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myFace
Celebrates...

75 YEARS TOGETHER
Honoring the Past
Shaping the Future



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Seventy-Five Years Ago, One Idea Changed Everything

In 1951, Dr. John M. Converse began reimagining care for people with facial differences—drawing on what he had learned treating soldiers returning from World War II. He believed care should go beyond surgery, bringing together specialists to support the whole person. With leaders like Dr. Joseph G. McCarthy and Dr. Court B. Cutting, that vision became myFace.

What started as a medical innovation grew into something deeply human.

Today, myFace is a community where a parent can find reassurance in an uncertain moment. Where a child can see someone who looks like them and feel confident. Where no one has to feel alone in their journey.

That spirit of connection, compassion, and belonging is what we celebrate as we mark 75 Years Together.

And it's what will fill the room at this year's gala celebration.

We are honored to welcome Tony Award-winning performer Ali Stroker

as our host, whose voice and advocacy reflect the power of visibility and inclusion. We will also present the myFace Courage Award to Joe DiMeo, whose extraordinary journey following a groundbreaking face and double hand transplant is a powerful reminder of resilience and possibility.

Through powerful performances and personal storytelling, the evening will also pass the torch to members of our community, creating space for individuals to share their own voices, their own experiences, and their own definitions of what it means to be seen and heard.

As we gather, we also look ahead. With our recent expansion to Chicago, and plans to continue growing, myFace is reaching more individuals and families than ever before, ensuring that support, care, and connection are never out of reach.

Because the story of myFace isn't just about where we've been.

It's about what happens next. And who we continue to lift. Together.



Evening Hosted By
Ali Stroker

Tony Award-Winning Actress,
Singer and Author



Courage Award Recipient
Joe DiMeo

Author and Motivational Speaker

Sleight of Hand, Straight from the Heart

Ben Jackson Brings Magic, Connection, and a Powerful Full-Circle Story to Life

What does it look like when a family gives back to the community that supported them? For magician Ben Jackson, it was a room full of fascination, wonder and connection.

myFace welcomed 38 guests to Linen Hall NYC for *An Evening of Magic with Ben Jackson*, where families, supporters, board members, and new friends gathered for a night that felt both joyful and deeply personal. From the moment guests arrived, the space filled with a warm, palpable energy and spirited conversation, setting the tone for an evening rooted in community.

Ben captivated the room with his signature blend of humor and mind-bending magic, drawing



Ben Jackson performing for the myFace community.

laughter and amazement from guests. But beyond the performance, what made the evening truly meaningful was his story.

After meeting myFace's Executive Director, Bill Villafranco, at Camp H-Town in Houston, Ben and his family found support through myFace. As his daughter is part of the craniofacial community, they were able to stay in the myFace apartment while seeking treatment in New York City, ensuring they could focus on

accessing the care she needed. The experience left a lasting impression on their family, and this evening was Ben's way of giving back.

From sleight-of-hand surprises to laugh-out-loud moments, the night was filled with joy. But the real magic was something deeper: a full-circle moment that showed the lasting impact of myFace's work and the power of a community that shows up for one another.

Steeping in Sisterhood: A Galentine's Day Tea Party

An Afternoon of Connection, Empowerment, and Heartfelt Moments

In our finest attire, we gathered for our second annual Galentine's Day Party, an afternoon dedicated to empowering women and celebrating connection within the craniofacial community.

The event began with a playful icebreaker inviting guests to imagine their superhero alter egos. One attendee proudly introduced herself as "Leopard," with the power to bring her tattoos to life. Others shared powers rooted in healing, empathy, and joy, sparking laughter while highlighting the incredible strengths these women already carry.

A highlight of the event was the "Anonymous Compliment Mailbox." Each guest received a personalized envelope and was encouraged to write anonymous notes of kindness to others. By the end of the day,

envelopes overflowed with heartfelt affirmations, a simple yet powerful reminder of how meaningful our words can be.

Across the room, conversations unfolded naturally as women shared stories, offered support, built connections and bonded across generations.

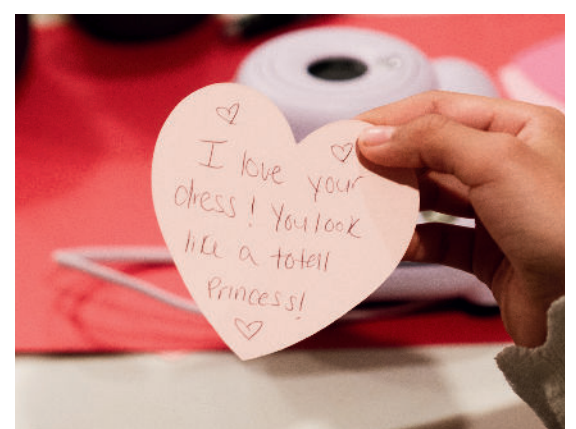
One young girl beamed as she told her mother,

**"I had a lot of fun!
Can we go to the next
myFace party?"**

From warm hugs to shared laughter over tea and pastries, the day was a joyful celebration of confidence, belonging, and the strength found in community.

