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### **Dominion Foundation Helps Support Micro-Enterprise at The Arc New London County**

NORWICH—The Dominion Foundation has donated \$10,000 to The Arc New London County’s vocational/employment training program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Funds will be used to offset the costs of a commercial bakery oven that will be part of the cookie production component of The Arc’s Culinary Arts program. One of four successful micro-enterprises, the cookie production program trains and employs people with I/DD who wish to enter the culinary arts, restaurant, retail and/or customer relations field. The Arc’s “Classic Crunch” cookies are sold in 12 area stores including Shop Rite, Fiddleheads Food Co-Op and Flanders Fish Market & Restaurant in Niantic. The commercial oven will allow the program to keep up with demand, train/employ additional people with I/DD, and allow for expansion into on-line sales—an important step in making the program self-sustaining and profitable.

The Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation is dedicated to improving the physical, social and economic well-being of the communities served by its companies. Together, Dominion Energy and the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation make annual awards to causes that protect the environment, promote education and help meet basic human needs.

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