

## Outstanding Professional Fundraiser The Robert J. Smythe Award



### Christopher Hemmer, Chief Development Officer SCARC Foundation, Inc.



Chris Hemmer is currently the Chief Development Officer of the SCARC Foundation in Augusta, New Jersey serving Sussex County. Chris has been employed for the past 12 years since 2009 in this function and has excelled in his assignment because of his robust skillset for donor cultivation and the coordination of special events fundraising. Prior to joining our SCARC team, he enjoyed a 10-year career in fundraising at Junior Achievement in New York City. During his tenure at Junior Achievement Chris lead a team of 5 fundraising professionals and raised over \$15 million. Chris

constantly exhibits excellent management of fundraising events as well as developing teams of volunteers to assist in various events. In addition, Chris manages the SCARC Foundation Endowment Funds which support SCARC, Inc. and SCARC Guardianship Services, Inc.

The SCARC Foundation was formed in 1985 to raise funds for SCARC, Inc. and SCARC Guardianship Services, Inc. Over its 35-year history, the SCARC Foundation has received \$16,525,000 given by donors who are committed to the mission of the SCARC family of services. Over Chris Hemmer's 12-year tenure with SCARC, he has been instrumental in raising over \$8.990 million given by donors.

Chris manages a Board of Trustees of 30 productive members from Sussex County's corporate, business, educational, medical sectors as well as SCARC family members in order to assure that the mission of the SCARC Foundation is vibrant and impacting on the Sussex County community. Chris supervises a staff of three and large teams of volunteers. He excels in donor relations, on-line fundraising as well as cultivating donors through individual and small group meetings. In addition, Chris is active in mentoring other development professionals within chapters of the Arc of New Jersey. Chris currently serves as Co-Chair of CEArc's Development Director Committee. He is respected in the community and is an active member of community business related groups.