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The Friends of the Arc Foundation to Host 26th Annual Gala

Utica, NY – The Friends of The Arc Foundation, Inc will host the 26th Annual Arc Gala on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Yahnundasis Golf Club in New Hartford. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. with gourmet dining stations and dancing to follow.

This years' event will honor Vincent Colgan, vice president of administration, for his 36 years of dedication and service to the agency.

Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase a **TAP-it**[®] (Touch Accessible Platform for Interactive Technology), the first ADA compliant, assistive learning center using 'intended touch' to serve each student's special needs. **TAP-it**[®] provides an optimal interface for teaching individuals with special needs at their own pace and reinforces skills that can be transferred to other computer based learning applications utilizing the internet, educational software or communication devices.

The large, touch-sensitive screen supports the use of on-screen keyboards or voice recognition for typing; switch/scanning for mouse control or cause/effect programs; screen readers for text-to-speech capability; as well as screen magnification programs.

Tickets are \$150 per person and must be purchased in advance. Black tie is optional. For more information, or to make a reservation, please call 272-1532 or visit www.thearcolc.org.

Photo of 2011 Gala attendees provided by The Arc:



Back L-R: Diane Hobaica, Gala Chair, Rosemary Talarico; Front L-R: Laurie Schoen, Gail Manfredo.

The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter, NYSARC is a non-profit human services agency which provides advocacy and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oneida and Lewis counties.

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