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PEOPLE'S ARC OF SUFFOLK, FORMERLY AHRC SUFFOLK, AWARDED \$108,121 IN GRANTS FROM NYSARC TRUST SERVICES

*To support guardianship and new recreational opportunities for people with disabilities
in Suffolk County*

BOHEMIA, NY – December 11, 2024 – People's Arc of Suffolk, formerly AHRC Suffolk, a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities in Suffolk County, has been awarded \$108,121 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support People's Arc of Suffolk's guardianship and recreation programs.

NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts (SNT) that can make dramatic improvements to the lives of people with disabilities while enabling them to maintain eligibility for public benefits programs, such as Medicaid and SSI. For 2024, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$2,697,508 in grants to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

People's Arc of Suffolk received \$93,700 to support guardianship services for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, the Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services to 13 people and is ready to assist 12 more as a Standby, and 3 as an Alternate Standby Guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded People's Arc of Suffolk \$14,421 to support new recreational opportunities to enrich the lives of the more than 1,000 individuals that it serves. This grant enables the individuals to enjoy community outings like bowling, movies and visiting local farms, museums, and other attractions. It also allows them to purchase supplies and equipment for arts and crafts projects and other indoor activities.

About People's Arc of Suffolk (formerly AHRC Suffolk)

People's Arc of Suffolk is a not-for-profit organization which provides programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities throughout Suffolk County. People's Arc of Suffolk creates communities where people of all ages and abilities enjoy life to its fullest.

About NYSARC Trust Services

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping more than 20,000 people with disabilities protect their eligibility for government benefits and improve their quality of life. Our trust programs give people with disabilities the opportunity to remain in their communities with greater comfort and independence while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.