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Dear Friend of SCARC:

As we begin 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.

Our family was first introduced to SCARC at an informational meeting that was offered at our public school district when our son Kristian was 5 years old. We were at a point in our lives where we were still accepting his autism diagnosis and searching for any and all information we could about services that would benefit him. We immediately reached out to SCARC's family support coordinator to learn more about SCARC and what services they could offer to Kristian. Within just a few days, Kristian was accepted by SCARC to receive respite care. Respite hours are so important to our family. Not only do they provide a break for us as parents but it also allows Kristian to spend time with people outside of our family. It is difficult for us to take on outings with both of our children. The respite hours we receive allows us to spend some quality time with our daughter shopping or going to the park.

Kristian requires constant supervision and therefore is never far from our sides unless he is at school. In order for Kristian to be able to participate in other programs that SCARC has to offer, we know that he needs to become more comfortable meeting and working with others. Kristian is now 8 years old and we are hopeful that he will be able to participate in the Just-Us-Kids Saturday program in the near future. The Summer Experience Camp is another program that SCARC offers that we would love for him to grow into. Summers are very challenging for our family as Kristian truly loves the routine of school. It would be extremely beneficial for Kristian to have the experience of the summer day camp where he would go on outings such as rafting, Dorney Park, eat at restaurants and be exposed to new environments.

At this time, we are not yet sure what the future holds for our son, but it is reassuring to know that SCARC offers so many wonderful programs. In addition, guardianship is something we will have to navigate in the future and we will look to SCARC Guardianship Services for guidance with that process. We are so grateful for all the SCARC has done for our family and feel truly blessed to be involved with such a remarkable organization!

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 22 residential homes, 7 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.

We urge you to support this vital organization for our local children and adults with developmental disabilities. 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.scarcfoundation.org>.

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,

Beth and Erik Jensen

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SCARC Foundation – Annual Appeal Campaign

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