

This Week at SCARC

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More March News at SCARC

- First Hope Bank officers from the Sparta Branch, **Deana Marie Smith and Kim Morlock** present a financial gift to the SCARC Foundation for their annual contribution. Accepting the gift is SCARC **Chief Executive Officer Richard Lecher**. The funds will support SCARC and SCARC Guardianship program and services, and will be part of the overall SCARC Foundation Gordon Shelton Memorial Walkathon event to be held on May 19 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.



- Students from the **Reverend Brown School** in Sparta held a food drive for the benefit of SCARC's Harvest Home foods program. Harvest Home volunteers picked up the donated non-perishable food at the school and met the students who eagerly displayed their collection. Through the coordination of **Monica Carelli**, the students collected food all during the month of February as part of their **Extending Hands community ministry**. Thank you students and staff for helping our Harvest Home program which distributes food to over 300 needy families each month through 2 pantry locations: Hampton Township and Hamburg.



- SCARC's **Chief Executive Officer Richard Lecher** spoke at the annual banquet of the **Sussex Christian School** in Sussex on the value of Inclusion for students with special needs within a Christian school environment. The Sussex Christian School incorporates an inclusionary focus for 8 special needs students within its student body of 88 students. The school has a special education teacher who provides valuable supports in reading and math while each student is virtually included in all school activities.



- Our **Richard and Susan Lecher Community Center** facility is almost completed and ready for occupancy in another month. It will hold 2 day programs, the **James Dykstra Center** and the **Patty Dolan Senior Center**. Some new offices will also be used. Additional space will be available for future SCARC expansion. An **OPEN HOUSE** is planned for Thursday May 9 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.