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Liberty Showcases Acting Talent

Amsterdam- Participants in Liberty's Family Support Services (FSS) recreation program recently showcased their acting talents when they presented the Disney classic Aladdin at Amsterdam High School. The play was coordinated by the FSS program in conjunction with the Missoula Children's Theatre.

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) is a traveling production troupe that focuses on developing life skills in children through education, entertainment, enrichment and participation in the performing arts. In 2015, they worked with 65,000 children in more than 1,200 communities in all 50 states and 17 countries. This is the second year Liberty's FSS recreation program has worked with MCT.

A public performance was given after a week of preparation under the tutelage of two professional actors associated with the Missoula Children's Theatre. All props and costumes were provided for this full-length production. More than 20 individuals contributed to and acted in production.

This opportunity was by made possible through an \$8,000 remainder fund grant offered through the trustees on the NYSARC, Inc. Trust. In addition, remainder fund grants totaling \$1,466,000 were awarded to support NYSARC guardianship programs statewide. A total of 1,919,000 in remainder grants were awarded in 2015 to support recreation and guardianship statewide. NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts that enable people with disabilities to remain in their home and community while retaining Medicaid services and other government benefits. Information is available on how NYSARC Trust Services may benefit you: at their website www.nysarctrustservices.org, by calling 518.439.8323, toll-free phone 1.800.735.8924 or by email at info@nysarctrustservices.org.

Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. was founded in 1957 by parents of children with developmental disabilities who wished to establish special education programs in the local community. Over the past 58 years, the organization has grown to include vocational, residential, day, family support and health-related services to nearly 580 individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

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