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The Arc Mid-Hudson celebrates locals who help to make a difference.

Kingston, NY. The Arc Mid-Hudson celebrated their 40th Humanitarian Awards Brunch on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at Ole Savannah Southern Table and Bar in Kingston, NY. This annual event pays homage to local people and businesses who tirelessly and effortlessly lend their support to The Arc Mid-Hudson's mission "To empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve and experience the highest quality of life."

One hundred and thirty people enjoyed a delicious brunch outside with waterfront views of the historic Rondout Creek while honoring the dedication of those who were nominated to receive awards. Among the attendees were a few notable dignitaries: New York State Senator Sue Serino, Dutchess County Executive Mark Molinaro, and Assemblyman Kevin Cahill.

The winners, who were honored for their dedication to the people and programs that are supported by The Arc Mid-Hudson, include:

Humanitarian of the Year: Dave Amato and Ole Savannah Southern Table and Bar
Jack Deyo Award for Advocacy: Chrissy Bierganns
Heart of Gold: The Leandro P. Rizzuto Foundation
Personal Achievement Award: John Paul Cante
Employer of the Year: Potters Table Bakery
2021 Employee of the Year: Danielle Beesimer

"The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of my favorite organizations. I am a firm believer in giving back to the community. You get what you give and what comes around goes around. I am very humbled and grateful by this nomination and I look forward to continuing to work with The Arc Mid-Hudson." said Dave Amato

In addition to honoring these women, men, and businesses, The Arc Mid-Hudson Platinum Sponsors, Rifton Equipment located in Rifton, NY and Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy located Middletown, NY were awarded certificates for their support. Sponsors of The Arc Mid-Hudson are an integral part of being able to hold events to fundraise to support individuals who receive services and help to make the offered programs even better.



“It is always an honor to be part of the celebration that recognizes those who have dedicated their time and support to help us improve the lives of over 1800 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each of our honorees help to make The Arc Mid-Hudson an exceptional organization,” stated Executive Director, John McHugh.

To view photos and videos of this event, please visit The Arc Mid-Hudson website <https://arcmhfoundation.org/> or our YouTube page.

About The Arc Mid-Hudson:

The Arc Mid-Hudson is a private not-for-profit agency founded in 1956 by families in Ulster, Greene, and Putnam Counties who believed that their children with disabilities should have the same opportunities as their peers. Supporting 1,800 people from preschool through adulthood, our mission is “To empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve and experience the highest quality of life.” We are guided by the core values of: Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence; The Arc Mid-Hudson believes each person is unique and we provide individualized services each program participant. With over 1,500 employees, The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of the largest employers in the area. The Arc Mid-Hudson is the Ulster, Greene, and Putnam Counties Chapter of The Arc New York and is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership. For more information about The Arc Mid-Hudson, please visit www.ArcMH.org

About Cornell Creative Arts Center:

The Cornell Creative Arts Center is a 12,000 SF building located in the heart of Midtown Kingston. The facilities include a large open ceramic studio, a dance/movement studio, a public gallery space, a digital arts-media studio, a painting/drawing/mixed media studio, several private artist studios, and a space for music therapy. In addition, it also houses the Kingston location for Arts Mid-Hudson, and Co-Working space, as well. At Cornell Creative Arts Center, every person is supported, encouraged, empowered, and accepted into an environment where they are provided with rich opportunities to learn and grow their artistic talents. People who enroll in classes offered by the CCAC will participate an integrated program that serves Midtown Kingston, providing affordable and comprehensive access to the arts to both people with and without disabilities. People can work together in our supported arts program to teach, learn, and mutually uplift one another with quality art practice, teaching, exhibition, and sales opportunities.

About The Arc of New York:

The Arc of New York is the largest not-for-profit in New York State serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The 53 Chapters comprising The Arc New York are located in every county in New York State. The organization supports over 60,000 individuals, employs over 30,000 people and has a membership of over 110,000. For more information visit www.NYSARC.org