

## ***Easels in Frederick* Donates \$4,500 to The Arc for Art Therapy Programs**

*Easels in Frederick, Inc.*, which annually produces a nationally recognized open air painting competition in Frederick County, recently awarded \$4,500 to The Arc of Frederick County. The Arc will use the funds to underwrite art therapy services for people with developmentally and intellectually disabilities.

In addition to producing a high-quality annual *plein air* art event that celebrates the community on canvas, *Easels in Frederick (EIF)* is committed to offering art education opportunities, promoting the area's status as an art destination and serving as an economic engine for the city and county.

The 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary *Easels in Frederick* will take place June 13–19, 2016. It includes a judge's talk, ticketed Collectors Preview of the Grand Exhibition, a timed Quick Draw contest for adults and youth, outdoor art market and a public opening of the Grand Exhibition. *Plein air* workshops for youth and adults will be offered in April and May. For more information, to register and buy tickets, visit [www.easelsinfrederick.org](http://www.easelsinfrederick.org). *Easels in Frederick* is a 501(c)(3) organization.

**In the photo:** *Easels in Frederick* recently donated \$4,500 to The ARC for art therapy programs. Seen at the check presentation, back row, left to right, are: Connie Schlee, *EIF* board member; Cristy Stup, management team member; Aaron Stephens, The Arc's deputy director; Shauna Mulcahy, ARC development director; Bill Fogle, *EIF* board president; Vicki Glenn, *EIF* board member; Steve Poole, *EIF* management team leader; Ginger Edington, *EIF* board member; and Cam Miller, management team member. Front row, left to right, are: Gayle Sutch, *EIF* board vice president with a painting by 2016 juried artist Paul Tooley; Barbara Maghan, *EIF* board member holding artwork by the late Raymond Jones, Jr., who was served by The Arc; Marita Loose, *EIF* management team member with a painting by 2012 juried artist Jacqueline Beam.