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Dear Friend of SCARC:

As we enter the season of giving, we are writing to thank you for your generous support of the SCARC Foundation in the past and to ask you to consider making a financial contribution to this year's annual appeal. Your commitment to people with developmental disabilities is making a difference and really changing lives.

Since 1985, the SCARC Foundation has been fulfilling the ongoing needs of SCARC and SCARC Guardianship Services. Today with your help, the SCARC family of services is able to provide recreation programs including summer camp experiences, basketball, swimming, bowling, & dances; respite care which provides a much needed break for families who have a child with a disability; and guardianship services which helps guide families through the legal process of becoming the legal guardian for their disabled family member. In addition, SCARC provides a county wide network of 23 residential homes, 8 supportive living apartments, 7 employment and activity day programs, including the Harvest Home program which provides food to 700 needy families each month and many family support services. This year, SCARC will provide services to nearly 650 people with developmental disabilities.

On a personal note, the SCARC organization has been a true blessing for our family. Our son James was born in 1991 with a rare syndrome called Wolf-Hirschhorn. Wolf-Hirschhorn is a genetic disorder that affects many parts of the body including the heart, kidneys and lungs, and it delays growth and development, impacts intellectual ability and can cause low muscle tone and seizures. Overwhelmed and confused, we sought out help and direction from SCARC. SCARC offered our family respite and guided us to the programs that would be most beneficial for James.

Throughout James' life, we relied on SCARC for so many programs and services including summer camp, behavioral support, guardianship services, and a day program at the Clark Center. James attended the Clark Center daily for work and activities. Some of the things James liked to do included basic reading, math, computer & iPad, shredding, as well as; activities of daily living.

James' positive attitude and jubilant smile made everyone's day at the Clark Center brighter. The staff's involvement with taking the program participants into the community for activities and outings was unsurpassed. Each worker at the Clark Center is well trained, supportive and truly gave James a wonderful experience.

Our son sadly passed away recently, but I will always be grateful for the SCARC services that our family received. James' joyful personality affected all of the people he interacted with. He gave unconditional love and his contagious smile and his giggle made everyone laugh.

Raising a child with special needs can sometimes be difficult but knowing there is an organization like SCARC that is by your side to help whether it be to answer questions or provide such amazing opportunities for people with disabilities makes life just a bit easier.

We urge you to support this vital organization for our local disabled children and adults. SCARC has always been a forerunner in the field of developmental disabilities. Let's keep it that way! **We hope you will consider a gift to the SCARC Foundation Annual Appeal of \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1,000** --- or whatever you can afford. The money raised will enable SCARC and SCARC Guardianship Services to continue to provide and expand their programs to children and adults who need them. Also, keep in mind that your donation is tax deductible and can be made via credit card online at <https://www.firstgiving.com/24902/2017-scarc-foundation-annual-appeal> .

On behalf of The SCARC Foundation, we wish you and your families a safe, healthy and peaceful holiday season. As we celebrate our blessings this holiday season, let us remember that giving is the greatest gift of all.

Sincerely,



The Dykstra Family

SCARC Foundation – Annual Appeal Campaign

- \$1,000 Benefactor**
- \$500 Friend of SCARC**
- \$250 Supporter**
- \$100 Contributor**
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Thank you for your generous support!