

ARISE 40 YEARS

2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



ALL AGES, ALL DISABILITIES, ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE.

At ARISE, our mission is to work with people of all abilities to create a fair and just community in which everyone can fully participate.



Our mission encompasses four key elements of the Independent Living Philosophy

Individual Control

Advocacy

Civil Rights Orientation

Cross Disability Representation

ARISE

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A Message from the Chief Executive Officer

I believe in serendipity and that the hard work we all do in life prepares us to be in the right place at the right time. Serendipity was in play 40 years ago, when ARISE's founding executive director happened to attend a California conference and learned about the new Independent Living Center movement. When the movement reached our East Coast, he was prepared to do the work to make it a reality with ARISE. I was in the right place at the right time when, already a volunteer on the ARISE Board of Directors, my 13-month-old daughter was diagnosed with a disability and began to receive services from ARISE. My legal background served me well as her advocate and now in my role at ARISE. As an agency, we are in the right place at the right time because our history of providing person-centered, community-based services and collaborating with other human service agencies is the business model now in demand.

Every day, our amazing staff and volunteers, alongside the incredibly resilient people who connect with us, do the hard work to put the Independent Living Philosophy into action. We see serendipity in the connections in our community and the successes we celebrate, but this is not a game of chance. Every day, we are taking incremental steps to our goals. Each person who comes to us decides the milestones she wants to achieve, and together we do our best to make dreams become reality. The goals vary from getting a job to refining skills for managing a mental health diagnosis to navigating a bus route to riding a horse.

We celebrate ARISE's 40th anniversary in 2019, and we continue to do the hard work so that serendipity can happen. In this world, every kind act, every leap of faith, has a compounded positive consequence. At ARISE, every act of inclusion, every presumption of competence, every demonstration of respect makes the world a better place. We all are in the right place at the right time when that means every person – regardless of ability – is in the community, being a part of the world.

Tania Anderson, ARISE, CEO



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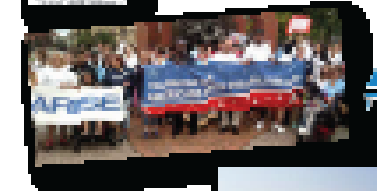


Willowbrook State Developmental Center in New York closes in 1987 after public outcry over living conditions at the facility.

President George H.W. Bush signs the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law in 1990.



Syracuse Developmental Center closes in 1998 and the demand for community based services that support independence and choice continues to grow.



Independence & Access for All

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ARISE AT THE FIRM

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2019

- ARISE begins as Alternatives for Reaching Independence through Services and Engineering, an "Independent Living project" of the United Cerebral Palsy and Handicapped Children's Association of Syracuse (now ACAA/CIT).
- ARISE incorporates as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, becoming one of eight original Independent Living Centers in New York State. The organization advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities and promotes accessibility in the built environment through programs like the Ramp Program.
- After several attempts to make public transportation in the city of Syracuse accessible, ARISE staff and volunteers "block the buses" with their wheelchairs at the main public intersection in downtown Syracuse to raise awareness around this important issue.
- Center equips 20 buses with accessible lifts, a significant achievement for ARISE advocates.
- ARISE begins offering services through the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).
- ARISE creates the ARISE 5-611 program at Tuggering.
- ARISE establishes an Independent Living Center in Onondaga County and begins the Program First Worker Program.
- Dr. James Fawcett's gift establishes ARISE at the Firm, an inclusive recreation center and horse farm.
- ARISE offers Residential Rehabilitation services, allowing people to live independently in their own homes.
- ARISE merges with Child and Family Services, expanding its service offerings to include mental health counseling.
- ARISE publishes the first edition of UNIQUE magazine, featuring artwork by individuals with disabilities. The agency holds a small reception for the artists in the office kitchen.
- ARISE begins a collaboration with the Syracuse City School District and the Office of Mental Health to bring mental health counseling to children attending Olive-Platte School.
- ARISE celebrates 25 years and continues to advocate for systemic change on issues that impact the rights of individuals with disabilities to live independent lives.
- ARISE moves its main offices to 605 James Street, allowing for continued growth and greater community access.
- ARISE opens an Independent Living Center in Madison County.
- ARISE establishes the ARISE Foundation.
- The Crown Point area joins the UNIQUE network.
- ARISE merges with Options for Independence, becoming the designated Independent Living Center for Onondaga County.
- ARISE completes a fully accessible playground at ARISE at the Firm and opens it to the public.
- ARISE welcomes the Adaptive Design program.
- ARISE merges with Freedom Recreational Services.
- ARISE begins renovations to 605 James Street; changes will create an after-school respite program and day-in Independent Living Center.

