

# Our Family is Stronger Because of You

Dear family and friends,

As our 70th anniversary draws to a close, we are reminded of the power of families. The Arc Westchester was founded “By families. For families. For life.” And, it was one mother’s vision to find an inclusionary education opportunity for her child that inspired an entire movement of families advocating for their loved ones with developmental disabilities.

The Arc Westchester family is proud to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families throughout the arc of their lives, providing access to a wide range of support to foster independence, ensure safety, cultivate relationships, promote happiness and good health. When we collaborate with families like yours, we make a greater impact, and are able to uphold our legacy of excellence and innovation.



John and Susan Walker at an Arc Westchester event

Liz enjoyed spending time with her friends, in particular at the Spring Ball, an event she looked forward to every year. She was also a strong self-advocate and voice for individuals with disabilities. While we sadly lost Liz earlier this year, we remain connected to her family who continues to make an impact while celebrating a life well-lived as a daughter, sister, aunt and friend.

\*Background art created by Liz Walker



Liz at the Spring Ball

Liz’s mother Susan, served as a chapter board member for several decades, was a founding member of The Arc Westchester Foundation’s Board of Directors, and continues to serve as a Foundation Advisor and member of The Founder’s Club. Liz’s brother David, now serves on the Foundation Board and David’s daughter Sarah, has been a volunteer at The Arc Westchester since she was in her early teens. Liz’s brother Will, has also been an active supporter of The Arc Westchester. The Walker family was honored with our Family Partner Award at A Matter of Taste in 2013, and we are blessed to have them continue their involvement with The Arc Westchester family following Liz’s passing.



The Walker Family

“ Our family will sorely miss Liz this holiday season, but we all take comfort in knowing that her life was happy and full because she had ‘two’ loving families. Our relationship began with The Arc Westchester for the love of my sister, but it will continue for the love of The Arc Westchester and the life-changing support they provide to individuals like Liz, and families like mine.

— David Walker ”

The Walkers are just one example of the many families that have added strength, texture and love to the fabric of The Arc Westchester family during the past 70 years. Together, they exemplify the lasting impact that families make on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. With your support, we can make that impact even greater.

As 2019 draws to a close, we encourage you to think about how you can help advance the innovative programs and services we provide to the individuals we support throughout Westchester County.

Your year-end gift celebrates Liz, the Walkers, and the 2,000 individuals who are living full, meaningful lives every day as members of The Arc Westchester family.

From our family to yours, best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season, and a prosperous New Year.

With gratitude,



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Executive Director/CEO  
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Executive Director  
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Liz and her parents at the groundbreaking of The Gleeson-Israel Gateway center

PS: Please make your 2019 Year-End tax-deductible gift to The Arc Westchester Foundation by December 31 using the enclosed envelope, or online at [www.arcwestchester.org/donate](http://www.arcwestchester.org/donate).

Thank you in advance for your generous support!