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Arc of Southington breaks ground on building addition

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The Main Street Foundation presented a check for \$75,000 to the Arc of Southington last Tuesday to help fund their new addition to their building. (Photo by Janelle Morelli)

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Arc of Southington received a check in the amount of \$2,085 from the Archbishop's annual appeal through its vicariate outreach program.

The funding will help the Arc of Southington continue to sponsor an important self-advocacy group called "A New Way." The group is a chapter of the People First CT that helps individuals with developmental disabilities better themselves so they can live independently in today's challenging world.

In addition to sponsoring this group, The Arc of Southington supports adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They provide advocacy, education, information, and an array of quality and individualized support to people of all ages in the community.

“We are thrilled that the Archbishop’s annual appeal chose our organization for their generous funding award,” stated CEO Sandra Amato in a press release. “Donations like this allow us to continually support self-advocacy groups and their critical missions to teach individuals with developmental disabilities how to live better. We also want to thank Archdiocese of Hartford for recognizing our mission as being in line with the Catholic church and its values. We are grateful for this donation and for being able to help others on a continual basis.”

Since 1981, the Archbishop’s annual appeal has been able to assist tens of thousands of people regardless of race, religion, or color across the Archdiocese of Hartford with health care, education, housing, emergency expenses, and in numerous other areas. It is through the Archbishop’s annual appeal vicariate outreach program and the generosity of its donors that the appeal is able to assist a wide array of community-based charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield counties.

The Arc of Southington also recently received a check of \$75,000 from the Main Street Community Foundation to help fund a new addition on the building. The money came from the Bradley H. Barnes and Leila U. Barnes Memorial Trust, which is administered through MSCF.

The 18,000 square foot addition is in the back of the building at 201 W. Main St. in Plantsville. It will include additional office and storage space, along with two upgraded, handicapped accessible bathrooms.

The Arc of Southington, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1954. As an active local chapter of the Arc, its mission and focus is to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

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