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Hello Friends of Katie's House. Welcome to our **SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER!**

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL/PHYSICAL DISABILITIES understand that their children's first steps may come late or never. But, as their personal milestones are reached, they are celebrated. For many children with special needs, school is a challenge. Yet their parents still rejoice in all their accomplishments. Then, they graduate. With great joy comes apprehension, because the challenges children with disabilities encounter as adults now reach a greater dimension.



LIFE AFTER 21 is now a brand-new challenge. Young adults with disabilities no longer have the educational and social connections they previously enjoyed at school. As their adult child faces loneliness and isolation, their parents need to find resources and opportunities that will give them fun and social activities and enable friendships to grow.

YOUNG ADULTS – FUN & FRIENDSHIP Katie's House is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. We believe that people with disabilities have the right to live, work and socialize with others of their choice who are age and ability appropriate. We believe and stress participation in the community where these special adults can interact with the general population. We also believe that families can be encouraged to develop or seek appropriate residential housing, social activities, occupational & volunteer opportunities for their adult child.

Residential Homes, Social Activities & Volunteer Opportunities

[Katie's House Residential Program:](#)

Katie & Kate's Place • Richard & Jeremy's Place • McTiff's Place

[Katie's House Center for Advancement:](#)

Friday Nights - Friendship Group & Circle of Friends

Thursday Night Book Club

Special Events, Dances, Holiday Parties

Service Group Ongoing Projects



[Our Friends: Residential Homes & Activities](#)

SMILE of Hopatcong (smilefil.org)

Rebecca's Homestead (rebeccahomestead.com)

Peace by Piece (peacebypiece.nj.org)

LACE Learning at College Experience

(sussex.edu/community/lace-learning-at-college-experience)

ENJOY THE SMILES of our Circle of Friends and Friendship Group members living their best lives. Every week, these young people have social activities to look forward to. They enjoy seeing their friends, getting a bite to eat, bowling, dancing, mini-golf, and much more. Isn't this what all parents want... to see their child having fun with friends?



Katie & Rebecca,
friends since grade school



Richard ready to enjoy
a yummy dinner



McTiff on horseback,
equestrian therapy



Guido at the
Talent Show

The members of the Katie's House residential homes lead active lives. They volunteer at the animal shelter, hospital thrift shop, YMCA, and the local theater. They participate with other local organizations in community inclusion activities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Our young people live their lives to the fullest.



LACE Students with their certificates
at SCCC December 2023



Jeremy's Birthday with friends
at a favorite restaurant



Yoga Night with
Circle of Friends



The guys take a food break
at Friday Night Laser Tag



Katie's House members do a Yearly Toy Drive
for St Joe's Pediatric Oncology Department



Our pretty women
at Night to Shine