

# This Week at ASCARC

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## More October News at ASCARC



- Our **Just Us Kids Saturday** respite group traveled to the **American Dream** for a trip to **Legoland Discovery Center** in East Rutherford! The group walked through the Sea Life Aquarium and enjoyed the interactive experience in the Lego Discovery Center! Our JUK program basically travels into the community for most of their sessions throughout the month. A good time is had by all.

- SCARC has implemented a program to benefit our staff to assist those who have federal student loans in need of paying off such loans. Working with **Gallagher Insurance, the Arc of NJ, and our SCARC Human Resources department**, our staff can pursue forgiveness of Federal Student Loans for college, graduate school, and other education endeavors. The loan forgiveness program is for staff who work for SCARC or any of the other Arc of NJ chapters in New Jersey. Reduced monthly loan payments and eventual loan forgiveness are features that can help staff with these weighty burdens as employees pursue work with non-profit organizations like SCARC. For more information, contact Lisa Donohoe at SCARC at [ldonohoe@scarc.org](mailto:ldonohoe@scarc.org).

- The families of residents at our Warbasse group home came together for a gathering two weeks ago. **Resident Joseph and his nephew Reed** got to spend time together with Reed's action heroes, and with family fellowship. Many of our homes had family gatherings in the last few weeks, and all events were enjoyed by all families and residents.



- Our **Vernon group home residents and those from our Sussex group home** got together for a time of crafts for the Halloween holiday and for a time of socializing and getting to know each other at the Vernon home. A great time was had by all. As sister group homes, the Vernon and Sussex homes have many opportunities to gather together for enjoyable activities.

- **Residents of the Newton group home** rearranged their living room and created a space for movies to be shown on a screen. In the photo, **Ned and Sean** are watching the movie *Frankenstein*. Both enjoyed "going to the movies"!



- **SCARC Board members Dawn Hall (left) and Andy Sharick (middle)** tour the **Eickmann Center in Hampton** with **Janis Woersching (SCARC COO)**, **Liza Fiebert (senior coordinator of community services)**, and program supervisor **Luann Salvatoriello**. The SCARC board is enjoying visiting day and residential programs to familiarize themselves with SCARC program operations.