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Chelsea Groton Bank Funds Employment Training for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Norwich, CT- Chelsea Groton Foundation awarded \$1,197 to The Arc New London County for the purchase of an OsmoBot Aquaponics monitor, ammonia and nitrate sensors and emergency backup pumps and mechanisms – capable of enabling from a smartphone or PC – to ensure the well-being of plants and fish vital to the agency's Farmstand project and related employment initiatives.

Heading in to the winter months, The Arc NLC seeks to continue growing herbs and vegetables indoors, maintaining its employment training programs via the aquaponics system. A key component to the success of winter growing is monitoring a 500-gallon fish tank providing water and nutrients for growing produce. OsmoBot, an automated monitor for climate and nutrients, is the ideal online method for aquaponics systems in backyards and greenhouses.

The Arc New London County is a 63-year-old local nonprofit agency providing support to over 550 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Southeastern Connecticut.

For enrollment information and information on employment training opportunities please contact Bonnie Jones at 860.449.1529 x 301 or bjones@thearcnlc.org. For general information, please contact Meghan Horan at 860.889.4435 x116 or mhoran@thearcnlc.org.

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