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Bernie and his sister Paula

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Dear Coarc Members, Employees, and Friends,

Please join our circle of family members, neighbors, businesses, and friends by becoming a **Friend of Coarc for 2017**. The more friends we have, the stronger our voice will be on behalf of the individuals we support! **We need your support now more than ever to help ensure the continued delivery of our programs and services for people with disabilities.** Your contribution will help more individuals like Bernie Fischer to achieve their goals and dreams.

Over 52 years! That's how long it had been since Bernie Fischer and his sister Paula Kane had seen each other or even known about the other's whereabouts! Last year, Bernie expressed to Michael Richter, his Direct Support Professional, that he wished to find his sister and have family in his life. They had lost track of each other when Bernie moved many years ago. After searching with no success, a private investigator who specializes in finding family members was hired, and Michael was able to make contact with Bernie's sister Paula, who now lives in Florida.

Paula came to visit Bernie in early February of 2017. They were truly joyful to be together again. The bond and love between these siblings is strong. Paula's love, compassion, and understanding is more than anyone could have hoped to find for Bernie. They have plans for Bernie to visit Paula in Florida and will stay in touch through phone and video chat in the meantime.

Coarc was established in 1965 as the Columbia County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. by families and community advocates. When you become a Friend of Coarc, you also become a member of NYSARC, Inc. and The Arc of the United States. A greater membership builds clout to impact policy and funding decisions at state and national levels. Statewide, NYSARC, Inc. and all its chapters have achieved a milestone of over 110,000 members. Chapter bylaws require that we renew the Friends of Coarc each year, so **please help us maintain this advocacy milestone on behalf of people with disabilities.** Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Annette (Mickey) Dennis,
Chair, Membership & Public
Education Committee

Dorothy (Dodie) Wheeler,
Board President

Ken Stall,
Chief Executive Officer

Coarc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Columbia County chapter of NYSARC, Inc. and a member of The Arc of the United States.
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You, your family, and friends can become Friends of Coarc online at www.coarc.org (Visit the "Donate Now" link) or mail this response form with your payment information to Coarc, PO Box 2, Mellenville, NY 12544. Call 518-672-4451 x2093 for more forms.



Yes, I want to be a Friend of Coarc for 2017 to support Coarc programs and services! Your donation includes membership in NYSARC, Inc. and The Arc of the United States. Membership lists are not shared or sold for use by other outside organizations or for solicitations.

\$500 **Diamond** **\$50** **Silver** Please send me information about the NYSARC, Inc. Charitable Gift Annuity Program.
\$250 **Platinum** **\$25** **Bronze**
\$100 **Gold** **\$15** **Individual** **\$5** each for additional **Individual** Friend of Coarc

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Enclosed is a check payable to Coarc in the amount of \$ _____

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Above: Selina Hamilton and Willie Ridley;
Below: Tom Sanders and Teri-Jo Fischer



Cardinal Hall



Center: Direct Support Professional
Robert Holmes and Billy Day; Above: Brian Filli;
Below: Mary Blakeney

Coarc is excited to announce the opening of the new Cardinal Hall!

In early April of 2017, Coarc's Cardinal Hall Day Habilitation program moved to its new location in Columbia Center plaza in Hudson (350 Fairview Avenue). The site is welcoming, bright, and spacious. These photos reflect the happiness of people spending time together enjoying the cheerful plant-filled courtyard at the new Cardinal Hall.



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Our mission is to expand abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their individual goals.

A copy of our latest annual report may be obtained upon request from Coarc, PO Box 2, 630 Route 217, Mellenville, NY 12544 or from the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, Attn: FOIL Officer, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.