

Schenectady arc UPDATE



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Welcome home

Schenectady ARC welcomes new residents to Lillian Road

It has been years since our last house opening. This year Schenectady ARC staff and families were excited to announce the opening of our new residence, Lillian Road.

A beautiful home located on Lillian Road in Guilderland, is the new residence of six men with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The house is the 22nd residence

to open in Schenectady ARC's Residential Program.

The home's moving in celebration took place on February 3rd. The new home opens a door to a wonderful new experience and new opportunities for the six individuals who previously resided at OPWDD's Oswald D. Heck Center in Niskayuna a more institutional style setting. All of the individuals were already enrolled in Schenectady ARC day programs making the transition ideal. Staff were able to visit all of

the new residents during the day and spend time getting to know them prior to moving in.

As is tradition Schenectady ARC will hold an official opening and naming ceremony later in the year.

Schenectady ARC extends a special thank you to those staff that really helped make this project happen including Martha, Kevin, Chris B, Patrick, Nichol, Mike N, Melissa, the MIS team and all the facilities staff.

2014 EVENTS

6 MAY 2014

2014 Annual Membership Meeting
[Call to reserve tickets 518.372.1160](tel:518.372.1160)

20 JUNE 2014

2014 Luau in the Park -
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8 AUGUST 2014

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13 NOVEMBER 2014

ARC Fall Celebration Fund-Raiser

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Schenectady ARC's latest residence meets the needs of a transitioning group of individuals.
 Photo: Kevin Cimbalo



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Fall Celebration Boosts 2013

Fund-raising event was a spectacular end to year

November 12 was a night of celebration. Over 200 guests filled Mallozzi's Banquet House for the Schenectady ARC Fall Celebration.

Nearly 200 guests attended the Schenectady ARC Fall Celebration on November 12 at Mallozzi's Banquet Facility in Rotterdam. The evening included a Cocktail Reception with Silent Auction followed by a theme dinner buffet and awards ceremony. Three annual awards were presented including "Self Advocate of the Year", "James H. and Barbara H. Schliff Award" and "Partner of the Year".

Wendy Gresens was honored as the 2013 Self Advocate of the Year. Wendy is an outstanding mentor and motivator to her peers and an active member of SARC Speaks Out, the Schenectady ARC Self Advocacy Group. Her commitment to advocating for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and her persistent efforts to raise awareness and advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is commendable.

The "James H. and Barbara H. Schliff Award" was established in 1995 to recognize an employee who exemplifies the Schenectady ARC mission, vision and values through his or her work. The award honors the Schliff's devotion and service to Schenectady ARC. James and Barbara Schliff were active volunteers with Schenectady ARC for many years and were strong advocates for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and for the staff who support them. This year's award was presented to Brad Deetz. Brad has been a dedicated member of Schenectady ARC's team for many years currently serving as House Manager and overseeing two of the agencies group residences.

A proud sponsor of Schenectady ARC



Pictured above Left to Right: Jane Canale (Schenectady ARC), Sarah Johnson, VP at Rose & Kiernan enjoy the silent auction bidding at the Schenectady ARC Fall Celebration. Rose & Kiernan was honored later in evening at the Partner of the Year.

events and a great partner in the success of Schenectady ARC, Rose and Kiernan Insurance, Inc. were honored as the 2013 Schenectady ARC Partner of the Year. Rose and Kiernan has been a partner with ARC for over three years and in that time have added valuable insights and tools to help Schenectady ARC stay at the top of our game and offer our employees valuable information on employee benefits.

The grand finale of the event was the

drawing of the "Dream Vacation Raffle". Schenectady ARC's Christine Jones' winning ticket was drawn. Christine will have the opportunity to choose from one of three exciting vacation packages.

A special thanks to event sponsors CDPHP, Schenectady Insuring, The Bonadio Group, NBT Bank and Blue Skies Travel

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More fun from the Gala



< Wendy Gresens and her mother Nancy.

Wendy was the 2013 Schenectady ARC Self Advocate of the Year.

Kirk M. Lewis (L) presents Brad Deetz with the 2013 Schliff Award. The award is given for staff excellence and dedication. (R) Suzanne Pinto, Sr. Associate ED >>



< Board of Directors President Angelo DeFelippo, Kirk Lewis and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara enjoy the conversation at the Gala.

2013 Partner of the Year Rose & Kiernan. (R-L) Kirk Lewis (ARC), Sarah Johnson (R&K), Jane Canale (ARC), and John Murray, CEO of R&K Insurance >>



Pat McKay Returns to Schenectady ARC



It is our pleasure to announce the appointment of Pat McKay as the Assistant Executive Director for Employment Services. Pat has extensive experience in our field and a genuine passion for supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

She previously spent many years working at Schenectady ARC. During her career with our agency she oversaw Pine Ridge Industries and Supported Employment and was the Assistant Executive Director of Ridge Health Services when she left. In her time away Pat spent several years working at NYSACRA, a state wide provider organization and most recently was working for the Albany chapter of Warren-Washington ARC. We are excited to welcome her back our team!

Catch the Fever this March Support Schenectady ARC in 2014

Hello! It is time to renew your support of Schenectady ARC. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to THANK YOU for your support and continued participation.

Your recommitment of support is **VITAL** in accomplishing the many important services provided through Schenectady ARC.

With your help, we have made significant strides in raising awareness of and supporting our individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. It is through your help that we have enabled our family members to achieve their goals and aspirations.

