

Fall Fest 2019

OI and The Arc were transformed for a
spook-tastic day of Halloween fun!



News From The Arc New York



The Arc NY has joined forces with a number of other non-profit organizations as the New York Disability Advocates. The group is calling for state lawmakers to provide more funding for DSPs and other voluntary service providers for people with disabilities.



Thank you to all of our 2019 members of The Arc!

There's no better time than the present to become a member of The Arc for 2020! More members strengthen our chapter's voice as we fight for the rights of the individuals we serve. Stop by Bekkah Frisch's office to start or continue your membership today. Membership is \$1 for individuals (\$5 for staff).



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Respite Halloween Dance	2
Haunted Trails	2
Pratt House Trees	3
Painting at The 315 Studio	3
Making a Scarecrow	3
Celebrating the Holiday Season!	4
OI and The Arc Cookie Party	5
Frost Valley Camp	6
Vanderkamp Center	7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ COMING SOON:
Raymour & Flanigan Night
- ◆ March 14: Skate 'N Slide
- ◆ March 28: The OI Inclusive 5k

Getting Your Dance On!



The Arc held a Respite Dance for Halloween. There were so many fun costumes to see!



Taking a Coffee Break

These folks took a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to relax together at Starbucks's.



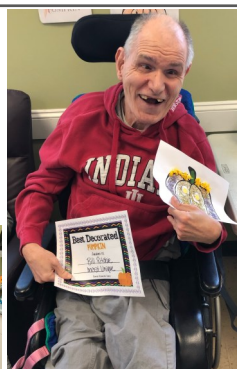
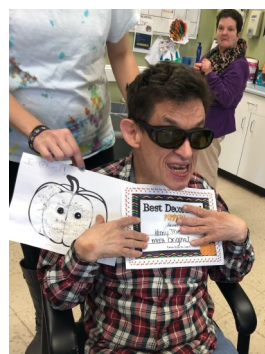
A Walk in the Park

Dan, Lona, Joy, and Larry spent one of the year's last warm days at Emerson Park in Owasco.



A Hauntingly Good Time

Dan, Larry, Brian, and Richard went through the Haunted Trails in Canandaigua. Looks like a fun time!



Kenny, Bill, and Mary all won awards for their creative pumpkin art. They look great!

Pumpkin Art Contest at Hughes for Fall Fun!



Who Did It Better?

Seniors at The Arc created a Christmas tree for the Pratt House with the theme, "The Arc Paints the Town."

A LIFE group at OI chose to create a tree with a Disney theme for the Pratt House.

Both trees were beautiful, and you all did an amazing job decorating them!

The Disney tree received 2nd place in this year's Parade of Trees.

Which tree did you vote for?



Let's Paint this Town!

Jillian, Vanessa, Alex, Austin, and Lacey created lovely paintings at The 315 Studio in Oswego with support from Susan, Pearl, and Casey.

Great job everyone!



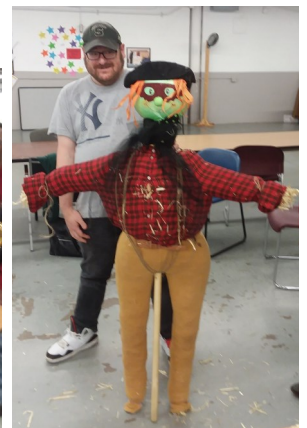
Eatin' Good At Connie's

Connie, Lona, Larry, and Frank had lunch at Connie's Restaurant in Waterloo. I wonder whose idea that was?



A New Addition to OI

This group had a great time making the scarecrow who now lives outside the front door. All he needs now is a name!



Celebrating the Holidays at The Arc and OI

Page 4



Carrie and Jason at the Respite Christmas Dance.



Left: Melinda, Larissa, and Allison went to Hafner's to check out the decorated trees.

Right: This group of guys found Santa! Looks like David's very happy to see old Saint Nick.



Lights on the Lake

Jessica had a great time seeing Lights on the Lake in Liverpool. Stay cozy out there!



Out to See a Holiday Themed Show

Jessica, Michelle, Lona, Michelle, and Andrew went to the Oncenter to see Dasher's Magical Gift, put on by CNY Arts.

What a memorable night for everyone!



McCarthy Family Band Concert

Dave is having a holly, jolly Christmastime during the McCarthy Family Band Concert at Hughes.



Thank you to the OI and The Arc Staff

We held our annual Christmas party for staff on December 6. Connie and Michelle were so excited, they cut a rug to Run, Run Rudolph! Thank you to all of you for the work you do and your dedication to the people we support.



