

This Week at ASCARC

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First of November News at ASCARC

- Our **Branchville group home residents** traveled to the **Bronx Zoo in NYC** last week to enjoy the Autumn weather and the animals. What a great opportunity to learn about the animal kingdom and to see firsthand all of the creatures at the Zoo. Andy, John, Lisa, and Bonnie all had a great time with the convenience of their one on one staff. Thank you all!



- The men of **Lafayette group home** prepared their pumpkins for the season. The wind may blow....A chill is in the air....We are almost ready....For Hallows Day will soon be here!



- The **SCARC Foundation Annual Appeal** is in the mail to all families and friends of SCARC. This year's letter of appeal is authored in part by SCARC board member **Beth Jensen and her husband Erik**. Our goal this year is to raise \$115,000, and our last year's total income was \$112,000. The Jensen's have a son served by SCARC in our family support department, and Beth has been on the board since 2016. Please be as generous as you can with your annual donation to the **SCARC Foundation Annual Appeal!**

- Our own **Scott Ulmer, football aficionado**, and resident of our Supportive Apartments was able to attend last week's **Rutgers football game** courtesy of a ticket donor. Scott and his staff Spencer traveled to New Brunswick to **Highpoint Stadium** to enjoy the game against Northwestern, which Rutgers unfortunately lost. However, Scott and Spencer had a great time cheering, eating, and watching an exciting game. Thank you generous donor for the 2 tickets!



- Good news for all **SCARC Direct Support Professionals!** As a result of the implementation of the 2019 state budget through action by the state Legislature, all **DSPs in New Jersey** received a wage increase due the increase in the Fee For Service rates. SCARC DSPs received a 5% increase in wages as of October 1, and each received an additional 4% bonus in wages from a quarterly payment of back rates from July – September. We'll try for more next year. Thank you **Arc of New Jersey** for your work with the Legislature to achieve this outcome!

- Thank you all for your positive feedback about our weekly **This Week at SCARC** newsletter!