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2022 SUMMER Newsletter

Hello Friends of Katie's House. Happy Summer! We'd like to share some photos and information about the exciting, fulfilling lives led by Katie's House Residents. Our motto is "Our Life, Our Way!"

A WEEK IN THE LIFE... In this newsletter, Katie's House would like to introduce some of the wonderful young adults who enjoy life in our 4 residential homes. Everyone has their own bedroom, decorated for them individually. The homes are beautiful and comfortable, with friendly shared space for residents to enjoy. Each one of our homes is supervised by a House Manager who lives on-site. House Members also have their own DSP (Direct Support Person) who provides one-on-one care throughout the day at home and when out in the community for daytime and evening activities.

MEET OUR HOUSE MEMBERS...



Katie K & Katie D



McTiff



Richard, Jeremy & friends



Harrison & Dan

AT HOME... Katie K, Katie D & McTiff having fun baking and tasting, too! Richard, Dan & Jeremy, are also proud of their cooking abilities. Carefully supervised, these young people are learning important life skills.



WEEKDAYS... Our Residents are always active. Katie K and McTiff are enrolled in Peace by Piece Day Program. Dan has a part-time job through SCARC. Katie D and Jeremy volunteer at local Thrift Shops. Katie D also volunteers at the YMCA and the Newton Theater. Jeremy and McTiff volunteer at Father John's Animal House and Richard enjoys Green Vision Day Program. McTiff, Jeremy, and Katie K love Special Olympics! We welcomed Harrison recently and he is just starting to feel at home.



VOLUNTEERING... Katie's House feels it is very important for our Residents to volunteer, helping them understand the benefits of giving back to the community that supports them. We do not just raise money to support our non-profit. We raise money for our Service Group to support our community by assisting where needed: Collecting Toys for Pediatric Oncology Patients, Creating Buddy Packs for Children entering Foster Care, donating food and other items to our local Animal Shelter, volunteering at the YMCA, at local Thrift Stores, and collecting for Homeless Shelters.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP & CIRCLE of FRIENDS... are two social groups, run and supported by Katie's House, that provide lots of wonderful activities in the community. To list a few... Drum Circles, NJ State Fair, High School Plays, Group dinners at restaurants, Game Night, Mini Golf, our Semi-Formal, Halloween Dance, Holiday Dance, Valentines Dance, Picnics, Crafts, our Talent shows and annual Sock Hop & Hoe Down. We also run a weekly Book Club at Sparta Dunkin Donuts. Katie's House members also gather with young adults at similar organizations, such as SMILE of Hopatcong on Tuesday evenings & Rebecca's Homestead.



EDUCATION... LACE (Learning at College Experience) is a program at Sussex County Community College. Although not run by Katie's House, most of our Residents and many Friendship Group and Circle of Friends members attend this weekly program that runs September through May. Students attend with their DSP and learn skills and topics according to their abilities. LACE is also a wonderful social opportunity for young people to get together with peers.

