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Charter Oak Credit Union Donates to The Arc New London County's Aquaponics Program

NORWICH—The Charter Oak Credit Union has awarded \$2,000 to The Arc NLC's Employment Transition Center (ETC) which provides individual and group supported employment opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Southeastern Connecticut. The grant will help The Arc expand its existing Aquaponics program by adding vertical growing walls to maximize existing space and significantly increase the production of specialty greens and herbs available at The Arc's Farm Stand. Expansion of the facility will provide additional employment positions for Arc participants interested in this type of agriculture, and help them develop marketable skills as they transition to permanent jobs in their communities.

For more information on the Arc's programs, including Agriculture and Aquaponics, please contact Bambi Poppick at 860.889.4435 x116 or bpoppick@thearcnlc.org.

Please Note: "The Arc" is not an acronym; please refer to us as The Arc NLC, not "The ARC" and not "ARC". *Thank you.*