

## A Message from our Executive Director:

This is an exciting month for us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Kaleidoscope Family Solutions. When we started Kaleidoscope in 2004, I never imagined how far we would come. This was a team effort. All of our successes and accomplishments are reality because you: the individuals and their families, providers, Kaleidoscope staff, community partners and even local establishments. All of this is possible because we worked together with the similar goal to help those with disabilities move toward greater independence and meaningful lives. Today, we have divisions throughout the states of PA, MA, DE, NJ and RI. Watching the magic unfold has been a true pleasure and honor for me as an Executive Director. Thank you for being the chain that holds us together. We are all pivotal links in each and every role from the inside and out. As we move into a world that, of course, hold unknowns, one thing is for sure. Kaleidoscope will continue its mission to make a colorful difference in as many lives as humanly possible.

The Kaleidoscope Vision this month is to instill positive values. This gives me and our agency an opportunity to look within and evaluate how well we are doing in this area. Values define a person. We have the choice to “do the right thing” in each situation. Similarly, putting a positive twist on how we do them takes effort and focus, yet can be so satisfying. Take a moment to identify those you admire. What values stand out about them to you? Do they inspire you to do something different or with greater vigor? This is a time for reflection. As so poignantly stated by Mahatma Gandhi, “Keep your values positive, because your values become your destiny.”

We will be celebrating 20 years all month long! Again, thank you for being part of our Kaleidoscope Family.

With hearts and colorful balloons,

Dr. TaraColleen Macatee

KFSNJ spent Earth Day painting flower pots and making flower arrangements at Allaire State Park.



Ursula and Katie had a great time exploring the Transportation Museum! They loved seeing the Pine Creek Railroad!

Our KFSNJ office team had a great time celebrating Kaleidoscope Family Solutions' 20<sup>th</sup> birthday! Happy birthday to Kaleidoscope Family Solutions!!!



## May Monthly Themes

- Blood Pressure Month
- Lupus Awareness Month
- National Photograph Month
- Hamburger Month
- National Salad Month
- Asian- American Month
- Nurse's Week (May 5<sup>th</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>)
- National Bike Week

## SUNFLOWER CAKE

### Ingredients

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Super Moist™ Yellow Cake Mix
- Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box
- 1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa
- 2 tubs (12 oz) Betty Crocker™ Whipped Fluffy White Frosting
- 1 tube Betty Crocker™ yellow classic gel food color (from 2.7-oz box)
- 1 bottle (2.25 oz) Betty Crocker™ Decors yellow sugar
- 1 can (6.4 oz) Betty Crocker™ Easy

### Instructions

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms only of 2 (8-inch) round cake pans with shortening or cooking spray. Make cake batter as directed on box--except stir chocolate chips into batter. Reserve 1 cup batter. Pour remaining batter into pans. Stir cocoa into reserved 1 cup batter. Drop chocolate batter by tablespoonfuls randomly onto batter in pans. Cut through batter with knife for marbled design.

Bake 27 to 32 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Run knife around edges to loosen cakes; remove from pans to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

Place 1 cake round on large serving plate. Cut remaining cake into 8 triangles; place around cake pointed sides out to look like sunflower petals.

In medium bowl, stir white frosting and tube of yellow gel food color until well blended. Frost sides and top of cake with yellow frosting. Sprinkle petals with yellow sugar. For sunflower seeds, pipe black decorating icing in center round of cake, using star tip. Make small bee using decorating icing. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

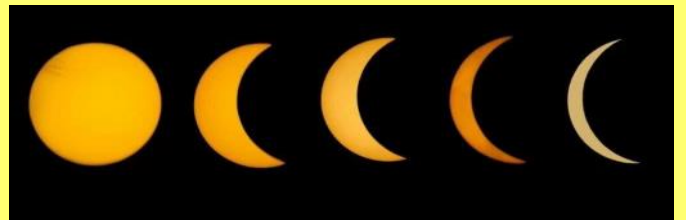
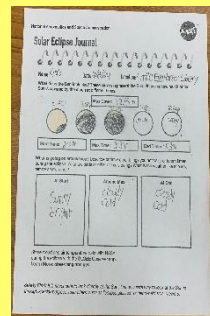
*Submitted by Bette*



## Celebrating the Solar Eclipse! April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

On April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024, a total solar eclipse moved across North America passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. Below are some of our KFSNJ friends enjoying watching and results of the Solar Eclipse!

Even our NEW KFSNJ Mascot, Otis, joined us for the eclipse! Safety first!!







**Memorial Day 2024**

Memorial Day honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country.

Please sing this song below in honor of those who we've lost in the line of service.

You're a grand old flag  
You're a high-flying flag  
And forever in peace may you wave  
You're the emblem of  
The land I love  
The home of the free and the brave  
Ev'ry heart beats true  
Under red, white and blue  
Where there's never a boast or brag  
But should old acquaintance be forgot  
Keep your eye on the grand old flag

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HAPPY  
MEMORIAL DAY  
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A big continuous thank you to our military heroes. Thank you for your service!!

## Happy Birthday!

The following individuals are celebrating birthdays in May. We wish them a very happy birthday!  
Have a great day!



May 1<sup>st</sup> - Elizabeth

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Deanna

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Anthony

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Robert

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Sami

May 30<sup>th</sup> - Daniel

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

**Mission Monday** is our space to thank providers who have given exceptional service to our individuals this month! We are grateful for you always.

**Isaiah Cureton:** Isaiah has only been with Kaleidoscope a short few months, but he has shown nothing less than determination, understanding, and compassion. Isaiah has helped gain new exposure to fitness routine, and what it means to be a true support professional.

Thank you Isaiah for all you do!!!

**Aisha Mir:** Aisha has been a role model as a Direct Support Professional. Aisha makes sure daily that goals and objectives are not only accomplished, but over accomplished. Aisha is so patient, kind, and supportive!

Thank you Aisha for all you do!

**Felicia Scott:** Felicia goes above and beyond for her individual. She is always willing to help out where needed, and has all her paperwork complete in a timely manner. Felicia is fabulous with communicating with everyone. We appreciate all that she does!

Thank you Felicia for all you do!

**Marianne Carnevale:** Marianne is always on point, timely, and always so flexible. Marianne has a caring and huge heart. Marianne goes above and beyond to ensure progress is always made,

Thank you Marianne for all you do!!



*You Make a Difference*  
*Thank You for all you do!*

## **Check it out!!!**

### **Upcoming events for families in New Jersey**

#### **North:**

**What:** Pet Lover's Fest

**Where:** The Shops at Lafayette (75 Route 15 Lafayette NJ)

**When:** Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 11am to 3pm

#### **Central:**

**What:** Azalea Festival

**Where:** Sayen Botanical Gardens, 155 Hughes Drive, Hamilton

**When:** Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, May 12)

#### **South:**

**What:** Wildwoods International Kite Festival

**Where:** On the beach at Rio Grande Ave, Wildwood NJ

**When:** May 24<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>

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