

A Few Reasons your Membership



Makes a Difference.

Your Membership Is Important And Our Allegiance Is Meaningful



Tony Alvarez, Executive Director, with Bob

Membership in the Schoharie County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. enables our association to support individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to learn, work and live dignified lives in our community.

- Membership promotes justice, fairness and equity in human and civil rights of valued and vulnerable people served and to be served.
- Membership means that a louder and stronger voice is heard by State legislators and national policy makers when compared with special interests.
- Membership provides meaningful opportunities for volunteers, committees, fundraising, public awareness, advocacy and special events.
- Membership supports job growth and employment opportunities with a positive economic impact on our local economy.
- Membership recognizes the vital role of direct support professionals who respect the human dignity of the people they support.
- Membership means being a part of a community of interest that understands the value of all people, their capacity to thrive and their unlimited potential.

Your Membership Matters In

"Creating Opportunities That People Desire"

By supporting people to achieve lives of distinction you are supporting people:

- To learn new skills for personal growth and independence with dignity and respect.
- To become employed in preferred jobs with career and employment opportunities.
- To have meaningful relationships with friends and family and to participate in the faith community of their choice.
- To receive comprehensive health care to promote physical and emotional well being. To make a difference in someone's life, your membership may be all that matters!



Creating Opportunities That People Desire

Since 1965

NYSARC, Inc.



RENEWAL NEW MEMBER

MEMBER STATUS Parent/ Relative of Individual with a Disability Friend Business*
 Staff Member Other NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____ (\$5.00 Minimum per Member)

NAME(S) : _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____

STATE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ZIP _____

Please make check payable to Schoharie County ARC, PO Box 307, Schoharie, NY 12157

Or Charge \$ _____ to VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

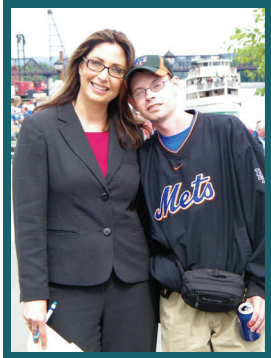
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CARD # _____

SIGNATURE _____

* In order to qualify as Business Members, an individual's name is required. You may list an individual name for each \$5.00 of your membership contribution.

Why is Your Membership so Important?



Michael with WTEW's Lydia Kulbida

Our son Michael has been an active member of the ARC family for over ten years now. Michael loved High School and we knew that the transition away from school would be challenging. For the past decade the entire ARC staff has worked diligently

with our family to help Michael become a successful, active, and self-assured adult member of the community. Every day of the week he has contact with ARC staff, either through his employment in the bakery at Price Chopper (stop by and ask him for a cookie), or his Day Program. Through the dedication and creativity of the staff Michael has a job, visits museums and sports events, volunteers in the community, enjoys movies and shopping, and is encouraged to pursue his interests and hobbies.

Michael loves to perform and we know he will enjoy participating in the newly formed performing and creative arts program, the Red Rose Project. We also look forward to seeing Michael make a successful transition to community living. We are confident that with the help of the supportive ARC staff, Michael will find the perfect living situation where he can continue to work on his skills and talents and share all he has to offer. We are so very grateful to the entire ARC community for their dedication to Michael and our family. ~ **Jim & Roberta Brooks** ~

Making a Difference through Membership A Note from our Membership Chair

Your membership is important to us. It tells us you support the work we do. It lets our staff know they are appreciated for the care they provide.

It reinforces our advocacy efforts.

To increase our membership, we are beginning a 10 for 1 campaign— 10 members for each of the 300 individuals we serve.

To become a member:

- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- You must live or work in Schoharie County
OR
- You must be a blood relative or adoptive parents of an individual served by our chapter, then all family members (regardless of where they live) may become members.

Other helpful information:

Mr. and Mrs. Jones= 1 membership
Dick and Jane Jones= 2 memberships
Business Contributions= 0 memberships unless an individual's name is listed. A \$50 contribution would allow for 10 individuals to be named, with their consent.

Included are additional applications. Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

~ **BONNIE BOWES, Membership Chair** ~



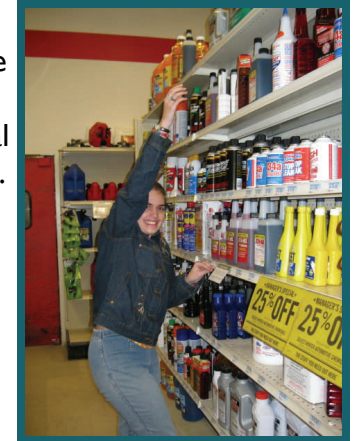
Bonnie Bowes with Sue D.

Your Membership Creates Opportunities !

“Bethany enjoys being involved in the STEP Program (Student Transitional Education Program). She likes meeting new people in the community. .. She has become more confident in herself and in her abilities. (Bethany) has also

shown more independence and has become more responsible as a young woman looking forward to entering the work force. All the people involved with her through the STEP Program are very caring and supportive. They help keep her focused, motivated and to stay on task at her various job sites. Bethany enjoys the work experience and takes great pride in herself doing the best job she possibly can.”

~ **KRISTY H. (Mother)**~



Help us serve, support & advocate for individuals with intellectual & other developmental disabilities.