

This Week at ASCARC

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End of May News at ASCARC



- We are proud to announce that our own **Chris Hemmer, chief development officer of the SCARC Foundation**, will be honored with the **Robert J. Smythe Award for Outstanding Professional Fundraiser for 2021**. Chris has exemplified excellence in his career at the SCARC Foundation at which he has been employed since 2009. The award will be given to Chris in September at a virtual event of the **New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)**. We in the SCARC family of services are proud of Chris and his performance in raising funds and cultivating donors in support of SCARC and SCARC Guardianship Services. Congratulations Chris!

- The ladies at our **Frankford group home** enjoyed their outing at the **Hampton Diner** recently. "It's good to be out in the community", says manager **Desiree Ballester-Gould**. The Hampton Diner has been a favorite dining place for many SCARC group home residents over the years. Everyone enjoy the food and fun.



- The ladies from our **Val Court group home** enjoyed cooking with our **Day Hab Goes Digital** program. Our cooking club is most popular with many group home and at home residents. This meal was making salmon cakes for the whole home. The cooking club meals have become more sophisticated over the pandemic time line.

- Getting out into the community is the thing to do. The men and lady from our **Newton group home** travel to **Swartswood State Park** to enjoy the outdoors weather and the lake.



- Speaking of outdoors, our Day Hab Goes Digital program has a new program called Critter Care. Our friends from **Farm Chicks Educational Farm** came on to talk about Turtles. After watching an educational segment, about the turtle's habitat, watching them eat and discussing facts about the turtles and their life, the participants took part in a craft. Our host guided us through making an artistic turtle, made from the supplies provided by our host. Farm Chicks will be coming on monthly to do a Critter Care presentation, spotlighting a different animal each month.

Diana from Farm Chicks hopes to be able to one day do these presentations live and in person, so the participants can hold and touch the animals. At left is Karen from our Frankford group home and her turtle.