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Dear Coarc Family,

In February 2024, we announced that Coarc, The Arc of Rensselaer and Saratoga Bridges approved plans to explore the unification of our three chapters. After many months of the due diligence process to assess fit, risks and benefits, Coarc and Saratoga Bridges Board of Directors have unanimously agreed to proceed with unification of our two chapters. The Arc of Rensselaer has opted out of the unification at this time.

We are very excited by this opportunity! The unification of our chapters will greatly improve our ability to fulfill our shared mission. Unification will strengthen the support for more than 1000 families in Columbia and Saratoga counties and position us well for the future by creating a stronger, more diverse, and better prepared organization with a larger geographical footprint and greater impact.

No jobs will be lost due to unification with Saratoga Bridges, and no programs will be altered. Unification will help our chapters respond to difficult economic times and a challenging public policy environment that have placed new demands and fiscal constraints on all organizations that support people with developmental disabilities.

The Board of Directors and Leadership Teams from both chapters are already working with The Arc NY and OPWDD on next steps in the unification process. They are committed to transparency and open communication throughout this process and we welcome any questions or concerns you may have. Together we will find the best ways to not only preserve, but strengthen the services offered in Columbia and Saratoga counties!

Thank you all for your continued dedication and service to the people we support.

Sincerely,

Tracy Cantele  
Board President

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CEO