency in many different capacities. Most recently, they support the Humanitarian Awards Dinner by purchasing an ad in our Ad Journal, monetary donations for our annual appeals, to being a sponsor at our annual Golf Tournament. Adams' philanthropy spreads over all of our events, never asking for anything in return.



Jack Deyo Award for Advocacy: **Autism Society Hudson Valley**

Since 2005, Autism Society Hudson Valley has worked with The Arc of Ulster-Greene to share our mission of supporting people with autism and other developmental disabilities. Over the years, they have assisted the agency with support and advocacy for people with Autism. They helped create a club called the Guild of Awesomeness, which allows parents and their children with autism to meet on a monthly basis for families to brainstorm with each other. The parents meet and talk, while the kids get to hang out and play games with their peers.



Employer of the Year: **HomeGoods**

HomeGoods was awarded Employer of the Year by The Arc of Ulster-Greene for their wonderful work with our individuals. They are extremely accommodating and work well with these employees. They are always open to customizing positions to meet the needs of the individuals we support. The Manager is very hands-on with them and gives feedback regularly. She has an open dialogue with our job coaches and works with them to ensure the success of these employees. We are happy to have such a wonderful working relationship with HomeGoods.



The Arc of Ulster-Greene is proud to announce the development of the new and exciting Cornell Creative Arts Center that is scheduled to be open in 2019. The Arts Center is 10,000 square feet of open space that will be transformed into 10 artist studios, 1 dance/movement studio and a community room workshop. Professional artists, videographers, graphic artists and various dance & movement teachers will have the opportunity to rent studio space at an affordable rate, and teach classes to people we support and to the general public. The Arc of Ulster-Greene currently supports many aspiring artists that will benefit from utilizing the Cornell

Creative Arts Center as a way for them to express their artistic abilities and gain confidence and pride in the artwork they create.

To make the Cornell Creative Arts Center a reality, we must raise \$1 million dollars for the design and construction of the art studios. The Arc of Ulster-Greene's 2018 Wine & Dine Event kicked off the fundraising efforts for the Cornell Creative Arts Center, by raising over \$10,000. More Sponsorship and Donor Naming Opportunities will be available beginning in the summer of 2018 for this 2-Year campaign.



Every dollar we raise will go towards the funding of this project. If you or your organization is interested in sponsorship opportunities or to learn more about the Cornell Creative Arts Center, please contact Lori McCabe Director of Communications and Public Relations for The Arc of Ulster-Greene at **845-768-5067**.

Foundation Board Approves \$30,000 Grant for New Deck and Awning at Rousner Residence



The Board of Directors of The Arc of Ulster-Greene Foundation has approved the funding for a new deck, ramp, and awning for the people living at the Rousner residence. The Foundation Board is committed to supporting projects that improve the quality of life for the people supported by The Arc of Ulster-Greene. After reviewing six capital improvement grant applications, the Foundation board chose this year's project for the New Paltz Rousner home. The funds will cover the costs of replacing the ramp and deck, and also installing a retractable awning to provide shade on hot summer days and dry coverage when it rains. Construction for this project is scheduled to begin in late Spring of 2018.

Sponsorship Opportunities



John McHugh presents Joe Burczak (left) and Tom Burgess (right) of Relph Benefit Advisors with a certificate of appreciation for their sponsorship.

Become a Sponsor

When you become an event sponsor with The Arc of Ulster-Greene, you make a statement and join other well-known local businesses that are committed to helping each person achieve their dreams.

We are dedicated to supporting every person in a manner that will provide them with a meaningful life — one where they can participate in society, form friendships and reach their potential.

As a multi-event sponsor, you will receive many benefits and recognition, but the most important thing you will receive is the knowledge that your tax-deductible donation will help us continue to support the approximately 1,300 individuals in our area who deserve to live a full life.