A Message from the ARISE Board President

For many years, I've had the privilege of serving on the ARISE Operating Board and watched as ARISE has changed significantly while my son has grown. Supporting an organization that puts the person first and the disability second is why I am happy to be part of ARISE.

Over the years, I've had many roles. I've been a volunteer in the ski program, watching the joy of people of all ages fly down Toggenburg Mountain. As a parent, I've watched my son experience the joy of horseback riding. I am continually amazed by the talent of our UNIQUE artists, and watching them experience their artwork and prose on the walls of the Everson is inspirational. As a board member, I am still learning the depth and breadth of this incredible organization and the incredible people who work to improve the quality of life for all people.

Board members serving with me bring their own perspective to leading ARISE. Their insight is appreciated as ARISE fulfills its mission to work with people of all abilities to create a fair and just community in which everyone can fully participate. Working together, we want to help every person make their dreams come true!

It is my honor to serve as the ARISE Board President and I invite you to learn more about how you can get involved at ARISE.

With appreciation for your support,

Susan Judge
ARISE Board President



Susan Judge

A Message from the ARISE Foundation Board Chair



Tamara Harris

My deepest appreciation goes to the donors, volunteers, Foundation board members and staff who are working every day to build a stronger ARISE.

Ashlynn, my daughter, receives services at ARISE. Through the recreational programs she enjoys, I've watched as Ashlynn's confidence has grown – to say nothing about the bond with the horses and farm animals she has developed!

Doc Marshall's gift of ARISE at the Farm over two decades ago put ARISE on an important path to providing even greater recreational opportunities for children and adults with disabilities. Today, the Farm remains a core part of the mission of ARISE. And, as we look to the future, ARISE is planning needed improvements at the Farm.

Forty years is an important milestone where we reflect back while looking forward. I am proud to be a part of ARISE and to take the next steps toward even greater success in providing an array of services: advocacy, recreation, respite, community habilitation, employment and long-term support. Having an organization that I, and other parents, can turn to for needed services is critical.

Thank you for supporting the Foundation's work and for making it possible for individuals to use ARISE services!

Tamara C. Harris
ARISE Foundation Board Chair

2018 FISCAL YEAR

(JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	\$5,374,079
Property & Equipment	\$2,166,734
Endowment Investments	\$42,273
Investment in LIFEPlan CCO, NY, LLC	\$100,000
Total Assets	\$7,683,086

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	\$2,937,088
Long-Term Liabilities	\$689,853
Net Assets	\$4,056,145
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$7,683,086

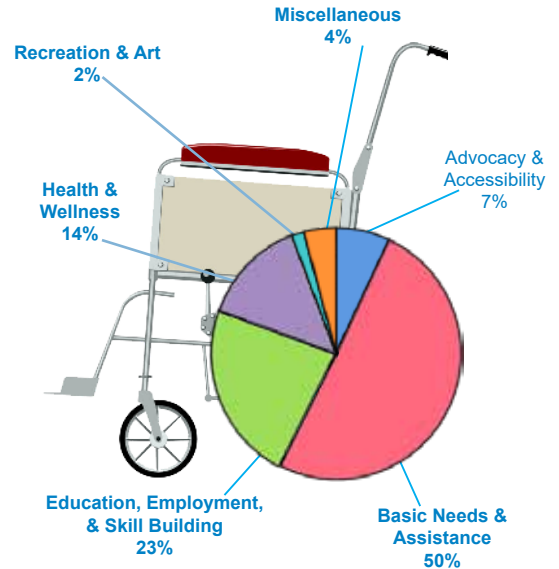
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE

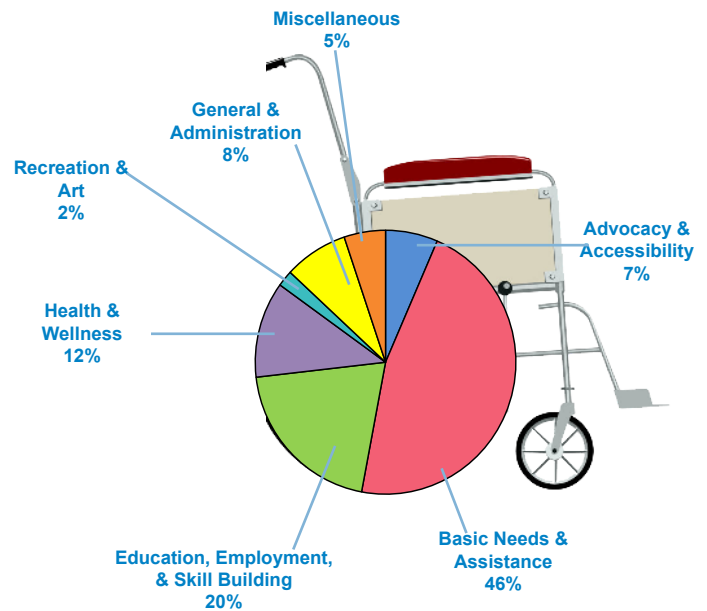
Advocacy & Accessibility	\$1,623,192
Basic Needs & Assistance	\$11,820,726
Education, Employment, & Skill Building	\$5,383,828
Health & Wellness	\$3,218,797
Recreation & Art	\$374,645
Miscellaneous	\$959,044
Total Revenue	\$23,380,232

EXPENSES

Advocacy & Accessibility	\$1,510,170
Basic Needs & Assistance	\$10,808,098
Education, Employment, & Skill Building	\$4,707,151
Health & Wellness	\$2,739,800
Recreation & Art	\$458,340
General & Administration	\$1,844,443
Miscellaneous	\$1,195,657
Total Expenses	\$23,263,659



REVENUE



EXPENSES

ARISE and the ARISE Foundation are deeply grateful for the generosity of the individuals, organizations and businesses who support our mission in Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Cayuga and Seneca counties. The following is a list of some of our donors who gave between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Thank You!

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Supporting Programs from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Allstate Foundation	Support volunteer led activities at ARISE at the Farm
The Central New York Community Foundation	Staff Training
The Central New York Community Foundation	Support the merger of ARISE and Freedom Recreational Services
The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation	Support the Adaptive Design Program
City of Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development	Support the Housing Assistance Program (HAP)
The Columbian Foundation	Support Freedom Camp
The D.E. French Foundation and The Stanley W. Metcalf Foundation	Support Freedom Riders horsebackriding program
The Gifford Foundation	Support ARISE Team Building
The John Ben Snow Foundation	Support Adaptive Design Pop-Up Builds
The M&T Charitable Trust	Support education, employment and skill-building programs
MVP Healthcare	Support Employment Programs
Sullivan United Community Chest	Supplies and materials for the Farm including a Hippohelper, handwashing station, games and storage
United Community Chest of the Towns of Cazenovia, Fenner and Nelson	Food, bedding, veterinary and farrier expenses of "Moose," a 16-year-old Quarter Horse
United Way of Cayuga County	Support Freedom Camp
United Way of Central New York	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation Independent Living & CORE Rehabilitation, Crisis management & Prevention

ARISE

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