

# This Week at ASCARC

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## First of October News at ASCARC



- The **men and staff at our Hillside group home** enjoy their sit down dinner last Thursday evening. They have a tradition in the home of everyone eating together on Thursday nights. This night also was special because David returned from staying with his Mom during some of the COVID period. Welcome to the table everyone!

- Our own **Chris Hemmer, Chief Development Officer of the SCARC Foundation**, has received the **Robert J. Smythe Award for Outstanding Professional Fundraiser** from the **New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals** this week. Chris has been honored for his long career in fundraising, and for his 11 years of work with the SCARC Foundation. Over his SCARC years, Chris has raised nearly \$9 million in support of SCARC and SCARC Guardianship Services. In the photo (right) is **Richard Lecher, SCARC CEO** with Chris holding his award.



- We are sorry to announce that our **beloved friend Dan McLinden** passed away this week. He was a resident of our **Hardyston group home** since 1993, and a participant in our **Harvest Home Foods program** in Hamburg. All of us at SCARC express our deepest sympathy for this loss. Dan was well cared for by the staff at the group home, the staff at the Harvest Homes Food program, and lastly by the caregivers at **Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice** in Fredon.

- The **residents of our Sparta group home** enjoyed their trip to Lake Hopatcong and a lake journey on “**Miss Lotta**”, the Lake Hopatcong lake tour ship. They had lunch onboard the ship and took in the sights and the great blue skies. In addition, the traveling folks visited the **Pocono Indian Museum in East Stroudsburg, PA** to learn about native Americans and their history.



- **Karen and Kalahan** from our **Harvest Home Foods program at our Hampton Center** are filling a box with food to distribute to our needy families who come to our food pantry for food products. Our Harvest Home Food pantry receives food from the **NORWESCAP Food Bank** in Phillipsburg, and distributes food throughout the week from our two pantries in Hampton and Hamburg. Good work serving the Sussex County community!