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People's United Community Foundation Awards \$4,000 to The Arc New London County

Norwich, CT- People's United Community Foundation has awarded \$4,000 to The Arc New London County's Community Life and Advocacy program in support of critical inclusion programming for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Due to segregation in schools and society, people with IDD traditionally have been denied a host of basic opportunities and activities the rest of us take for granted. Thanks to People's United Community Foundation, key issues of concern for people with IDD and their families – employment preparation and self-presentation skills, personal access rights, community volunteer opportunities, health, wellness and personal safety training – will be expanded to facilitate the development of skills needed for optimal independence. The Arc's Community Life and Advocacy program, the only one of its kind in southeastern Connecticut, will continue to launch critical programming giving people with IDD a voice, an interest, and an understanding of their rights to full inclusion. People's United Community Foundation funds support an expansion of these vital programs to accommodate the increasing demand for them across New London County.

To participate in The Arc New London County's Community Life & Advocacy programs, please contact Denise Tift at 860.889.4435 x116 or dtift@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.