Schenectady ARC is actively involved in improving the quality of care and services provided to our family members, lobbying for legislative matters so vital to your concerns, and providing a coordination point for community

information on disability issues and services. Valuable work is ongoing with our many community partners that lead to more opportunities for our family members.

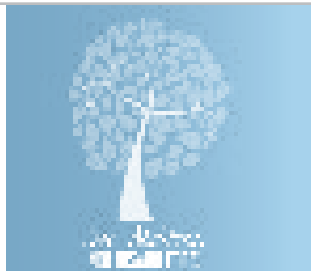
Please join us in our continued effort to make Schenectady ARC the best place in Schenectady County to receive services and supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

I urge you to renew your membership today and help support new opportunities for our family members. Additionally, many companies have Corporate Giving Programs and will match your gift, dollar for dollar. Ask if your company offers such a program to match your contribution. For information on existing corporate matching programs or to check on your membership status, please call our Member Relations Office at 518.372.1160 or e-mail: info@arcschenectady.org

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Can support a lifetime of opportunity.

Join the Schenectady ARC Membership and help bring opportunities to individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Your support really does help.



Hula Time!

2014 Luau in the Park



Aloha O'hana! Our Luau is coming this June. Join us for a spectacular South Pacific evening of Music, Food and O'hana (Family) in a unique Hawaiian setting!

Don't miss this family fun event on June 20, in Central Park. We will whisk you away to an exotic destination decorated with faux palms, tikis, and surfboards for evening. A traditional Luau with authentic Hawaiian-style food will be served up in a welcoming setting. While guests eat, traditional hula and fire dancers entertain and delight the audience with the sounds of the Hawaiian Islands.

Corporate Sponsorships are available for our 2014 event. Join now at the **King Kamehameha Level \$2500**, or the **Makamaka (Friend) Level \$1500** or the **O'hana Level \$500**.

Visit our online sponsor information section at arcschenectady.org or call 518.372.1160 for more information on sponsoring.



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Schenectady ARC "MSC Holiday Tree Project" Continues to Grow!

Once again, Schenectady ARC helped bring a little extra holiday cheer to many families served through the agency's Medicaid Service Coordination Program. Through partnerships with several local churches, law offices, Niskayuna Schools, Niskayuna PBA and participation from 16 of our own sites/programs, as well as friends and families of our employees, Schenectady ARC was able to assist 44 families in need this holiday season!

The list of families in need has continuously grown every year and thankfully due to the overwhelming support of our friends and supporters in the community, Schenectady ARC was able to ensure every one of the 44 families received special deliveries from Santa!

For information about becoming a partner in the MSC Holiday Tree Project, please contact Marcy Wilson at 518.372-1160.



Students from Niskayuna's Craig School help wrap gifts for families through the Schenectady ARC Holiday Tree Program.

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Sen. Tkaczyk and AM Santabarbara Visit Pine Ridge Vocational Center



From left, Jen Cole, Cori Hoffman and Kirk M. Lewis (Schenectady ARC), Senator CeCe Tkaczyk, Assemblymember Angelo Santabarbara and Greg Winnie (Schenectady ARC) get ready to tour the floor operations at Schenectady ARC's Pine Ridge Vocational Center.

Schenectady ARC Gives Back

Schenectady ARC individuals participated in the NYSARC Gives Back Campaign by volunteering at the City Mission of Schenectady.



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SCHENECTADY ARC IS COMMITTED TO HELPING PEOPLE IN THE CAPITAL REGION ENJOY HEALTHY, REWARDING LIVES AS MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY. SCHENECTADY ARC BRINGS STAFF, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO ENCOURAGE DREAMS AND RESPOND TO EACH PERSON'S LIFE CHOICES BY OFFERING HIGH QUALITY SERVICES, RESOURCES AND SUPPORT.

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Get ready to run The Best 5K Challenge in Schenectady

Whether a first step on a new running journey, an all-out challenge on a personal record, a comfortable 3.1 mile run or a Friday evening activity, the ARC 5K Challenge offers motivated runners the chance to experience race day excitement and the thrill of crossing a big time finish line.

Runners ready themselves for the 2013 ARC 5k Challenge. Nearly 200 people participated in the 3rd Annual Run to support Schenectady ARC.



With a name that not only challenges you to support the ARC, but also drives you to challenge yourself, the 3.1 mile run stays the course in 2014 with more family fun and excitement.

Registration is currently open at arc5kchallenge.com

The ARC 5K Challenge will be held on Friday, August 8, 2014 Register Online Today!

We are also seeking sponsors for the 5K Challenge. For available levels call ARC at 518.372.1160.



Enjoying the holiday season. ARC residents, employees and staff enjoyed the holiday's at the Rotterdam Elks Lodge. Each year the Elks host a holiday party for the individuals at Schenectady ARC. The event featured music, great food.

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DOLLAR FEVER

Schenectady ARC would like you to join our support team. Your \$5 donation supports the programs and services of Schenectady ARC and provides quality supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

BECOME A SUPPORTER NOW!

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Catch your fever, join right now!

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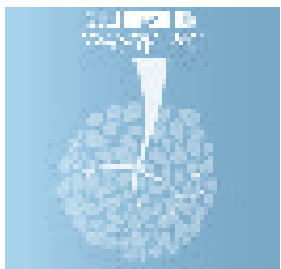
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I work for a company that would like to match my donation

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