

# THE BUZZ

Official Newsletter of Oswego Industries, Inc. and the Arc of Oswego County

## Oswego Industries Inc., and Arc of Oswego County Step-up to Help Area Seniors

FULTON- Oswego Industries, Inc. and Arc of Oswego County recently conducted a food and personal hygiene drive to support local seniors, with distribution coordinated by the Oswego County Office for the Aging and NY Connects.

Over a five-week period, employees of Oswego Industries, Inc., and Arc of Oswego County generously contributed over 540 pounds of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to NY Connects.

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Pictured Amanda Gregory, Oswego County Office for the Aging’s Elizabeth Weimer, and Lee Sullivan

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## 2024 Publication Schedule

April 3rd, 2024  
July 3rd, 2024  
October 2nd, 2024  
December 31, 2024



Arc of Oswego County's Seniors Program celebrated Thanksgiving early with a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Supported individuals shopped for the ingredients and helped cook.

Activities like this are made possible by a grant from the NYSARC Trust Services.

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Oswego Industries, Inc. added 17 turkeys to the donation, which will be made into baskets and delivered by Oswego County Office for the Aging and NY Connects with help from Oswego Industries staff and individuals enrolled in our comm hab program to area seniors in need. Adding the turkey brings the total weight donated to over 780 lbs. of food and personal hygiene that will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Elizabeth Weimer, a senior aging services specialist with Oswego County Office for the Aging and NY Connects, said "These items are going to be distributed to the lowest-income seniors in rural areas. There are approximately 150 seniors that will benefit from this donation."

# SAVE THE DATE

## CASINO NIGHT BENEFITTING



Join us for a night of craps, roulette, blackjack, poker, live music, and FUN, at the River Vista Event Center in Fulton, as we raise money to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

**Saturday, March 30th, 2024**

Registration: 5:30-6:00 pm

Gaming: 6:00-10:00 pm

Silent Auction: 10:30 pm

To purchase tickets please visit <https://bit.ly/488ITCw>



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# Senior's go all out for Ol's and Arc of Oswego County's Fall Fest



# Q4 GRANTS AND GIFTS

## Tom Turkey Visits Oi and Arc of Oswego County



### **In Memory of Jackie Comerford (OI)**

- Ann Comerford
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Worth
- Mary Jane Schenk
- Catherine Philpot
- The Albert Zenner Family

*Total Donations received In Memory of Jackie Comerford-\$2745*

### **In Memory of Missy Gorton(Arc)**

- Carolyn Hall
- Karen Waelder

*Total Donations received In Memory of Missy Gorton-\$65*

### **In Memory of Carol Alfieri**

- Mr & Mrs. Robert Rude
- Dorothy & Terry Lockwood
- Karen & Joel Familo
- Chuckie Calkins

*Total Donations received In Memory of Carol Alfieri-\$200*

### **Arc of Oswego General Fund**

- Brian Sawyer-\$50\*

### **Arc of Oswego Respite Program**

- The Hole Sports Tavern & Entertainment Venue-\$120

### **Giving Tuesday (OI)**

- Sue Bray
- Allen Connely^
- Kathleen Harris-Roberts
- Dianne Quintavalle
- Lee Sullivan^
- Dan Sullivan^
- Jeff Weigand^

*Total Donations received on #GivingTuesday- \$510*

**Key:** ^Employee    ^^Retired Employee    \*Board Member  
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# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

## January

A new year, a new beginning...

## February

Comm Hab Coordinator created seasonalopoly, a game based on the popular board game monopoly. The goal was to have our individuals experience new things.

## March

Oswego Industries was recognized by the Greater Oswego Fulton Chamber of Commerce with the Impact Award. The Impact Award recognizes a nonprofit that demonstrates excellence and has driven a significant impact in Oswego County.

Longtime Executive Director Laurie Davis Retires

## April

Allen Connely named President and CEO

## May

Oswego Industries, Inc. was awarded \$5,000 from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation to make updates to [oswegoIndustriesinc.org](http://oswegoIndustriesinc.org)

The Giffords Foundation awarded \$2,000 to the Arc of Oswego County to make updates to [arcfoswegocounty.org](http://arcfoswegocounty.org)

## June

Arc Senior programs and services moved from the Hughes build to 7 Morrill Place.

