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### **LEXINGTON AWARDED \$28,500 IN GRANTS FROM NYSARC TRUST SERVICES**

Gloversville, NY – Lexington, a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities in Fulton County, has been awarded \$28,500 in grants from the Trustee management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support Lexington's guardianship and recreation programs.

NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts (SNT) that can make dramatic improvements to the lives of people with disabilities while enabling individuals to maintain eligibility for public benefits programs, such as Medicaid and SSI. For 2017, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$2,793,500 in grants to NYSARC Chapters statewide.

This year, Lexington received \$28,500 to provide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a

legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, the Lexington Guardianship program currently provides guardianship supports and services to five people and is ready to assist three more as a Standby or Alternate Standby guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping more than 16,000 people with disabilities protect their eligibility for government benefits and improve their quality of life. Our trust programs give people with disabilities the opportunity to remain in their communities with greater comfort and independence while providing peace of mind to their family and loved ones.

NYSARC Trust Services administers first- and third-party supplemental needs trusts, pooled trusts for income and resource (asset) protection, and individual trusts. When protecting settlement proceeds with a NYSARC Community Trust, we can also administer Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) accounts. For more information, please call (518) 439-8323 or visit us online [www.nysarctrustservices.org](http://www.nysarctrustservices.org).

*Lexington, a Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit agency providing a wide range of services to adults and children who are disabled in Fulton and Albany Counties. Created in 1953 by a group of concerned parents, Lexington is recognized as one of the leading agencies of its kind in New York State.*

*For more information about Lexington and its programs and services, visit [www.lexingtoncenter.org](http://www.lexingtoncenter.org) or “like” us on Facebook: Lexington – Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. or [www.facebook.com/LexingtonARC](https://www.facebook.com/LexingtonARC)*

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