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## The Arc New London County Celebrates 66 Years at Annual Meeting

*Gathering highlights achievements, honors Senator Somers, foundations, community heroes*

The Arc New London County hosts its Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday, June 19th, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Mohegan Park Lakeside Pavilion in Norwich.

**Kathryn Lord**, President of The Edward and Mary Lord Foundation, and **Barry Shead**, Assistant Vice President of the Savings Institute in Norwich, will receive Community Hero Awards from The Arc for supporting opportunity for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in New London County. A special Appreciation Award will be given to **Sen. Heather Somers** of the 18th District for her tireless efforts on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Southeastern Connecticut. The Arc also will salute Somers' commitment to fair wages for the several hundred direct support professionals employed by The Arc NLC.

Also featured will be employee achievement awards and new inductees in the 1952 Society, in recognition of supporters who have donated over \$1,952 in honor of the year The Arc NLC was founded.

Attendance is free to the public. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Denise Tift @ 860.889.4435 x116 or [dtift@thearcnlc.org](mailto:dtift@thearcnlc.org) by Thursday, June 14th.

The Arc New London County, celebrating its 66th year in the community, supports over 650 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Southeastern Connecticut. To learn more, please visit [TheArcNLC.org](http://TheArcNLC.org).