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FSS program participant, Aiden Liebing, proudly shows off his pumpkin creation at the recent fall festival.

Grant Funds Recreation Activities

Amsterdam - In early fall, a festival was held at St. Mary's Institute in Amsterdam for children who participate in Liberty's after-school, recess and summer recreation programs. Approximately 20 children, along with their family members, were treated to interactive games, face painting, pumpkin decorating and a fun bounce house. For adults who are involved with the Family Support Program a Halloween dance was held at the Perthshire Resort. The dance, which was attended by 31 participants, included a DJ, food and treats for all.

Both of these events were made possible through a grant by NYSARC, Liberty's parent agency. The Trustees of the NYSARC Trusts provided Liberty with a \$6,000 grant to support recreational opportunities for program individuals. The NYSARC Trusts administer supplemental needs trusts that enable people who have disabilities to remain in their home and community and retain their Medicaid eligible services. The Trustees utilize remainder funds to benefit other persons with disabilities including unfunded Chapter guardianship programs as provided by statute. In addition to the recreation grant, the Trustees awarded \$1,225,500 to support Chapter Guardianship programs.

Information on how you may benefit from a NYSARC Trust is available by calling 518.439.8323 or 1.800.735.8924 or at info@nysarctrustservices.org.

Founded in 1957 by local parents and family members of people with disabilities, Liberty is a not-for-profit, member chapter of NYSARC, Inc. a statewide organization serving over 60,000 individuals throughout New York. Liberty is the largest provider of services to people with developmental disabilities in Montgomery County, offering day, residential, vocational, family support and health-related programs to over 650 individuals with disabilities and other persons with special needs in the community.