

# This Week at ASCARC

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## Memorial Day Weekend News at ASCARC

Happy Memorial Day Weekend everyone!

Enjoy the festivities, and be safe on the road and at the BBQ grill!

- Former SCARC board member and parent of an adult daughter receiving services from DDD **Gail Frizzell** joins NJ Department of Health Commissioner **Shereef M. Elnahal, M.D.**, and Arc NJ CEO **Tom Baffuto** at the Arc NJ organized **Rally for Direct Support Professionals (DSP) wage increase** in Trenton last Monday. The rainy day didn't thwart the enthusiasm of the 250 attendees who brought the wage issue to the attention of the Legislature. Good going Gail!



- **Jon Konopka** (left) of our **Heritage location of Harvest Home Foods** loves to create wreaths and give them away. The wreath in the photo is dedicated to Vernon because Jon attended Vernon High School. He and his colleagues are giving the wreath to our **Vernon group home** to hang at the home. Thanks Jon for using your artistic talents for the enjoyment of others!



- **Eileen Butka**, third from left in the photo, reads to her colleagues at the **SCARC Senior Center** each week. She loves to read and to lead discussions about the subject of her reading. Eileen lives in SCARC's supervised apartment program, and participates in the senior program three days per week. Thank you Eileen for reading to everyone.

- Last Friday, our **SCARC Explorers** traveled to **Blair Academy** in Blirstown for a festival day with students from Blair. They joined other non-profit organization participants in games, athletic events, classes, and student led activities in an inclusive atmosphere. This is part of the **Blair Day of Service** program, which supports relationships with community organizations such as SCARC. Rachel (r) enjoys her new friends at Blair.



- **Spencer Veen** of our Franklin group home received a **Key to Success** recognition from Lisa Donohoe this month for his excellent employment with the residents of the home. Always willing to take on extra shifts, Spencer is a great "team player" not only to his own program, but to SCARC. Congrats Spencer!

- We enjoyed a great day at our **SCARC Foundation 2019 Gordon Shelton Memorial Walkathon** held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds last Sunday, May 19. Over 650 walkers and 100 volunteers and attendees came out to relish the great weather and good friendships. We thank all of our sponsors and supporters. The event raised over \$135,000 for SCARC and SCARC Guardianship Services programs in Sussex County. In the photo, Victor is pushed by #41 of the Pope John football team, and the residents and staff of our Hillside group home get ready to walk the course. Thank you **Chris Hemmer** and your team, and thank you all our faithful volunteers.



- We are pleased to announce that SCARC and our Richard and Susan Lecher Community Center received a grant from **The John & Margaret Post Foundation** to support our need for furnishings and equipment at the Center. The **Post Foundation** has supported SCARC for the past 20+ years for various capital needs including furnishings, building generators, and vehicles. We deeply appreciate the devotion the Post Foundation has expressed to us over the years. Thank you **John and Peggy Post!**
- SCARC has succeeded in receiving **full licensing from the Office of Licensing** for our 22 residential group homes and 7 apartments. The Licensing inspectors have been with us for most of the past month visiting and inspecting each residential program with their state operating standards in mind. SCARC has received full licensure for our residential program since our beginning when we opened our first home in 1980. SCARC is very committed to excellence in service and in our devotion to the quality of life of our individuals. Thank you **Janis Woersching** and your team for SCARC's readiness!
- Don't forget two upcoming events at SCARC! Our SCARC Foundation **Sock Hop & Olympic Celebration** to be held on Friday June 21 at Skylands Ice World in Hardyston. The Sock Hop event is for SCARC residential individuals and staff. The second event is our annual SCARC Foundation **Night at Sussex County Miners baseball** at the Skylands Stadium in Augusta. In order for SCARC to receive benefits, tickets must be purchased in the Foundation Office, not at the ballpark. Call **Alice or Chris** at 973-383-7442 ext. 260 for tickets or more information. Both events benefit SCARC and SCARC Guardianship Services programs.