Another mother later shared,

"Thank you so much for inviting us and making my guest feel so loved and welcomed! Today was a day I'll remember thanks to you! It was so perfect!"



A Canvas of Community: Our Family Paint Party



Catherine, Francesca, Lily, Victoria and Billie showing off their masterpieces.

The room quickly filled with color, conversation, and laughter as 25 members of the myFace community came together for a fun and relaxing afternoon.

Led by myFace community member Celina Leroy, founder of Port Wine and Paint, families were guided in creating family portraits using stencils and acrylic paint. Having a member of the facial difference community lead the experience made the event feel especially meaningful.

As brushes moved across canvas, families enjoyed both the creative process and the chance to reconnect with friends, old and new. Children stayed fully engaged in painting and could also visit a bracelet-making station, while adults had space to unwind and connect.

Guests shared how much they appreciated the balance of relaxation and activity.

“I loved how relaxing it was. Everyone could talk to each other while they were painting, but also walk around and connect with people at other tables.”

The atmosphere felt calm yet lively, with laughter carrying through the room as children played while their artwork dried.

The Family Paint Party was a warm and welcoming gathering, an opportunity for families to connect, express themselves, and create lasting memories together.

Beyond Our Difference

A New myFace Series Showcases Life Beyond Assumptions Through Everyday Moments

What does everyday life actually look like beyond the assumptions people make?

Beyond Our Difference, a new myFace series, offers a closer look; highlighting the everyday lives of people with facial differences and showing a more complete picture of who we are.

In the first video, myFace staff member and disability activist Andy Pleasants shares a typical day: visiting a comic shop, browsing records, and enjoying

coffee while writing. “Sometimes I forget I have a facial difference,” he reflects. “Not because it does not matter, but because most of the time I am just living, thinking, deciding, creating.”

Beyond Our Difference is rooted in these moments. It shows that facial differences are part of us, but they do not define every experience. The series celebrates our community as dynamic, multifaceted individuals and invites others to see us more fully.

If you would like to join the movement and submit your own #BeyondOurDifference reel, please reach out to Andy at andy@myface.org.

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READY TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF CAMP?

Family Camp Weekends - Completely Free!

Family Camp Weekends give medically complex children and their families the opportunity to enjoy camp magic together. With fun-filled activities, quality time, and a community that truly understands, families can focus on connection, laughter, and lasting memories.

JULY 5-10, 2026

Camp Chi
Lake Delton, WI

SEPT. 18-20, 2026

Camp Boggy Creek
Eustis, FL

OCT. 16-18, 2026

Victory Junction
Randleman, NC

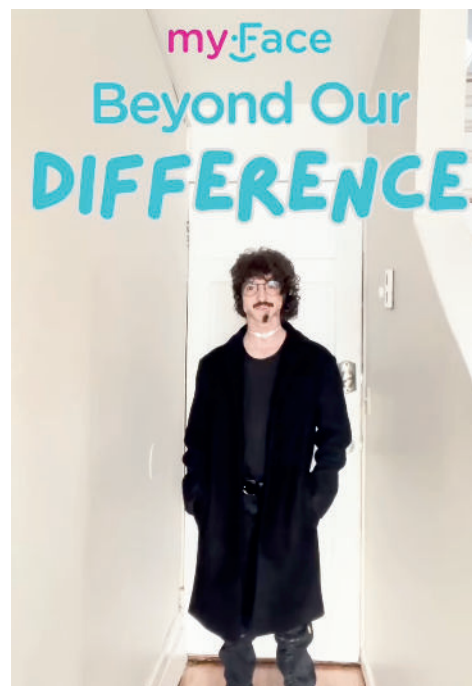
NOV. 6-8, 2026

The Painted Turtle
Lake Hughes, CA

Families interested in camp or individuals looking to volunteer as counselors are encouraged to reach out to Jackie@myface.org



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Seeing Ourselves on Stage

A Moving Performance of Wonder Creates Powerful Moments of Validation for the Craniofacial Community

For one unforgettable day, members of the myFace community gathered to experience *Wonder, the Musical*—a story that reflects so many of their own. On Sunday, January 18, fifty-six community members traveled to Boston for this special outing.

From the moment the group boarded the bus, there was a sense of anticipation and connection. Spending several hours together before the show gave participants a rare opportunity to get to know one another, share stories, and form new friendships. Once in Boston, additional families from the New England area joined, and the group gathered for lunch, providing even more time to connect with like-minded individuals.

The matinee performance was

both inspiring and deeply moving. Themes of kindness, resilience, and self-acceptance resonated throughout the theater, and seeing Auggie portrayed by young actors who themselves have facial differences made the story profoundly relatable and validating. There was not a dry eye in the house as families shared moments of laughter, reflection, and emotion together.

A post-show talkback offered another layer to the experience, giving attendees the chance to meet the actors, hear about their journeys, and learn why they wanted to be part of this adaptation of *Wonder*. It was eye-opening to see how each actor connected with Auggie and his family, whether or not they had previously met someone with a facial difference, showing that the experience of belonging and choosing kindness is universal.

