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Ken Stall to Retire After 40 Years of Service at Coarc

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Ken Stall, whose distinguished career at Coarc has spanned more than 40 years, will retire on May 29, 2024.

The agency held a celebration to honor Mr. Stall at its annual Coarc Palooza event at the Claverack Town Park on May 21. The Palooza was attended by people supported by Coarc, staff members, Mr. Stall's family, representatives of The Arc New York, and elected officials.

Mr. Stall's career at Coarc began in September 1983, when he was hired to work as an accountant and computer specialist. He then became the agency's Director of Finance and was promoted to Chief Executive Officer in 1998. He continued as CEO until December 2023. At that time, he stepped into a new role as Director of Special Initiatives and, effective January 1, 2024, Chief Financial Officer Karen Amanna was promoted to Interim CEO.

Through Mr. Stall's leadership, the agency has achieved a profound positive impact in the lives of people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, Coarc employees, and the broader community.

Amongst his numerous successes, Mr. Stall led efforts to ensure the agency's long-term financial stability, which resulted in Coarc doubling its revenues between 1998-2024 from \$12 million to more than \$25 million. Coarc's Residential Services also expanded during this time, opening 10 new Supervised Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs) and four Supportive IRAs. In addition, Mr. Stall facilitated the development of Coarc's Self-Direction Services, through which people supported are able to manage their individual services based on their personal goals. For employees, Mr. Stall established the agency's SMART Retirement Program and the Coarc Teen Club, which recognizes employees with 13 or more years of service.

With regard to his retirement, Mr. Stall said, "On the one hand, I am excited to start the next phase of my life and hopefully relax a bit. On the other, I'm saddened to leave an organization that has been such a significant part of my life. Coarc is an organization filled with so many incredible people doing important and meaningful work."

"Ken is a strong, compassionate, and smart man who has committed his life to the people we support, our staff, and our mission," said Coarc Board of Directors President Dorothy Wheeler. "I have always admired Ken's leadership skills: his quiet confidence, his ability to ensure everyone feels valued, and his inclusive management style. We wish him many happy years with his family and offer our heartfelt gratitude for everything he has done for Coarc."

"Ken will be missed greatly by the entire Coarc family," said Coarc Interim CEO Karen Amanna. "He has been an incredible leader, mentor, and advocate for the people supported by Coarc, and the hundreds of staff members providing those supports. He has inspired so many of us with his dedication and commitment, reminding us all of our powerful mission here. Ken defines what it means to 'Bring your heart to Coarc'. His legacy will live on in the work that we do every day."



Pictured: Ken Stall delivering remarks at the 2024 Coarc Palooza on May 21, 2024

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About Coarc

Coarc is the Columbia County Chapter of The Arc New York and a chapter of The Arc United States. Established in 1965, Coarc currently serves approximately 350 people living with intellectual and developmental differences. To learn more about Coarc, visit www.coarc.org.