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HARC's Self-Advocacy Group to Sell St. Patrick's Day Carnations

Thanks to the generosity of Mohawk Valley Florist in Ilion, and Rose Petals Florist in Little Falls, HARC's Self-Advocacy group continues to grow in membership to give voice to people with disabilities.

The group will be spreading St. Patrick's Day cheer by selling green carnations on Wednesday, March 17th at 350 S. Washington Street in Herkimer.

Sandra Sklarz of Rose Petals Florist is donating the carnations, both singles and bouquets, to benefit "People Are Beautiful." The group sold roses donated by Sam Geloso at Mohawk Valley Florist for Valentine's Day.

Craig Cureau, HARC Quality Assurance specialist and advisor to the group, commented with a bit of Irish luck and support for the March sale, flower proceeds will continue to help send members to self-advocacy state and regional conferences to network with other groups and to raise consciousness with regard to current issues, pertinent topics, and strategies to help enrich lives.

"We cannot thank Sandra at Rose Petals Florist and Sam at Mohawk Valley Florist enough for their generous donations to support our cause. Flowers are a universal symbol of love and commitment and we truly enjoy selling them. Community support is also a morale boost to our members, who work to fight discrimination and to speak up in order to make others aware of the issues that people with disabilities face each day."

For more information about "People Are Beautiful" or the flower sale, contact Craig Cureau at (315) 574-7000. To learn more about HARC and its mission to empower people and enrich lives, visit www.herkimerarc.org.

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Members of HARC's "People Are Beautiful" visited Rose Petals Florist in Little Falls to talk about a St. Patrick's Day flower sale donation. Those visiting include, from left, Mike Bruce, president, Sandra Sklarz, owner of Rose Petals Florist, Craig Cureau, HARC Quality Assurance specialist and group advisor, and Christine Thurston, member.



HARC Self-Advocacy group picked up red roses at Mohawk Valley Florist in Ilion for a Valentine's flower sale. From left, Craig Cureau, HARC Quality Assurance specialist, Mike Bruce, president, and Sam Geloso, owner of Mohawk Valley Florist show off some of the beautiful flowers for sale.