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## The Arc New London County Hosts 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

*Agency's June 25, 2013, gathering celebrates community patio, NFA student Kudej, State Rep. Kevin Ryan, local employers and Brian Grabell's "Nobody"*

The Arc New London County will hold its **annual meeting on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm to 8 pm at 125 Sachem Street, Norwich**. The meeting will be a gathering of families and individuals served by the agency, staff, Board members and state and local legislators.

A special highlight will be a **ribbon cutting for The Arc's new community patio**, made possible by gifts from **Eastern Savings Bank Foundation, Inc., Chelsea Groton Foundation, Knights of Columbus, The Mystic Rotary Club and Norwich Public Utilities**. Other exciting features include an **award to Norwich Free Academy Senior Patrick Kudej** for his short film, *"Spread the Word, Just Don't Say It"* and an **acknowledgement of appreciation to State Rep. Kevin Ryan, 139<sup>th</sup> District**. A **painting donated by Brian Grabell (aka "Nobody") of *The Day*** will be unveiled in the Janine Theve Gallery. A **sequel film by Kudej featuring The Arc's participants and their lives in the community, *"Spread the Word"*** will be looped for viewing throughout the evening. Recognition to **local employers Mohegan Sun and Olive Garden** will acknowledge their commitment to jobs for people with disabilities in our community.

For more information, or to attend, please contact Meghan Horan @ 860.889.4435 x116 or [mhoran@thearcnlc.org](mailto:mhoran@thearcnlc.org) by Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Arc New London County is a local nonprofit supporting more than 550 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Southeastern Connecticut since 1952. To learn more, please visit [TheArcNLC.org](http://TheArcNLC.org).

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