To become a sponsor, or if you have any questions regarding sponsorship, contact Kathy Bonelli, Events and Development Coordinator, at **845-768-5122**

PLATINUM SPONSOR

\$15,000

- Ten tickets, Humanitarian Awards Dinner
- Two foursomes and tee sign, Golf Tournament
- Ten Tickets, Holiday Auction
- Full Page ad in all four event programs
- Platinum Sponsor acknowledgement in the newsletter
- Platinum Sponsor acknowledgement in all four event presentations
- Logo on events page of our website
- Platinum sponsor mention in all written media
- Company logo on all event invitations
- Sponsor profile in one edition of our newsletter

SILVER SPONSOR

\$5,000

- Five tickets, Humanitarian Awards Dinner
- One foursome & tee sign, Golf Tournament
- Five tickets, Holiday Auction
- Half-page ad in all four event programs
- Silver sponsor acknowledgement in all four event presentations
- Silver sponsor recognition on all event invitations

GOLD SPONSOR

\$10,000

- Eight tickets, Humanitarian Awards Dinner
- One foursome and tee sign, Golf Tournament
- Eight tickets, Holiday Auction
- Full Page ad in all four event programs
- Gold Sponsor acknowledgement in the newsletter
- Gold Sponsor acknowledgement in all four event presentations
- Logo on events page of our website
- Gold sponsor mention in all written media
- Company logo on all event invitations

BRONZE SPONSOR

\$2,500

- Two tickets, Humanitarian Awards Dinner
- Two players and tee sign, Golf Tournament
- Two tickets, Holiday Auction
- Half-page ad in all four event programs
- Bronze sponsor acknowledgement in all four event presentations

WINE & DINE *The Chateau*

Become a sponsor of our four-course dinner and wine pairing. This intimate gathering gives your business the opportunity to reach influential members of the community.

HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

DINNER *Best Western Plus Kingston*

The Humanitarian Awards Dinner recognizes local individuals and businesses that have provided exceptional support to The Arc of Ulster-Greene. By sponsoring this signature event, you will gain exposure to a variety of leading business owners and humanitarians.

ROY A. GONYEA, JR. FALL GOLF CLASSIC *Wiltwyck Golf Club*

Our golf classic, in memory of board member Roy A. Gonyea, Jr., is an exciting day that is always the talk of the town. As a sponsor, your name will be associated with the Hudson Valley's premier fall event.

HOLIDAY AUCTION *The Chateau*

The annual Holiday Auction features live and silent auctions, fisherman's raffle, a wine pull, cocktail hour and a seated dinner. This elegant evening gives sponsors the opportunity to reach prestigious residents of our area.

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Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve or Hat! Shop The Arc of Ulster-Greene Online Store



The Arc of Ulster-Greene is excited to announce that the Online Marketplace is live on our agency website:

www.thearc.org/shop offering a variety of agency branded merchandise.

We offer t-shirts in black and beige, dry wick polo shirts in black and gray,

hats in black and beige, pens, and our NEW Arc running jackets!

You can order everything easily online with shipping right to your home or place of business.

Memorable Moments



Brookside School Christmas Party Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Kingston

Pictured from left to right:

Ann Papelian (*Mrs. Claus*),

Christine Hein, Donna

Rosenberg (*elf*), **Gene Hall**

(*Santa Claus*), **Genevieve**

Buckman and Kate Landi (*elves*)



Jesse Landers & Michael Pasko at a New Jersey Devil's game at Prudential Center



Erica Bush (*left*), Branch Manager at Hudson Valley Credit Union, presents The Arc of Ulster-Greene with a donation. Also pictured, **John McHugh** (*center*), The Arc of Ulster-Greene Executive Director, and **Kathy Bonelli** (*right*), Events and Development Coordinator at The Arc of Ulster-Greene.

Your membership lets us know you care!

Membership at The Arc of Ulster-Greene shows that you care, but also powers us by numbers. The more membership we receive the better it helps us have a voice in our advocacy efforts and stronger in our ability to make things happen for the people we support. Your membership also means connection. It forms a network of people who share the same goals of creating society-wide acceptance for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Please support The Arc of Ulster-Greene by filling out and mailing the attached membership envelope with your minimum \$10 tax-deductible donation.

Save the Dates!



Roy A. Gonyea, Jr.
Annual Golf Classic

Monday, September 17, 2018

Wiltwyck Golf Club



Holiday Auction

Friday, November 2, 2018

The Chateau



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