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The Arc Eastern Connecticut Receives Neighbors for Neighbors COVID-19 Assistance

The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut awarded \$11,500 to The Arc Eastern Connecticut through its newly created Neighbors for Neighbors fund, established to address urgent needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Arc ECT will now be able to purchase sufficient PPE (masks, gowns, gloves) for staff and residents of the agency's 22 supported homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), as well as team members who are making home visits to participants who are currently quarantined with their families or caregivers.

"The Community Foundation is providing an incredible service to eastern Connecticut in the form of this program," said Kathleen Stauffer, The Arc's CEO. "At the outset of this crisis they reached out immediately to local agencies like ours to find out what they could do and where the need was greatest, in order to keep all residents of eastern Connecticut safe and healthy. We couldn't be more grateful."

To learn more about The Arc Eastern Connecticut and its programs throughout the region, and for weekly agency updates and resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit TheArcECT.org or contact Denise Tift at (860) 889-4435, ext. 116.