Earl got into the holiday spirit with this fun Santa Claus sweater!

The Ol and The Arc Cookie Party



Left: Thank you to Mandy, Tawana, Coleen, Judy, and everyone else who served cookies and milk—it just wouldn't be a cookie party without the desserts!

Right: Sandy enjoyed her cookies!



Santa and his elves made an appearance, spreading joy everywhere they went!



Above: Great outfit, Julie!



Time to Get an Elfie!

Sarah and Jessica had plenty of fun with the elf cutout at Walmart!

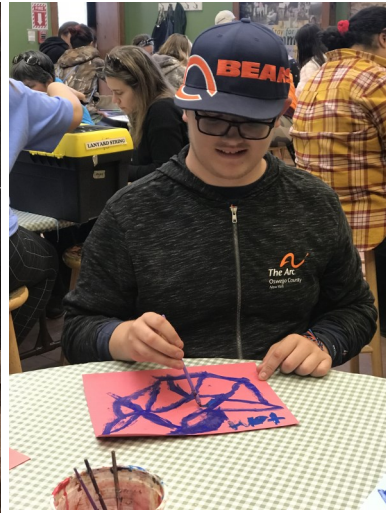


Thank you Judy B. for planning our cookie party for so many years. It was a wonderful time, like always!





Toby and Allison had a great time doing karaoke!



Austin is making a lovely picture to remember his time at Frost Valley.



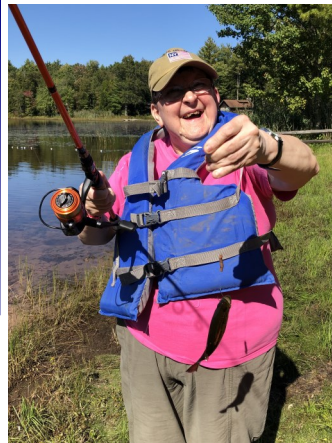
Pat, Jenn, Anthony, Derek, Kevin, Allison, Christina, TJ, Joy, and Ron all camped out at Frost Valley this fall through the Respite Program.



Joy celebrates during a game of dodgeball.

Camping Out at Vanderkamp!

This group went fishing, played guitar and sang songs, and so much more on their trip to Vanderkamp through the Respite program. Looks like it was an awesome time!



Sue caught a fish!



It just wouldn't be camp if you didn't take time to relax on the porch!



Above: Missy fishes while Sharrin cheers her on.



Below: Sharrin and Debra hang out on the dock by the water.



Hibachi, anyone?

Looks delish!



Louis enjoyed his meal.



Catch that zucchini, Joy!

Christmas Luncheon at the Lyons Community Center

Barb, Diane, Sue, and Frank are ready to eat!



Thank You, Uniforms Etc.!

Uniforms Etc. donated shirts so the Arc can start a kickball team in the spring. Warmer weather will be here before you know it, so get ready!



Trying New Things

Kevin conquered his fear of simulated games and found out he actually loves them. Awesome!



Hall of Famers

Roy, Mike, Josh, and Ron took a trip out to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The trip was a home run!



Catching the Game

Gavin headed to the high school basketball game with Joe and Erica.

Go Raiders!



About Oswego Industries Inc.

Our mission is to be a partner in the development of comprehensive community services designed to improve the quality of life for all people by providing the necessary support programs to enable individuals to grow with dignity and achieve their highest level of independence and self-fulfillment.

We are currently hiring for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) to support the individuals we serve. To learn more about these and other current openings, visit us on the web at www.oswegoindustriesinc.org/careers.



About The Arc of Oswego County

The mission of The Arc of Oswego County is to be the premier provider of services to persons with developmental disabilities. Our commitment, first and foremost, is to individuals and their families, to provide choices, information, education and supports that will allow informed decisions and opportunities for growth, personal development and fulfillment.

We are looking for dedicated applicants to join our team as Community Habilitation and Respite Assistants. Learn more about these and other current openings by visiting us at www.arcofswegocounty.org/careers.



Thank you, Fulton Basketball Players!

The first-year players on the Fulton basketball team came out and volunteered at our Respite Holiday Dance, serving food and engaging with the people we support.

Thank you for helping make our last Respite dance of 2019 memorable!



OI Receives Funding through the Holiday Hope Project

Romano Auto Dealers donated \$2,500 for use in program as part of their Holiday Hope Project.

Thank you so much to Romano Cars and to Connie Stauring, who shared this opportunity with us!

