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## The Arc/Morris Honors Kids to Kids

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The leadership of Kids to Kids was recognized recently with The Arc/Morris Distinguished Service Award. Shown left to right are Zoe Antonius from Mendham High School, The Arc/Morris Board member Irene Hansen, Julianna Scerbo from Mountain Lakes High School, Ethan Kim from Morristown Beard High School and Erik Vataker from Morristown High School.

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Morristown, NJ – The beautiful Frelinghuysen Arboretum was the site of The Arc/Morris Chapter's Annual Meeting and Awards & Volunteer Recognition event recently. Over 120 guests were on hand to recognize outstanding service to people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities. One of the evening highlights was the recognition of Kids to Kids, Inc. The Morristown based non-profit is run by young students from a number of area High Schools who mentor their peers with special needs in a variety of recreational and learning activities. The organization received The Arc/Morris Distinguished Community Service Award. In presenting the award, Irene Hansen, a member of the board of directors noted, "There is no doubt that Kids to Kids has served to enhance the lives of special

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needs kids, but it also provides leadership opportunities and community service for the many young leaders who not only volunteer in the program, but govern and operate it, as well." The event also honored nine other individuals and organizations for their work in support of the non-profit organization, whose mission is the care, support and advancement of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Award winners included Ricky Bullion with the Bill Sackter Citizenship Award, Keith Cortright with the Professional of the Year Award and the Drs. Susan Arnold and Aaron Manella receiving Health Care Professional of the Year Awards. Chris Luongo received the Best Friend Award, while Brianne McBreen and Richard Eva were both recognized with Educator of the Year Awards. Louis Grassi was given the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award and Morris County Surrogate John Pecoraro was recognized with The Arc/Morris Chapter's highest honor for lifetime achievement, the Distinguished Service Award. Volunteers and volunteer groups were also acknowledged for their contribution to the agency. They included local councils of both the Knights of Columbus and the Masons, as well as other social and civic organizations. Local foundations and a number of area churches and schools were also acknowledged for their work with the non-profit agency. Individual volunteers were also thanked for the many hours of time contributed to the organization. During the agency's Annual Meeting, Katherine Cascioli of Towaco, was re-elected to a second term as President of the Board of Directors of the \$16 million agency, which operates an extensive service system throughout Morris County. Tom Horn of Long Valley was re-elected as First Vice-President. Others assuming officer positions include Walter Bender also of Long Valley, who will serve as Second Vice-President, Larry McEntee of Mt. Olive, who will serve as Secretary and Phil Sheehy of Randolph, who will serve as Treasurer. Jim Gallagher of Rockaway and Barry Levine of Denville were both re-elected to the Board. The not-for-profit agency has been serving people with special needs and their families for over 60 years. Services include residential and day programs for adults; therapeutic recreation for all ages; and support and respite for families. For more information please call 973.326.9750 x211 or visit [www.arcmorris.org](http://www.arcmorris.org).