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Liberty ARC Health Center Receives Stewart's Grant

AMSTERDAM- Liberty ARC's Health Center, New Dimension in Health Care (NDHC), has been awarded a \$750 grant from Stewart's Holiday Match program. The funds will be used to Funds will support the health center's current dental outreach education program, 1-2-3 Smile!

This program focuses on educating low-income children, their parents and caregivers, in Montgomery County, on the importance of eating healthier foods, the correct way to brush teeth and the importance of visiting the dentist. NDHC partners with local schools to present 1-2-3 Smile! to children aged 3-10 with a puppet show that addressed the program primary focuses.

Approximately, 1,000 are reach through this program, which was created by one of the health center's dental hygienists. In addition to providing education regarding good oral hygiene, all the children receive hand-outs to take home to their parents and caregivers that offer information on the various health and dental insurance programs available at NDHC. This information is key in communicating to families that continued dental services are available for their children. Many families in our community are unaware of the low or no cost health and dental insurance coverage options that may be available to them, thus preventing quality care.

New Dimensions Health Care, Inc. (NDHC) operates a Department of Health licensed Article 28 Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Amsterdam, New York. When established, in 1996, its focus was to provide health and dental services to the special needs population served by ARC organizations in Montgomery and its bordering counties. Services provided include: Primary Care, General Dentistry/Oral Surgery, and Podiatry. Specialty medical services such as Pediatric Neurology, GYN, and Psychiatry provided by consulting physicians, are available primarily to individuals with disabilities.

Liberty ARC is the largest provider of services to individuals with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities throughout Montgomery County. The agency provides traditional day, vocational, residential, recreational and family support programs to nearly 529 adults and children with varying disabilities.

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