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**ROTARY CLUB OF SCHENECTADY AWARDS \$300 GRANT TO
SCHENECTADY ARC FOR NEWSPAPER PRODUCED BY
INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

SCHENECTADY, NY, JUNE 20, 2011: Schenectady ARC's Life Prep program received a \$300 grant from Rotary Club of Schenectady to produce a newspaper. The Rotary grant will assist in the purchase of design software, a high capacity printer and supplies.

The quarterly newspaper will be written, edited and published by 20 individuals with developmental disabilities served at Schenectady ARC. It will serve as a practical and enjoyable way to reinforce a variety of skills necessary for community integration. This quarterly newspaper will have a distribution initially to over 165 individuals with developmental disabilities attending Schenectady ARC's Maple Ridge Day Center and Life Prep programs with eventual circulation to Schenectady

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ARC's Pine Ridge Industries and Princetown Ridge Center programs.

Correspondents, individuals with developmental disabilities, will be responsible for submitting content on current events of a local, regional, statewide and/or national nature, budgeting and money management, hygiene and grooming, socialization/communication, using public transportation. The program uses innovative hands-on activities to imbue a variety of essential skills.

An Editorial Board, composed of agency staff, administrators and peers, will provide ongoing oversight and technical assistance as well as approve the final copy of each issue.

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About Schenectady ARC -

Schenectady ARC is dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by providing a wide variety of custom tailored services to meet each individual's needs. We believe partnerships in our community create the power for people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play as fulfilled members of society. Schenectady ARC is a Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., and a member of The Arc of the United States.