The day concluded with a reception where the cast, families and staff could continue conversations, share reflections, and celebrate the experience. It was especially meaningful for the child actors to interact with young community members, showing them



Logan with the cast of **Wonder**

the real-life impact of the story they helped bring to life.

Another mother later shared, “Thank you so much for inviting us and making my guest feel so loved and welcomed! Today was a day I’ll remember thanks to you! It was so perfect!”

1,500 Students, One Powerful Message

The Wonder Project in Action

In a week marked by disruption, students across the Cold Spring Harbor School District showed what it truly means to choose kindness.

On March 16 and 17, the myFace team brought the Wonder Project to four schools, reaching more than 1,500 students from kindergarten through ninth grade through six presentations over two days.

Across all four schools, students engaged deeply in conversations about differences, bullying, and belonging. Younger students explored kindness and what makes each person unique, while older students stepped into more

complex discussions around identity and advocacy.

A powerful moment came as students took the Upstander Pledge, committing to stand up for others and choose kindness each day. At one school, that commitment carried beyond the presentation, with students proudly displaying their pledge cards on a bulletin board at the front of the school, a visible reminder of the promises they made to one another.

Families also felt the impact at home. One parent shared that their child “found it really powerful and wanted to talk about it after school,” extending the conversation beyond the classroom.

We are grateful to the district, as well as FOCUS, SEPTO, and CAC, for creating space for these conversations, ensuring every student feels seen, heard, and valued.



At Goosehill Primary, Principal Cosme shared:

“The presentation was thoughtfully modified to focus on age-appropriate themes such as empathy, kindness, and celebrating what makes each person unique... Our goal was to help students understand that our differences make our community stronger.”

Game On! myFace's First Virtual Game Night

A Fun-Filled Evening of Laughter and Connection from the Comfort of Home

Laughter filled the screen as myFace community members logged on from across the country for myFace's Virtual Game Night, proving that connection doesn't need a shared room to feel real.

Hosted by Naomi Levinshtein, Programs Assistant, the evening brought together 19 participants, including individuals of all ages, as well as parents and siblings, all joining from their own homes but sharing the same space in a different way.

The night kicked off with Bingo using customized boards, where a little friendly competition quickly took hold. Team Cassidy and Cameron Nicholas claimed the win, but the real highlight was the energy building across the group.

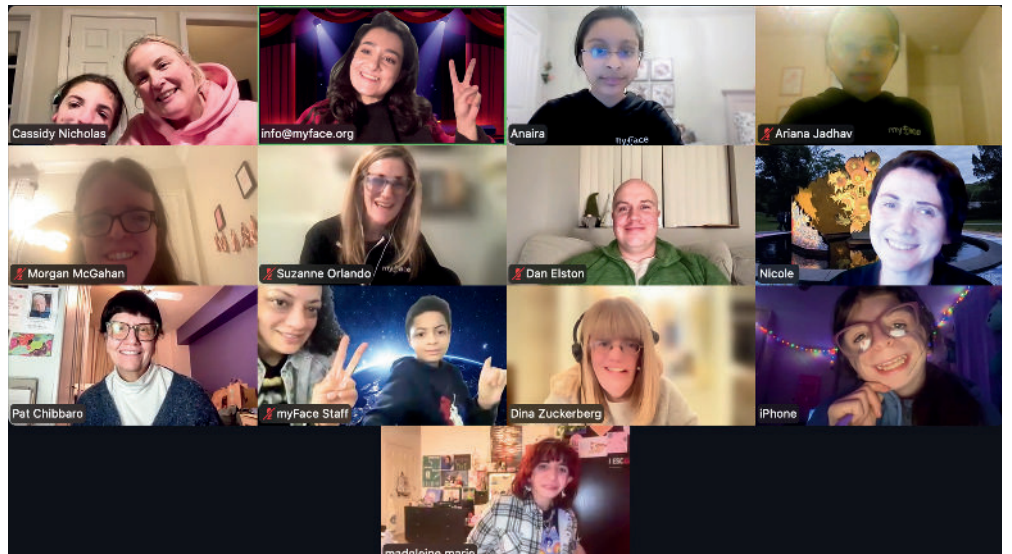
The momentum carried into Pictionary, where participants jumped in to draw, guess, and cheer each other on.

The impact of the evening was clear in participant feedback.

"It was really fun! I enjoyed meeting other members."

What started as a simple virtual gathering became something more: a reminder that even through a screen, community shows up, relationships begin, and no one has to feel alone.

"So glad I could join and meet everybody, hope we can all meet again soon!"



myFace at ACPA

Where Connection, Representation and Impact Lead the Way

At this year's American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association Annual Meeting in Boston, the myFace team showed up with a strong and visible presence that was grounded in connection, lived experience, and community.

Throughout the week, the team engaged with clinicians, researchers, families, and advocates from across the country. We're encouraged by the growing movement within ACPA to champion not only medical advancement, but also the vital role of lived experience in craniofacial care.

