

# This Week at ASCARC

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## End of April News at ASCARC



- Our Explorers headed to **Healthy Italia in Madison, NJ** for a cooking class. Everyone enjoyed a truly elegant, delicious, and age-appropriate cooking class hosted by this beautiful establishment. We made homemade gnocchi with the help of our instructor, Laura. This activity was facilitated, free of charge, with some help from advocates working for the ARC of NJ. This was truly a great opportunity and we are so excited to embark on future experiences with the SCARC Explorers program to promote the development of life skills, community engagement, and socialization.

- **Richard Malmberg** a resident of our Hillside group home has been very interested in law and court cases lately. He takes books out at the library weekly and watches court cases on his iPad on YouTube. Last night, he was able to sit in and observe court at the **Frankford Township Municipal Court**. Most of the cases were quite short and probably uninteresting to most, but Richard enjoyed every moment, and was even able to briefly speak to a local lawyer. He found out that court is in session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month and will attend again in May.



- Ever since 2011, SCARC has enjoyed the volunteer services of many **UPS employees** who come to SCARC program locations to perform spring cleanup duties. This year, 30 UPS volunteers came Thursday to 6 SCARC program sites including Lenape, Newton, Fredon, Warbasse, and Lafayette group homes, and our Sparta Center. The 30 volunteers clocked in about 180 volunteer hours which makes SCARC eligible for a **UPS Foundation grant** of \$15,000. Since 2010, SCARC has received over \$200,000 in UPS Foundation grants for SCARC programs. Thank you UPS volunteers and friends!

