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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 ask for you to consider making a financial contribution to this year's annual appeal. Your commitment to people with developmental disabilities makes a difference and really changes lives.

Our son Spencer was born in Atlanta and is now 28 years old. He is physically challenged, developmentally delayed and visually impaired. It was difficult as new parents not knowing what we needed to do for our son. Immediately, we started researching and learning how to advocate for Spencer. The first decision we made was to always treat him like any other child. This proved to be the best decision we made along the way. We moved a lot during his first 5 years, and each move brought us to a new therapist or doctor that would help bring Spencer along in his development. Spencer has gone through a lot over the years; and we managed to get him through school with the help of his dedicated teachers. After Spencer completed school, therapy, and several operations on his legs, we were now challenged with planning what was next for Spencer. What was he going to do each day?

We began our search for a day program that would be appropriate for Spencer. He is extremely social and loves to socialize with everyone. However, he still needs care with respect to his physical disability. A lot of programs we looked at first were fitted to severely challenged adults who could not communicate well. Then we came across SCARC. We had a very thorough interview to see if Spencer would fit in any of the many different day program offerings SCARC had. They felt they could give Spencer the services he needed in a proper social environment. The next hurdle was waiting until there was a spot open for him. We waited 2 years, while SCARC was expanding their programs to accommodate more clients. Spencer started at the Eickmann Center program and liked it very much. He wanted to try out the Harvest Home Food Pantry program and he also enjoyed it. SCARC was just developing their new Explorers program which takes clients out into the community to see, try or even volunteer in new experiences. Spencer had to prove that he could be independent enough to be allowed into this program. He worked hard and was accepted to join the Explorers program.

All was perfect and SCARC was a great place for Spencer to grow and have a great life. Then COVID hit! Once again, SCARC's dedicated employees stepped up to the plate and created a virtual day program. Monday through Friday from 9-3 all of SCARC's clients who wanted to participate could come together via a zoom webcast. They did culinary projects, sang songs with sign language, had art therapy, learned about different animals, and took virtual tours of places all around the world.

They also played games, listened to music, and gave presentations about what they were interested in. Talk about a LIFE SAVER during a difficult time. For Spencer, it was just what he needed. He learned better communication skills, he became better at formulating his sentences and how to be part of a conversation. He learned to think!

SCARC's programs are back in person and once again Spencer is happy at the Eickmann Center Day Program. There is so much more we could tell you but the main thought we would like you to take away from this is that our family thinks SCARC is the ABSOLUTE BEST organization for people with developmental disabilities. They cover many aspects of what a special needs person would need help with in their life, from a place to live, to a place to go to everyday, to help with guardianship SCARC is the organization to go to. We love SCARC!

Our family is very fortunate to have the SCARC family of services in our lives. We are grateful for the continuing support the SCARC Foundation provides to SCARC and SCARC Guardianship, which has enabled all of these meaningful programs, opportunities, and facilities for so many individuals with developmental disabilities.

SCARC services are simply the best and deserve our financial support. **Please consider a gift to the SCARC Foundation Annual Appeal of \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 ---** or whatever fits into your budget. Also, keep in mind that your donation is tax deductible and can be made via credit card online at <https://bit.ly/scarcfoundation-donate>

On behalf of The SCARC Foundation, we wish you and your families a safe, healthy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

The Fulton Family

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