

Community Programs • Community Facility Program

USDA Rural Development Helps SCARC Give Back to the Community

SCARC, Inc is a nonprofit organization that provides support and services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. SCARC, who currently serves 650 individuals throughout Sussex County, has a good understanding for supply and demand. Having reached their full capacity in their existing facilities, SCARC came to USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to build a new 16,000 square-foot facility.

USDA Rural Development provided a \$3,450,000 Community Facilities Loan to finance a two story center. This center contains recreation, instruction, and kitchen space, to support several day programs for adults and seniors with developmental disabilities. The building also includes office space and a computer lab where training will be provided to SCARC employees.

The SCARC Organization successfully combined two day-habilitation programs for both adults and seniors at this facility. This facility now serves over 50 individuals who enjoy companionship, cultivate a wide variety of skills, and participate in recreational activities.

SCARC understands that helping people is more effective with the support of the full community. Over the years SCARC's leadership has facilitated partnerships with many community resources to maximum everyone's participation in fostering the development of each person they serve.

Rural Development has been a long time partner with SCARC, dating back to 1979. To date, Rural Development has invested over \$8 million dollars supporting a variety of projects in this rural community located in Sussex County.

With SCARC supporting people of all ages with developmental disabilities, the entire community is well served. Rural Development is very proud of their continued partnership with SCARC and the results this partners has yielded.



Pictured from Left to Right : USDA Rural Development employees, Janis Rega, Area Director, Christine Schmelzle, Community Programs Director, Michael Thulen Jr, State Director, Kenneth Drewes, Business Management Officer, and SCARC, Inc President/CEO, Dr. Richard Lecher

Obligation Amount:	\$3,450,000
Date of Obligation:	7/25/2017
Congressional District:	5th Congressional District: Congressman Gottheimer, Senators Menendez and Booker
Demographics:	Sussex County
Impact:	This funding will support over 50 residents in Sussex County.
