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Liberty Names New CEO

Amsterdam- Liberty's Board of Director's President Ken Adamowski today announced that Jennifer Saunders has been hired for top position of Chief Executive Officer at Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. Saunders has served as Liberty's Chief Financial Officer since 2008.

"Jennifer has proven to be a leader who can step back from the entire system, and see a plan to build a more collaborative, more innovative system that will work well over a long term. Her efforts as Chief Financial Officer have guided Liberty to be well positioned for the challenging times that lie ahead," said Liberty Board President Ken Adamowski. "Jennifer has proven to have the courage to take action, where others might seem to hesitate. The Board of Directors feels that Jennifer clearly understands the heart of our organization and its people, and using our core values can guide us to achieve our mission"

As CFO, Saunders was responsible for all facets of the financial operations of the organization. She has been employed by Liberty's Finance Department since 2005, initially as a Reimbursement Manager and as Controller.

"I'm honored to be named Liberty's newest CEO and proud that the Board of Directors and nominating committee have placed their confidence in me," said Saunders. "I look forward to continuing the agency's long tradition of providing top-quality supports to individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as strengthening our commitment to Liberty's mission and our community."

Saunders currently serves on the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) investment committee, sits on the Montgomery County Mental Health Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Amsterdam Rotary Club. A native of Jamesville, NY, Saunders received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Alfred University in 1993.

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.

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