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## AHRC SUFFOLK AWARDED \$109,000 IN GRANTS FROM NYSARC TRUST SERVICES

*To support guardianship and new recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in Suffolk County*

BOHEMIA, N.Y. – August 12, 2021 – AHRC Suffolk, a not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities in Suffolk County, has been awarded \$109,000 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support AHRC Suffolk’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 2021, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$3,080,500 in grants to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

AHRC Suffolk received \$91,000 to support guardianship services for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, the AHRC Suffolk’s Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services to 12 people and is ready to assist 18 more as a Standby or Alternate Standby Guardian.

NYSARC Trust Services also awarded AHRC Suffolk \$18,000 to support new recreational opportunities to enrich the lives of the more than 1,000 individuals that it serves. This grant enables the individuals to enjoy community outings like bowling, movies and visiting local farms, museums, and other attractions. It also allows them to purchase supplies and equipment for arts and crafts projects and other indoor activities.

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### **About AHRC Suffolk**

*AHRC Suffolk is a not-for-profit organization which provides programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities throughout Suffolk County. Currently more than 1,000 people receive educational, vocational, residential, employment, and respite services through AHRC’s forty-two facilities. To learn more about AHRC Suffolk please visit us at [www.ahrCsuffolk.org](http://www.ahrCsuffolk.org).*

### **About NYSARC Trust Services**

*NYSARC Trust Services has administered supplemental needs trusts since 1972, helping more than 20,000 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.*