The myFace table quickly became a hub of activity. A special highlight was welcoming author and advocate, Joe DiMeo, who joined us to engage with attendees and sign copies of his book, *Eighty Percent Gone*, drawing a steady stream of visitors and sparking meaningful conversations.

A standout moment of the week was the myFace-hosted lived

experience gathering, which brought together more than 40 individuals with facial differences, parents, and allies—highlighting how lived experience informs care, builds trust, and shapes the future of the field.

myFace's commitment to elevating lived experience was reflected across the conference. Dina represented the organization on a featured panel, "Beyond the Craniofacial Team," presenting to more than 300 attendees, while Ambassador Justin Stewart shared his perspective alongside fellow advocates.



Reflecting on the week, Executive Director Bill Villafranco shared:

"Every success is the result of a team—each person bringing their own perspective. When you bring those pieces together, you create something far stronger than any one of us could build alone."

The impact extended beyond conversation. Two new hospital partnerships were secured on the spot, providers requested 169 tinyFaces backpacks, and more than 100 attendees signed up to stay connected.

Together, these moments reflect what matters most: people feeling seen, heard, and connected.

Community Member Spotlight: Sophia Tarsy, in Her Own Words

Hello, my name is Sophia Tarsy. I am 25 years old and from Westport, Connecticut. I was born with Apert Syndrome, which is part of my story but does not define everything about me.

Some things you should know about me are that I love to bake, hang out with my friends, listen to music, and spend time with my family. I also love animals and have a 10-year-old Wheaten Terrier named Barkley whom I adore.

I am very passionate about helping my community. I volunteer at a senior center in my town, where I help serve lunch and make sure the recreational rooms are clean. I also mentor a young adult with autism. We spend time together going to the movies, going out to dinner, and attending monthly outings with other adults with disabilities. These experiences are very meaningful to me.

“When I was younger, I would often get stares. As I grew up, I had a great support system and mentors whom I could look up to, and that helped me build confidence. When things felt difficult, I chose to keep going and not give up.”

I was introduced to myFace by the team at NYU, and it has positively affected my life. Through myFace, I have connected with peers and built relationships with people who understand my lived experience. I have attended online support groups and the Adult Retreat, where I really enjoyed the activities and meeting new people. I went into the retreat only knowing a few people, but I left with new friendships that I know I will maintain for years to come.

“Being part of the myFace community has meant so much to me. It has reminded me that I am not alone and that there is strength in connecting with others who truly understand my journey.”



This is me when I was younger.



And, here I am today!

Join the myFace Community for our Annual tinyFaces Packing Party

Last year, something special happened in the auditoriums at St. Joseph’s Medical Center.

Families, volunteers, hospital partners, and members of the myFace community gathered around long tables filled with baby supplies, books, and handwritten notes of encouragement. Together, they packed hundreds of tinyFaces care backpacks—each one destined for a newborn entering the world with a craniofacial difference.

These backpacks are more than just supplies. They are a message to new parents during an often overwhelming moment: *you are not alone*.

Inside each backpack are carefully chosen items for a baby’s first days and resources to help families begin their journey with support, information, and connection.

Through our hospital partners across the country, these backpacks are placed directly into the hands of families when they need them most.

On Saturday, May 30, 2026, we will once again come together at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey, for the tinyFaces Packing Party, and we invite our community to be part of it.

The event is designed for everyone. Volunteers help assemble the backpacks while families and children enjoy activities like coloring, bracelet making, and face painting. It’s a day filled with energy, laughter, and purpose—where small actions come together to make a meaningful impact.

Last year, with the help of dozens of volunteers working across packing stations, quality control, activity tables, and registration, hundreds of backpacks were assembled for distribution nationwide.

The tinyFaces Packing Party is a reminder of what happens when community comes together in support of the next generation.

Every family deserves to know they are supported from the very beginning.

Join us on May 30—sign up today and be part of something meaningful.



Scan here to sign up!



The Fireside CHAT AND LUNCH

“Why Not Me?”

A Conversation on Resilience and Reframing Adversity

As part of our ongoing Fireside Chat series, Felicia Rosario shared her powerful story with the myFace community on January 30th. Born in New York City to immigrant parents from the Dominican Republic, Felicia went on to study Biochemical Sciences at Harvard College and later attended Columbia University’s Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. During her intern year, she met Lawrence Ray through her brother while he was a student at Sarah Lawrence College. What followed was nearly a decade of manipulation and coercive control. Ray was arrested in 2020, and Felicia bravely testified at his trial in March 2022. Her full story is documented in the Hulu series *Stolen Youth*.

Throughout the conversation, Felicia’s wisdom deeply resonated with the myFace community. She challenged the familiar question of “Why me?” and replaced it with “Why not me?”—a powerful reminder that adversity is part of the human experience, and resilience lives within all of us.

She spoke about reframing pain as purpose and



Bill Villafranco and Felicia Rosario

shared how she has channeled her experiences into advocacy, including board work with Empowered Network and speaking out for vulnerable communities.

One especially moving moment came when Felicia was asked what she would tell her younger self.

