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Big Hearts Lead to Happy Holidays at The Arc New London County

The holidays can be a difficult time for adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, many of whom live on fixed incomes and have little money for special holiday foods, winter clothes, or presents. But thanks to the incredible generosity of the Southeastern Connecticut community, participants of The Arc NLC's community programs and residents of some 14 community homes were treated to an extraordinarily generous outpouring of gifts, warm apparel, and gift cards. Thanks to *The Day's* "Make a Difference" program, a needy family received food, warm pajamas, and toys for a ten-year-old with IDD. The tireless coordination efforts of Royce Hoffman from Befriend a Family and the employees of Dominion Energy resulted in 63 Arc NLC residents and 3 families receiving gifts of clothing, games, kitchen items and toys. And the Friends of G Foundation in Glastonbury "adopted" Marty, a participant in The Arc's Community Integration program, providing him with a transport wheelchair, a new walker, puzzles, a winter coat and an iPad as well as funds for specially fitted orthopedic shoes. Thanks to these wonderful and caring groups and programs, needy families in southeastern Connecticut were able to celebrate the holidays in warmth and comfort.

To learn more about The Arc NLC's programs, please visit thearcnlc.org or contact Denise Tift at (860) 889-4435, ext. 116.