Oswego Industries, Inc sold the Northeast Building and moved the Novelis operation to 5 Morrill Place.

The 17th Annual Oswego Industries Golf Tournament raises nearly \$20,000 to help support our programs and services.

## July

Oswego Industries, Inc. adds EmKay Candles to its growing list of assembly and packaging customers.

Oswego Industries promotes key personnel in programs to leadership roles.

Arc of Oswego County's 2024 Membership campaign concludes with 301 members.

## August

Oswego Industries adds new board members.

# Spirit Week hits OI and Arc of Oswego County



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# 2023 Holiday Social



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**September**  
 Oswego Industries, Inc and the Arc of Oswego County host the community at its first-ever open house

**October**  
 Respite participates in the City of Oswego's, in collaboration with Oswego Speedway, Trunk or Treat

**November**  
 Advocacy Group creates Spirit Week, and the whole company participates.

**December**  
 Oswego Industries, Inc. announces that a Casino Night will replace the Golf Tournament as its signature fundraiser for 2024.

## NYSID HONORS ADAM GEORGE



Adam George was recognized as an "Outstanding Performer" in NYSID's 2023 Awards Program as one of 50 exceptional New Yorkers working on NYSID Contracts. Adam, an Oswego Industries, Inc. employee since 2010, received a Certificate of Recognition for remarkable contributions in the program's special 20th award year.

Adam's journey and achievements will be featured in a commemorative yearbook distributed to NYSID members, legislators, and advocates for meaningful employment for New Yorkers with disabilities.

NYSID, with partners Oswego Industries Inc. and Arc of Oswego County, commends Adam's dedication to fulfilling employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, congratulating him and anticipating continued success.

## EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

In October OI and Arc of Oswego some of our longstanding employees. Congratulations to the following staff members on their employment milestones:

### 5 Years

Sarah Becker  
Tacy Bricker  
MacKenzie Belge  
Daniel Cleverly  
Joe Murphy  
Edwin Soble

### 15 Years

Elaine Rooker  
Dawn Smith

### 20 Years

Adam Babiarz

### 10 Years

Travis Carter  
Michael Jones  
Amy Strong

### 30 Years

Su-Ann Howard

## WE WELCOME

### Com Hab Direct Support Professional

Devyn Viscome

### Custodian Operations Manager

Christian DeRoever

### GDH Direct Support Professional

Amanda Frey  
Arthur Graham  
Horace Vezzose

### GDH Program Coordinator

Ann Marie Cliff

### Human Resource Manager

Pamela Shelton

### Production Support Associate

Elijah Sheridan-Anderson

### Respite Direct Support Professional

Jessie LaBrake

## SCENES FROM THE OCTOBER EMPLOYEE TOWN HALL MEETING



## THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVEAWAY



## Gifts from page 4

### Facebook Fundraisers

- Laura Kinney
- Brittany La'Ree
- Bud Loura
- Khristine Myers-Ercums
- Sherry Spann Allen
- Bud Loura

Total Donations received via Facebook Fundraisers-\$131

### Year End Appeal\*

- Michelle Hourigan
- Susan Lee
- Timothy Sollenberger
- Mr. & Mrs Christopher Nelson
- Mary Lansley

*Total Donations received during the year end appeal-\$700*

*\*Reflects donations received throughout 9am on December 29th, 2023*

## ADVOCACY GROUP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS



FULTON—On Tuesday, October 10, the Oswego Industries, Inc. and Arc of Oswego County Advocacy Group held elections for their slate of officers for the 2024 term. For the 2024 term, from March 1 to October 31, 2024, Ron L. will serve as President, Angie D. as treasurer, and Mike L. as secretary.

The board is excited to be stepping in and have some great ideas to share with their peers.

### About Oswego Industries Inc.

Our mission is to be a partner in the development of comprehensive community services designed to improve the quality of life for all people by providing the necessary support programs to enable individuals to grow with dignity and achieve their highest level of independence and self-fulfillment.



### About Arc of Oswego County

The mission of Arc of Oswego County is to be the premier provider of services to persons with developmental disabilities. Our commitment, first and foremost, is to individuals and their families, to provide choices, information, education and supports that will allow informed decisions and opportunities for growth, personal development and fulfillment.