Her answer was simple and profound:

“Everything’s going to be okay.”

Despite having ten years stolen, her career disrupted, and her family fractured, Felicia is here. Stronger, supported, and thriving.

Events like this remind us that meaningful change often begins with honest conversation. Being seen, being heard, and telling the truth builds community, which ensures no one has to face their story alone.

Small Moments, Big Impact: NYU Story Hour

With each session, it becomes increasingly clear how meaningful it is to meet families where they are, often during some of their most intimate and vulnerable moments, and offer connection, reassurance, and resources when they are needed most. On February 26th, myFace hosted another meaningful Waiting Room Story Hour at the myFace Center for Craniofacial Care at NYU.

During this visit, the team connected with several families and individuals at different stages of their journeys, from newborns recovering from their first surgeries to adults navigating the final stages of craniofacial care.

One especially moving conversation was with Delilah and her 17-month-old daughter, Skylar, who

was born with a cleft lip and palate.

Although Delilah had participated in several online cleft support groups, she had never met an adult born with a cleft. Speaking with Naomi about her lived experience and seeing how well she was thriving brought both Delilah and her mother to tears.

After the visit, Delilah shared, “Meeting the myFace team at my daughter’s appointment was amazing. It was reassuring knowing that I’ll now have people around me to help me get through the hard parts of life. A lot of my questions regarding my daughter’s future were answered when I met Naomi. She had no problem telling me everything she went through as a child growing up with a cleft lip and palate.” Delilah left excited to join the myFace community, joyfully declaring that Skylar had gained a new Tía.

The team also spent meaningful time with Dina and her two-year-old son, Mennachem, who was born

with craniosynostosis. Dina shared that returning to the clinic for Mennachem’s one-year follow-up was unexpectedly emotional. Simply entering the waiting room brought back memories of preparing her baby for surgery. Spending time with the myFace team, watching them laugh and play with Mennachem, brought her a deep sense of comfort and peace.

It’s in these waiting room moments that connections are formed, hope is strengthened, and families leave feeling a little more supported, a little more understood, and a little less alone.



A Page-by-Page Ripple Effect: Chicago Story Hour

At a recent Waiting Room Story Hour at the Advocate Lutheran General Cleft and Craniofacial Clinic in Chicago, myFace Senior Program Officer Rena Rosen noticed a young boy sitting with his family. He looked a little anxious, so she asked if he'd like to read a book together. The first book he chose was *We're All Wonders*. As they began reading, Rena quickly realized he was a wonderful reader. They took turns sharing the story page by page, and before long he picked up another

book and began reading to her while she listened. When Rena looked up, his parents were smiling, clearly touched by the moment.

Nearly five weeks later, myFace Director of Campaign Development Karen Lazarus reached out to Rena with surprising news: a generous donation had been made to myFace by an Illinois company. When Karen followed up with the donor, she learned that one of his employees had recently shared a meaningful experience his family had in a clinic waiting room with myFace.

That employee was the boy's father. Rena later reconnected with the family and shared a photo from that day. Vincent's mom, Lindsay, wrote, "I'm so glad we were able to connect with you and learn more about myFace. Sam's boss and his company

donate to causes that employees choose, and Sam chose myFace. You were so kind and helped make the appointment for Vincent less stressful for us and for him. He loved getting to read to you and I believe it boosted his confidence! We hope to reconnect at one of our upcoming appointments and your community events."

One single interaction can create powerful ripple effects.



It Started with a T-Shirt

A Chance Encounter Sparks Connection, Conversation, and Community

Everything happens for a reason. On her way to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago for story hour, Rena Rosen, myFace's Chicago Senior Program Officer, skipped her usual coffee shop to try a new spot instead. She sat with her latte, wearing her myFace shirt created through the organization's partnership with Cloztalk, a collaboration for which myFace is deeply grateful. That partnership not only helps spread awareness, it

quite literally helps spark connection. As she settled in, a man approached and asked, "Are you Rena?"

It was the Erickson family, whom she had recently connected with online. Their adorable three-year-old son, Bedford, was born with the very rare Shwartz-Jampel Syndrome. What began as a simple hello quickly turned into breakfast together, shared laughter, and the start of an instant friendship. Later, they even invited her to continue chatting before their appointment.

From Kankakee to Lincoln Park, a small decision and a shared connection through a myFace shirt sparked something meaningful. Moments like this are a reminder of why partnerships matter.

Community shows up when it is

least expected, and thanks to the collaboration with Cloztalk, sometimes it starts with a T-shirt.

Want to start conversations over some myFace swag? Shop our collection on Cloztalk!




KENDRA SCOTT

myFace Shopped for Good!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Kendra Scott "Shop For Good" Fundraiser including the team at the Kendra Scott Skokie, IL location. We look forward to collaborating with other shops across the country.

Advocating for Inclusion, Support, and Success in School

On February 23th, myFace hosted a deeply meaningful panel discussion focused on helping children with craniofacial differences thrive in school. The conversation explored advocacy, belonging, and how to ensure children are supported academically, socially, and emotionally.

