

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our next Parent Support Group is Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Bryn Mawr with Craig Leber, Licensed Behavior Analyst. *Craig will discuss finding the strength and resilience in every family and individual to meet the challenges of raising, advocating for, and teaching special needs individuals.*  
(Event Flyer is attached)



Message from Dr. Macatee, Happy New Year from our home to yours! It has been an exciting year for many reasons. As you may already know, we opened an ABA Center in both New Jersey and Massachusetts so we can provide service to young children with autism. In addition, new offices have opened in many states to support our growing adult program. Quality practices continue to expand to ensure the highest level of service in both our internal and external teams. And, in the midst of it all, we are busy planning a wide array of events and activities to bring purpose and joy to all of you. It isn't an accident that January's Vision Statement is KINDNESS. Life gets busy and things can distract us from this simple act. The good news is that it is never too late to look around and find ways to be kind to each other and the things we care about.

Please know that I am sending warmth and best wishes to you and your families in 2020. Together we can accomplish miracles; and that is exactly what we aim to do this year! Happy New Year!



*Mug and coaster painting was super fun! We are artists in the making!*



Saying goodbye to Megan, who transferred to our ABA program in Cherry Hill, NJ was hard to do. The good news is that she visits often and is staying a part of our Kaleidoscope family!



**Peer Support Groups**

**Bryn Mawr**

**Every Tuesday 12:00-2:00 & 6:30-8:00pm**

- 1/7 Social Skills: Let's Create for the Winter Gala!
  - 1/7 Social Skills: Winter Gala Snowmen Art Class
  - 1/14 Independent Living: Cooking Class - Blueberry Banana Zucchini Bread
  - 1/14 Creativity: Bottle Cap Necklaces
  - 1/21 Self Reflection: New Year's Resolutions Project
  - 1/21 Independent Living: Cooking Class – English Muffin Pizzas
  - 1/28 Social Skills: Team Karaoke
  - 1/28 Friendship Bingo
- Location: Bethel AME Church: 50 S. Merion Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA

**Allentown 1:00-3:00pm**

Friday, 1/17 Living our Mission and Vision of Kindness!  
Location: Allentown Office, 6235 Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18106



**MISSION MONDAY is our space to congratulate our Direct Service Providers of the Month!**

**EPA:** Dustin Barno continues to be an asset to KFS! In the 5 years he has been with us, he has done an excellent job collaborating with the coordinators to do what it takes to meet the needs of our individuals! Dustin also runs a fabulous activity program for our folks in the Greater Philadelphia area.

**WPA:** Montia Crawford does a great job supporting her individual! She is reliable and attends many of the WPA activities. She has introduced her individual to many opportunities he otherwise would not get to experience.

**NEPA:** Katie Wilson has been with KFS for 4 years and is a huge asset to our team! She is dedicated to her individuals and genuinely cares about their independence. She rarely calls out and is always willing to help out her team.

**LCPA:** Matt Smith skillfully handles all situations that come up while working with his individuals; and also reaches out to the coordinator for assistance when needed. Matt took the time to attend a meeting for one of the individuals in order to use the same communication / teaching style as other providers.

**CPA:** Erin Alvarez is always on top of her game! She genuinely has a connection with the individuals she works with and is always professional. Erin is the epitome of someone who is consistently willing to help while being extremely attentive to everyone. Erin is the poster child for being professional and personable—you can see it in every interaction, text message and email response to the team and the families we serve.



Brianna and her fitness coach at their gym holiday party!



Dana made Tex-Mex lasagna!



The Thursday night activity group joined together to make glass ornaments!



Diane's smile lights up the room decorating her tree!



At peer support group we made clay pot gifts for our families. Lots of teamwork and laughter!





*Festive holiday parties in Lancaster and Allentown with games, crafts, food, friendship and gratitude!*



***Praise for Kaleidoscope***

*Lakeisha Weeks goes above and beyond with the service she provides to Tejus; and he greatly respects her. The family is so thankful to have Lakeisha a part of Tejus's life.*

*--Danielle Collavo, Program Director, WPA*

*Monica told me that she really enjoys working with Alyssa Men. Monica's family also enjoys when Alyssa is there. Alyssa is helping Monica stay independent so she can stay in her own home.*

*--Jenelle Eshleman, Program Manager, LCPA*

### **Congratulations are in Order!**

- ♥ Ammar is doing really well at his new job! Lots of burgers and fries for him!
- ♥ Ellis passed his driver's license permit test!
- ♥ Michael independently walked to the barber shop to get his hair cut!
- ♥ Dylan officially moved into his new apartment!
- ♥ Darquell got a job at Home Depot in Ridley Park!
- ♥ Maureen her first bowling strike and then got two more that very day!
- ♥ Joey started a new job and has been sticking it out! He is a bus boy at a local restaurant. He is working evenings after going to Skills Program during the day. He thoroughly enjoys working and is learning to manage his time well.
- ♥ India is rocking her Veterinarian Technician course!
- ♥ Brandon has been working at Chuck-E-Cheese for a few months and is doing a great job! The kids enjoy having him there; and he is great when he performs as Chuck E. Photos coming!

### **Melted Snowman Sugar Cookies**



#### **Ingredients**

- 1 pouch Betty Crocker™ Sugar Cookie Mix
- 1 pouch each Betty Crocker™ Cookie Icing in white, red, blue, and green
- 1 tube Betty Crocker™ black Decorating Gel
- 1 pouch Betty Crocker™ Candy Shop decors rainbow chips
- 1 bottle Betty Crocker™ Chocolate Sprinkles
- 12 marshmallows

#### **Steps**

- Follow baking directions on sugar cookie pouch, dividing dough evenly into 12 round cookies.
- On cooled cookies, draw a "snow puddle" with Betty Crocker™ White Cookie Icing. TIP: Draw the outline of the puddle, then go back and fill in the shape.
- While the icing is still wet, immediately place a marshmallow to one side of the cookie.
- Make the arms:** Once the icing and marshmallow have set, pipe two "branches" onto each cookie using black gel. Add fingers with chocolate sprinkles.
- Make the face:** Using a small dot of white cookie icing, stick two "coal" eyes and a nose onto the marshmallow with Rainbow Chips. Pipe a small dot for the mouth with black gel.
- Make the scarf and buttons:** Using blue, red, or green cookie icing; carefully draw scarves around the base of the marshmallow. Using a small dot of white cookie icing, stick three "coal" buttons beneath the scarf with Rainbow Chips.
- Allow cookies to set for at least one hour before serving.
- <https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/melted-snowman-sugar-cookies/91c4a274-78a1-4cba-b890-52563d6cd670>



*Our Master Art Group made holiday cards for our troops overseas. Way to spread the holiday spirit to those who serve for us!*



**James and Dorothy enjoyed the holiday Lumaze Show!**

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