

Yes! I would like to become a member of the Dutchess ARC family!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Additional individual members' names (all members must be at least 18 years of age) _____

Please check one:
 Life \$200 Individual \$10 (per person)
Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (payable to Dutchess ARC)
Charge to Visa MasterCard Expiration Date _____ Amount \$ _____
Card Number _____ Signature _____

*Complete this form and
mail with your payment to:*

Dutchess ARC
1435 Route 44
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
Attn: Membership

NEED HELP?
Do you have questions or need
additional information?
Call 845 635-8084 ext. 100

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**SUPPORT
EDUCATION
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!



A Chapter of NYSARC, Inc.  NYSARC
Inc. Established 1969

Member, The Arc of the United States

The
Arc

Every Member



Makes a
Difference

Dutchess ARC

Why is Your Membership so Important?

- Although membership in the Dutchess Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. may only cost a few dollars, it plays an important role in giving our local members the ability to advocate for and support thousands of children and adults who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities.
- **Members** provide clout! A large membership means that a louder and stronger voice is heard by state legislators and national policy makers.
- **Membership** helps provide more individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, and their families access to programs and services through fundraising and advocacy efforts.
- As more members are attracted to Dutchess ARC's work and mission, our leadership base for the future can develop and grow.
- **Membership** means a better informed public. Awareness is an outgrowth of membership and is the first step to creating society-wide acceptance of children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.
- Membership dollars help Chapters to fulfill the many commitments to those they support. **Membership** dues help generate funds to get the job done locally as well as on state and national levels.

- **Membership** is the basic foundation on which every local Chapter, the state organization (NYSARC) and the national association (The Arc) was founded.
- **Membership** can fulfill many Chapter needs such as volunteers for programs and committees, resources and energy for fundraising, public awareness, special events and other important Chapter activities.



*Making a Difference Through
Membership*

Why Should I Join?

- Volunteer opportunities.
- Networking and support.
- Become involved with other families and professionals in the field.
- Support innovative programs and services.
- Access to up-to-date information on topics of interest and current trends in the field of developmental disabilities.
- Have a positive impact on the quality of life for people with intellectual or other developmental disabilities and their families.
- Attend training sessions and conferences at discounted rates at local, state & national levels.
- Know that you are making a difference in someone's life because ...

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