The panel featured Liliana Diaz Pedrosa, attorney at Advocates for Children of New York; Suzanne Orlando, LSW, myFace Consultant and parent of a child who receives IEP services; and Alyssa Avila, parent advocate and mother of a child with a craniofacial difference.

Liliana provided families with a clear overview of Section 504 plans and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, explaining the difference between accommo-

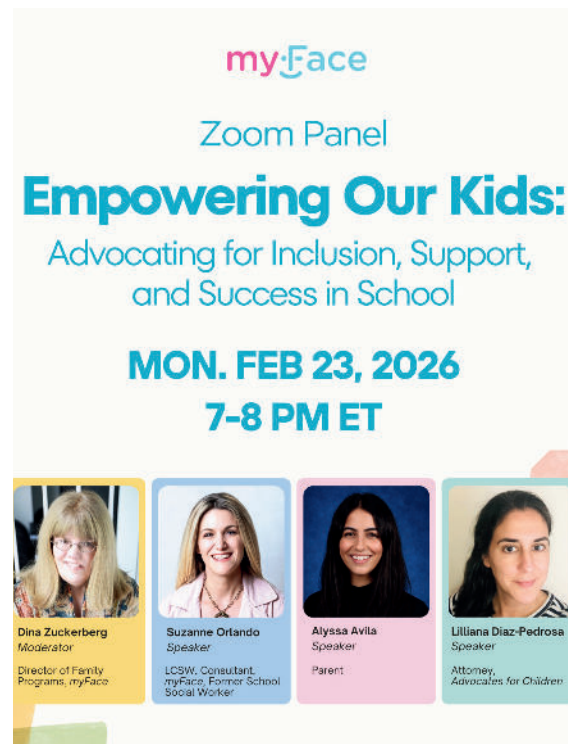
dations and specialized instruction. She emphasized that schools are legally required to provide services that meet a child's needs—not just what is convenient. She reminded parents, "When you're asking for services, you're not asking for something extra. You're asking for something urgent and necessary."

Suzanne offered both clinical insight and personal perspective, highlighting the emotional side of advocacy. "When we advocate calmly and persistently, we teach our children that their voice matters," she said, noting that advocacy becomes a child's inner voice and shapes confidence and self-worth.




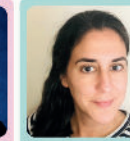
Alyssa spoke candidly about navigating early intervention, IEP meetings, bullying, and medical complexities. She encouraged parents to stay steady and persistent, sharing, "Escalation isn't aggression. It just means persistence." She also emphasized openness and confidence, saying, "If we treat the condition like it is something to hide, they will too." She concluded with a powerful reminder: "Advocacy is not

about being difficult. It is about refusing to let barriers define our children's future."

Together, the panel reinforced a powerful truth: informed, regulated, and persistent advocacy creates pathways not just for survival in school, but for true belonging and long-term success.



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Zoom Panel
Empowering Our Kids:
Advocating for Inclusion, Support,
and Success in School
MON. FEB 23, 2026
7-8 PM ET

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|  Dina Zuckerberg Moderator Director of Family Programs, myFace |  Suzanne Orlando Speaker LCSW, Consultant, myFace, Former School Social Worker |  Alyssa Avila Speaker Parent |  Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa Speaker Attorney, Advocates for Children |
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A myFace Panel Breaks Down How to Advocate for Your Child

Medical spaces can often feel overwhelming for children and their caregivers. All families deserve to feel safe, heard, and supported. Understanding how the nervous system responds to stress, and gaining practical tools to support regulation—helps honor a child's safety, dignity, and voice, shaping not only their current experience but also their long-term relationship with healthcare.

On March 12th, Rena Rosen, Senior Program Officer Chicago, moderated a virtual discussion with Sylvia Dominguez, Dr. Eric Ricklin, and Vanessa Asero, licensed clinicians from across the country who also bring lived experience within the craniofacial community. Together, the panel explored how to recognize nervous system responses (even when children

appear calm), prepare children in developmentally supportive ways, strengthen self-advocacy over time, collaborate effectively with providers, and support young adults as they transition toward independent care.

One attendee shared, "I honestly feel that finding a supportive and insightful community helps both patients and caregivers. It creates a space to encourage one another through difficult times and celebrate the victories that come with being part of the craniofacial difference family. There's a real sense of 'we can do this.' It always feels better to be part of a group that has walked similar paths. I'm grateful to have this as part of our story."

Another participant noted, "Thank you for moderating last week's Zoom panel on Supporting the Whole Child. I appreciated the opportunity to be part of such an insightful discussion. It's inspiring to see the continuation of myFace's incredible work and the support it provides to children, helping them, and all of us, nurture our own inner child."

Each attendee and registered participant also received a curated social story, written by Rena, designed to help children and

families navigate the emotions that often accompany medical appointments, offering tools to balance anxiety with coping strategies and a sense of empowerment.



