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Dear Coarc Members, Employees, and Friends,

Please join our circle of family members, neighbors, businesses, and friends by becoming a Coarc member for 2016. More Coarc members mean a stronger voice for Columbia County on behalf of the individuals we serve! **We need your support now more than ever to help ensure the continued delivery of our programs and services for people with disabilities.** Your membership will help to sustain programs like Coarc Ecycle (electronics recycling), which provides employment training and meaningful work to individuals like Robert Smith.



**Robert Smith, working at Coarc Ecycle**

*A Brooklyn native, Robert came to Hudson to live with his sister at around age 30. He started at Coarc in 1999, when he began working in the workshop, and he later worked on the mobile cleaning crew. With the Workshop Transition Project underway, Robert has shifted his focus to competitive community employment. 2015 was a successful year for Robert: he became a Coarc employee at Coarc Ecycle, where he loves to take things apart and fully enjoys the variety of the experience. Robert was also recently hired at ShopRite in Hudson, handling the carts. He is happy at both jobs and has gained many skills. Called by Coarc staff one of the most positive people they know, Robert has a can-do attitude and drive for success that is evident in the quality of his work. His hobbies are football and baseball, and you can often find him sporting a Mets or Giants hat. 2016 will continue to be a promising year for Robert. With his positive outlook on employment, the sky is the limit!*

Coarc was founded in 1965 as the Columbia County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. by families and community advocates. Membership in Coarc includes membership in 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 106,000 members. Chapter bylaws require that we renew our membership each year, so **please help us maintain this advocacy milestone on behalf of people with disabilities.** Thank you!

Annette (Mickey) Dennis,  
Chair, Membership & Public  
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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 and your family and friends can become Coarc members online at [www.coarc.org](http://www.coarc.org) or mail this response form with your check to Coarc, PO Box 2, Mellenville, NY 12544. Call 518-672-4451 x2093 for more forms. Thank you!**

**Yes, I want to be a Coarc member for 2016 to support Coarc programs and services!** This tri-level membership in Coarc, NYSARC, Inc. and The Arc of the United States builds the public voice on behalf of individuals experiencing disabilities. 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** Members

Please list your name(s) as you wish to be recognized.     I wish to remain anonymous.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please charge my  MasterCard  Visa Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This gift is  in memory of:  in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Coarc employee who referred you to become a member (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Join online at [www.coarc.org](http://www.coarc.org) or return this completed form with your check to Coarc, PO Box 2, Mellenville, NY 12544 13b**

## Your Membership Matters!



Your membership helps to sustain important programs such as Coarc Ecycle. Ecycle provides community employment training and opportunities to many individuals, like Robert Smith, and allows community members to recycle unwanted electronics. Ecycle is located at 1 Industrial Tract, Hudson. To learn more, please visit [www.coarcecycle.com](http://www.coarcecycle.com).

Coarc's retail store Tradewinds (409 Warren Street, Hudson) offers employment skill training to many individuals in an integrated community setting, providing meaningful work and wages. The store features many items crafted by individuals with disabilities who receive Coarc services. Since its ribbon cutting ceremony in 2014, Tradewinds has far exceeded expectations in sales growth. Learn more at [www.hudsontradewinds.com](http://www.hudsontradewinds.com) and on Facebook.



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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.