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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### COARC PARADES WITH NYSARC

**Mellenville, New York (June 9, 2009)** When COARC marchers lead their float in Saturday's Hudson Elks Flag Day Parade, they will also help launch a statewide celebration of NYSARC's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of supporting people with developmental disabilities and their families. COARC serves Columbia County as one of NYSARC's 55 chapters.

COARC's float theme is "United by Spirit" and it honors uniformed services, including medical, fire and military. "United by Spirit" also describes the local and regional efforts planned throughout the summer by NYSARC, Inc. chapters as part of this statewide 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Run/Walk that will culminate in a ceremonial procession to the capitol steps in Albany on September 17.

The organization of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Run/Walk is symbolic of how NYSARC, Inc. was built through local grassroots energies spreading from community to community and ultimately coming together as a statewide organization. NYSARC and its chapters support more than 60,000 people who experience developmental disabilities as they pursue their dreams and personal goals.

Information about COARC program services, employment, donation opportunities and membership is available at [www.coarc.org](http://www.coarc.org) or 518-672-4451. Information about NYSARC, Inc. is available at 518-439-8311 or [www.nysarc.org](http://www.nysarc.org).

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