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Supporting The Whole Child
Advocating for and with your child
in medical spaces.
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7-8 PM ET

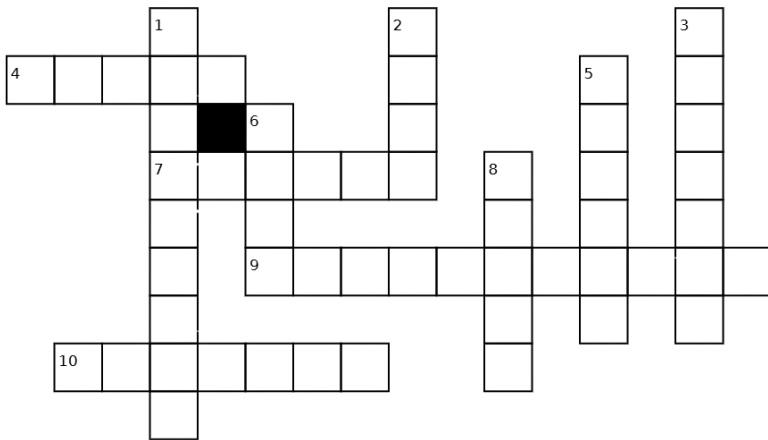
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|  Rena Rosen Moderator Senior Program Officer, myFace-Chicago |  Vanessa Asero Speaker Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) |  Dr. Eric Ricklin Speaker Pediatric Psychologist, Senior Clinical Psychologist |  Sylvia Dominguez Speaker MSW, LSW, Craniofacial Center at UI Health |
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Missed the Conversation? Watch all Full Webinars Here.



Kid's Corner



Down:

1. You are ----- (hint! It is a synonym for pretty)
2. ---- yourself for who you are
3. All of us have fought our own -----
5. A person who is there for you
6. Always choose to be ----- to others.
8. "We all have ----- on our face, it is the map that shows us where we've been" R.J. Palacio, Wonder

Across:

4. Kindness is a super-----
7. Every person is -----
9. Our ----- do not define who we are (hint! It starts with a d)
10. A quality both a lion and a person has -----

Word Search

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| Friendship | Bravery | Hope | Joy |
| Inclusion | Happiness | Love | |

Riddles!

1. I can take you to places while you go to no place. What am I?
2. I make what you have double and for me giving isn't losing. What am I?
3. Alone I am small, but together I am strong. What am I?
4. I balance the scales without touching it. What am I?
5. I am priceless, but I can be given without any price. I can bring a smile to any face. What am I?

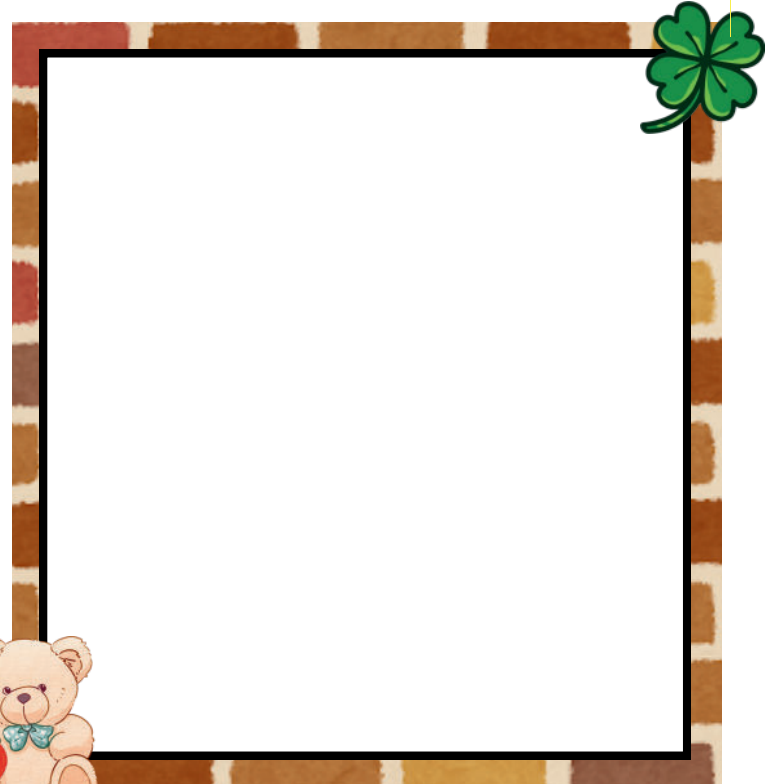


Meet Anaira and Ariana!

The sister duo who created this Kid's Corner.

Courage Wall

Draw what makes you feel brave, and submit it to myFace. At the end of the year, a collage of all the drawings will be made!



*As far as the eye can see,
 Below billowing, white clouds in the big, blue sky,
 You may see a spectacular sight,
 A flock of birds in flight,
 All the birds have scars, some inside some outside,
 But they unite, each carrying hope on their wings,
 As they fly, in the big blue sky,
 We are just like the birds,
 All of us,
 But myFace is our flock,
 And together, we fly.*

Upcoming Events:

Creating Community Through Shared Moments

Join us in creating memories, making connections, and celebrating what makes our community unique

Make sure to follow us on social media and keep an eye on your inbox for registration details and updates!

