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### **The Arc NLC's Volunteer Corps wins ECT Volunteer of the Year Award**

The Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce presented the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award to The Arc New London County's Volunteer Corps at the Chamber's annual Business Breakfast on December 1. The event, which honors area social service agencies and leaders, recognized the Volunteer Corps for changing the way the community views people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and for donating volunteer hours valued at more than \$5,000 throughout SE CT this year.

Accepting the award on behalf of the group were volunteer Megan Finch and Debbie Densmore, Coordinator of The Arc's Community Life & Advocacy program, which supports the Volunteer Corps. The group of 30 men and women performed over 550 hours of service this past year at over 23 events including fundraising road races, health fairs, fall cleanups, and senior center functions. The group was praised for their civic responsibility and for demonstrating that people with IDD can be integral, contributing members of the community.

To learn more about The Arc NLC's programs, please visit [thearcnlc.org](http://thearcnlc.org) or contact Denise Tift at (860) 889-4435, ext. 116.

[caption for photo: Members of The Arc New London County's Volunteer Corps show off their award certificates at the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce's Business Breakfast.]