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The birds are singing and the grass turned green. It is my pleasure to share this spirit of renewal and hope with you in our 2012 Summer Newsletter. We at Katie's House are grateful for.....

*The gift of giving and receiving love,
The ability to make someone smile,
The people who have shown us kindness,*

As always, we are grateful for the support that has been given to us, it lifts our spirits and makes us fly. We are grateful that Katie's House can bring smiles and friendships to others. Katie thanks you and I thank you for making everything possible.

Love Katie and Evelyn

What's Happening in Our Center For Advancement?



Shown on the left is our cooking class. This class encourages a healthy diet while also teaching proper food handling and cooking techniques.



On the right is our Sign Language Class: which aids in improved communications skills. Learning to communicate effectively is the key to building supportive relationships and to becoming effective in today's world.





During 2011 our Services Group was active in providing gifts for St. Joseph's Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit where our toy drive helped to cheer the children struggling with cancer. Gifts were provided for Cancer Survivor Day and the Holiday parties.

But it's not all work... the picture to the left is Staff, Volunteers and Kyle who always jumps in the picture, celebrating at The Friendship Group's "Sixties Party". Doesn't it look like fun?

Well Done Guys and Girls!!!

"A Home For Richard." Update



Pictured to the left is Richard in KH cooking class. It was about two years ago when Richard's parents heard about Katie's House and the activities that it offered to young adults with developmental disabilities. They learned that not only did KH offer opportunities to develop new skills and to socialize with peers but that it also established a residential home to provide supportive housing for young women with disabilities. Richard's mom spoke with Evelyn Dudziec, the Founder of Katie's House and asked for assistance in establishing a home for Autistic young men. Evelyn was enthusiastic and agreed to help develop another Supportive Housing Residence, under the auspices of Katie's House. The parents talked to Richard about living independent of Mom and Dad in Supportive Housing and like most young men in their twenties, he's excited about the chance to live on his own, with friends and support staff to make sure they

are cared for and safe. Mom's enthusiasm coupled with Evelyn's expertise has so far resulted in over \$50,000 being raised... a major accomplishment, but short of meeting the total goal of \$120,000.

If you would like to be part of the effort to establish A Home for Richard and other young men with autism please consider a donation, marked specifically for that purpose in the memo of your check.



***Just Give US A Chance
We Can Make A Difference In The Lives Of Others.***