April 12th

Spring Fling
5:00 pm
New York

April 15th

myFace Brotherhood Dinner
5:30 - 7:00 pm
New York

April 19th

Chicago Cubs Game
1:00 pm
Chicago

May 9th

tinyFaces Story Time
Barnes & Noble Atlantic Ave
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Brooklyn

May 17th

Chicago Playground Meetup
& Ice Cream Social
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Chicago

May 29th

Fireside Chat with Caitlin Sarubbi
12:30 - 2:30 pm
New York

May 30th

tinyFaces Packing Party
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Paterson, New Jersey

June 4th

myFace Celebrates Gala
6:30 pm
New York

June 14th

NYC Playground Meetup
12:30 - 2:00 pm
New York

September 27th

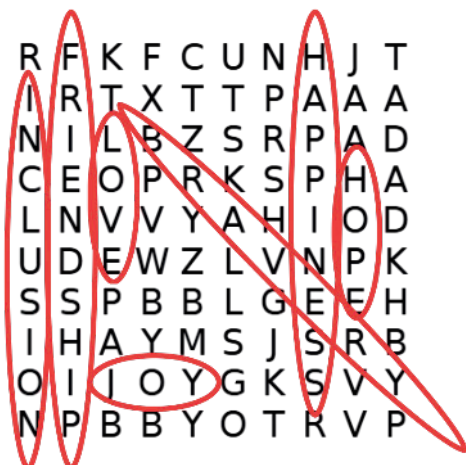
Races for Faces
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Pier 62 New York



Kid's Corner Answer Key

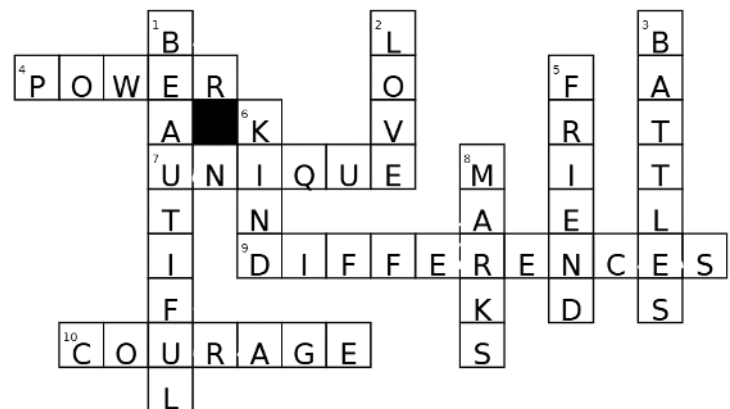


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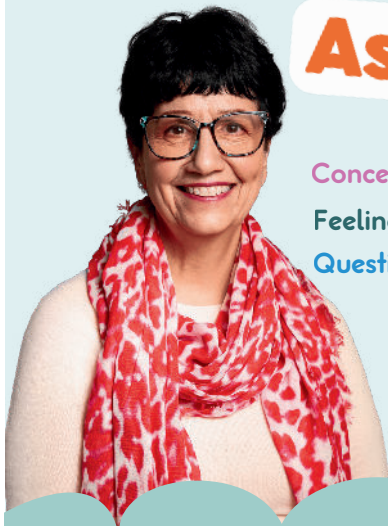


Riddles Answer Key:

Crossword Answer Key:



1. A dream
2. Sharing
3. Teamwork
4. Fairness
5. Happiness



Ask Pat!

Concerns about baby?
Feeling overwhelmed?
Questions about feeding?

♥ You are not alone.

Patricia Chibbaro, CPNP,
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Pat, a nurse practitioner with over 30 years of experience at the myFace Center for Craniofacial Care at NYU Langone Health, is continuing to help our community by addressing questions from the craniofacial families on our myFace YouTube channel.

Some topics Pat has addressed:

- What is craniofacial microsomia?
- Do kids with cleft lip and palate need special dental care?
- How can I help manage the stress that I am feeling as a parent with a craniofacial condition?
- Why do some patients with craniofacial conditions need jaw surgery?
- Will the same craniofacial team be able to take care of my child throughout their life?

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Have Questions? Need to talk?

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Scan Here to Catch up on Ask Pat Videos

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Support Groups

Created for craniofacially affected individuals and their families, our myFace virtual support groups offer a safe, welcoming space to connect with people who truly understand your experiences.

Please note: These are peer support groups, not clinical therapy sessions.

TEEN & ADOLESCENT SUPPORT GROUPS

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

ADULT SUPPORT GROUPS

SPANISH-SPEAKING PARENT SUPPORT GROUP/
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Men in the myFace community who are interested in building meaningful connections, finding support, and being part of the myFace Brotherhood are encouraged to reach out to Dan Elston at info@myface.org

MOMS OF myFace

Moms of myFace is a safe, supportive sisterhood for mothers of children with craniofacial differences and complex medical needs—an essential lifeline when the journey feels isolating, overwhelming, and hard to navigate alone.

More than a network—it's a movement. Join us, experience the sisterhood, and help build something that grows with you—and because of you.



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