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**Chelsea Groton Foundation Awards Large Grant to Support The Arc Eastern Connecticut's Redemption Center in Woodstock**

The Arc Eastern Connecticut recently received a significant grant from the [Chelsea Groton Foundation](#) to purchase collection bins for The Arc's [Donation Station](#) redemption center in Woodstock. This generous grant will increase the Donation Station's capacity to collect and recycle redeemable bottles and cans, promoting environmental sustainability while supporting The Arc's mission.

"We are deeply appreciative of the Chelsea Groton Foundation's continued support over the years," said Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The Arc Eastern Connecticut. "This grant will enable us to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of The Donation Station, which plays a crucial role in both environmental conservation and job opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)." The new collection bins will be placed in local communities in eastern Connecticut (for locations, visit [thearcect.org/donation-station](http://thearcect.org/donation-station)).

The Donation Station—located in the same building as The Arc's [Emporium](#) and [Cookie Factory](#) at 22 Route 171—is one of the Agency's micro-enterprises that provides training and employment opportunities for people with IDD. By participating in the program, employees not only gain valuable experience but also a sense of equality and community inclusion.

**About The Arc Eastern Connecticut:**

The Arc Eastern Connecticut is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for and supporting people with IDD in the communities of eastern Connecticut. Since its founding in 1952, the Agency has been committed to promoting inclusion, independence, and quality of life for people with IDD through advocacy, education, and community-based services. To learn more, please visit [TheArcECT.org](http://TheArcECT.org).

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*Caption: Thanks to the Chelsea Groton Foundation, The Arc's Donation Station redemption center is getting more collection bins.*