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Montgomery County Chapter Gives Back



Dave DiCaprio (left) and Steve Cannizzaro pack donated food items for delivery to the Salvation Army's food pantry in Amsterdam. Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC conducted the food drive as part of the NYSARC Gives Back President's Project to demonstrate the impact of the volunteer efforts of local chapters.

Amsterdam, NY – Every day, volunteers from Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. participate in a large variety of community activities. From food drives to packing meals for area senior to conducting fund raisers for local agencies, Liberty's involvement in the local community is vital to the everyday operations of many area organizations. Last week Liberty joined an effort involving NYSARC's 55 Chapters around the State in a celebration of community called the **NYSARC Gives Back President's Project** to demonstrate the impact of the volunteer efforts of local chapters.

Liberty's "give back" project was a food drive conducted during the week of March 25 – 31. Employees, individuals & families donated over a dozen full boxes of non-perishable food items that were delivered to the Salvation Army food pantry in Amsterdam for distribution to local families in need.

We were happy to join our sister organizations in this joint effort," said Liberty spokesperson, Barbara Wool. "Our Chapter has made a commitment to give back to our community throughout the year with volunteer efforts that have made a real difference for many local organizations and has helped the individuals we support from last relationships with area residents."

NYSARC, Inc. President John A. Schuppenhauer developed the idea of the NYSARC Gives Back President's Project and kicked off the event through a food drive at his local Chapter in Ontario County. "To see and hear these stories of how our employees, the people we support, and their families gave back to the local community really underscores the important role that NYSARC plays in New York State", said Schuppenhauer. "It is amazing that many non-profits rely on NYSARC volunteers to make their programs possible."

The volunteer efforts locally will not end with the President's Project. Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC will continue to give back to our local communities throughout the year. In 2011, Liberty volunteers donated over 22,000 hours of services to over 50 local organizations.

About Liberty & NYSARC

Comprised of 55 member Chapters, NYSARC, Inc. is the largest not-for-profit organization in New York State and the United States supporting people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families. Throughout the state NYSARC supports over 60,000 individuals, employs 30,000, and has a membership of nearly 87,000. Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter, was chartered in 1957. The Chapter is the largest provider of services to people with developmental disabilities in the county, serving over 600 in day, residential, family support, vocational and health related program.

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