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Press Release

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Two \$2,000 Student Scholarships Available!

Mt. Morris, NY, January 12, 2011 – The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming Foundation will once again celebrate the commitment of young people toward friends and neighbors with disabilities by awarding **scholarships of up to \$2,000 each to two graduating high school seniors.**

Scholarships will be awarded to one college-bound student each from Livingston and Wyoming Counties. To be eligible, he or she must pursue a career choice leading directly to working with people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, such as: teacher of special education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech pathology, art therapy, music therapy, or training in the direct care field.

Deadline for applications is Thursday, March 1st, so interested students should apply now. Applications are available on-line at www.lwarc.org and local high school guidance offices.

The amount of each scholarship will be a maximum of \$2,000, payable in \$500 amounts annually. Students initially attending a 2-year school would be eligible to continue to receive the annual scholarship if they can verify participation in an appropriate program at a 4-year college or university. Recipients of the scholarship will be responsible for notifying The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming annually of their continuation in an appropriate course of study.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen at the March meeting of The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming Foundation, and notified by Monday, March 19th. Winners will be formally acknowledged during a short ceremony at The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming Annual Dinner to be held Friday, June 1st in Warsaw, New York.

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Scholarships are made possible by The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming Foundation, which is the fundraising arm of The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming. The foundation is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for community members with disabilities and their families. It has been granting scholarships since 1994. In addition to awarding student scholarships, the foundation funds such purchases as adaptive equipment and camp scholarships for people with disabilities.

The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming is the two-county region's largest private, not-for-profit organization that serves people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Its programs include Children's, Vocational, Residential, Community and Transportation Services. Founded in 1961, it is a local chapter of the state-wide organization NYSARC. The local agency employs approximately 600 people throughout Livingston and Wyoming Counties.

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