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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **St. Elizabeth Honors The Arc, Oneida-Lewis With Founder's Day Award**

**Utica, NY** – St. Elizabeth Medical Center (SEMC) celebrated 145 years of service to the community on Monday, December 12, with a mass in the hospital's chapel followed by a Founder's Day award ceremony and luncheon. SEMC president and ceo, Richard Ketcham, presented the Founder's Day Award to The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter, NYSARC for many years of service to the hospital and community and significant contributions to SEMC's mission, vision and philosophy.

Mary Jane Tottey, vice president of community services at The Arc, accepted the award. Grace DeFazio Bouse, volunteer director at SEMC, said "Individuals from The Arc have been volunteering here for well over 10 years and are an important part of our team."

Charlie Doxtader, who attended the mass and award ceremony with Barbara Tocco, director at Arnold Avenue Day Hab, and Arc community specialist Lee diLorenzo, has been volunteering at the hospital for more than 10 years. "This award really belongs to Charlie and the other volunteers," Tottey said. Doxtader helps collate folders and delivers them to departments throughout the hospital. Bouse said there are many areas where Arc volunteers typically help out, including housekeeping, folding, marketing, employee health and a variety of other tasks. "They are one of our top volunteer groups."

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

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**PHOTOS PROVIDED:**



L-R: Charlie Doxtader, Barbara Tocco & Mary Jane Tottey



L-R: Charlie Doxtader, Barbara Tocco, Lee diLorenzo, Grace DeFazio Bouce



L-R: Richard Ketcham, Mary Jane Tottey