

Michael



These meetings give participants a chance to voice their perspectives and give input on State budget and legislative issues that affect their lives. Their advocacy resulted in having the 'R' word removed from all State laws. Michael's group also meets yearly with Montclair State University future special education teachers to relate to them their experiences as people with disabilities. Michael also attends the annual spring luncheon and fall conference where the participants get to socialize and meet legislative representatives. The picture shows Michael at a recent advocacy meeting proudly holding a sign he made that says it all.

Michael attends a monthly program of The Arc of New Jersey named the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project established to promote advocacy and independence for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Michael's group includes individuals from Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties and is called Council One of the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network, or Council One, for short.

## Katie's House Annual Sock



Our annual Sock Hop, held at the Chatterbox in Augusta NJ. The band Desire generously donates their time to this annual event. Everyone had a great time! Watch for a future newsletter with updates on a new location!

## Our Group Members Have active busy lives!

Teresa



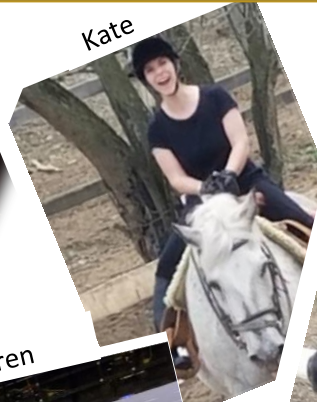
Katie



Richard



Kate



Tiffany



Lauren



Jeremy



Our talent show, above. Theresa, Katie & Richard perform and a group shot of all the performers. It was their best show ever! We really have some talented individuals

Richard Receives an Award for Most Active Life Style – He attends Book Club, LACE at SCCC, Friendship Group, does Zumba at the YMCA and still has time to get on the treadmill and watch his favorite shows – The Price is Right and Let's Make a Deal! Phew, we are tired out just thinking about all of that. YOU GO RICHARD!



Kate, Tiffany, Lauren and Jeremy are pictured above

You can see a few of the events our young adults participate in. Horseback Riding, Bowling, Miniature Golf, Special Olympics Skiing, to name a few.