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## Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation Awards \$500 to The Arc Eastern Connecticut

The Jewett City Bank Foundation has awarded The Arc Eastern Connecticut \$500 to its Day and In-Home Supports (IHS) programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder. This grant will allow the programs to purchase weighted blankets and a swing chair. These sensory items will give participants, especially those with ASD, a sense of security as well as aid in relaxation and calming. Weighted blankets also help people recover and sleep after a seizure, a common issue for many of The Arc's participants. "The Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation has been a great supporter of our agency," notes The Arc's CEO Kathleen Stauffer. "They've always been there to help augment not only our day services but our employment training programs and micro-enterprises. We're lucky to have them as a community partner."

To learn more about The Arc ECT's day services and its programs throughout eastern Connecticut, please visit *thearcect.org* or contact Denise Tift at (860) 889-4435, ext. 116.