

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Restaurants Team up for The Arc**

On Sunday, September 15, 4 G's Restaurant & Pizzeria and the Golden Greek Restaurant & Pub joined forces to host a Community Party at 4 G's in Dayville, raising more than \$3,800 for The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

Funds raised will go toward The Arc's next capital project, the installation of an accessible bathroom and shower and a training kitchen, all on the second floor of our Cook Hill Road Office, Education and Training Center.

The Arc held its "Elevating Education: The Power to Transform Lives" Capital Campaign in 2012 with great success. Thanks to the amazing generosity of Northeastern Connecticut, an elevator is now up and running at our Cook Hill Road center, making all floors fully accessible.

The installation of an accessible bathroom and shower on the second floor is the next step in accessibility for The Arc. Many of the individuals we support are seated and the second floor of our facility offers a beautiful sensory room, which benefits everyone we support.

The training kitchen will provide a home-like setting for individuals to learn life skills needed toward becoming independent.

The event featured demonstrations from Eric the Fun-Guy Chainsaw Artist, who raised \$389 by raffling off his chainsaw carving to benefit The Arc. Music was provided by DJ Majestic Melodies. Family fun was had by all with raffles, face painting, pony rides, a Girl Scouts of America troop as well as food and beer.

4 G's employees Marcia Page and Roni Perry also raised funds for The Arc through a pledge drive. Page jumped out of a plane at Danielson Airport Sunday and raised \$1,781 in pledges for the plunge.

Several businesses also donated to the Party: Sky Dive Danielson, Levine Distribution, Utz Quality Chips, Roma Foods, Calise Bakery, Sysco, Coca Cola, The Sunshine Shop, Punch, Fine Lines, Mandalay Hair Salon and Wireless Zone.

"The Arc is extremely grateful to 4 G's, the Golden Greek and all of the event donors for their generosity. This community has made it possible to provide supports that reflect dignity, respect and choice for individuals with disabilities now and in the years to come," said Executive Director Susan Desrosiers.

The Arc supports more than 150 individuals in Windham and Tolland Counties, as well as other towns and communities when needed. As the state continues to downsize its programs, we are seeing more and more referrals. Our services touch every aspect of a person's life, from 3 years old to the end of life. Our

programs include advocacy, education, day services, residential, employment, retirement, self-advocacy and bereavement support.

**Our Mission:** The Arc Quinebaug Valley, Inc. is a nonprofit human service agency committed to supporting individuals (and their families) with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. The Arc provides opportunities through advocacy and supports for work, play and education so each person experiences personal growth, dignity, respect, choice and greater independence to live life to its fullest.

Please note: The Arc is not an acronym; always refer to us as The Arc, not The ARC and never ARC. The Arc should be considered a title or a phrase.

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