

A Night Unlike Any Other

Celebrating lives transformed, progress achieved, and what comes next



The celebration concluded with a performance by members of the cast of Wonder The Musical.

Hosted by Tony Award-winning actress and advocate Ali Stroker, the 2026 myFace Gala was about far more than what happened on stage. It was about the people in the room—and the connections they found with one another.

For members of the craniofacial community, it was an opportunity to be surrounded by others who understood their experiences.

For many supporters, donors, and first-time guests, it was a rare chance to hear those stories firsthand, deepen their understanding, and connect with people they may never have otherwise met.

The importance of community was perhaps best captured through the experience of 6-year-old guest, Molly, whose mother shared,

“Most days Molly doesn't see anyone who looks like her, speaks like her, or who has a trach or BAHAs. Through myFace she is able to connect with people like herself who truly understand the journey she's on.”



Emiliano, Rena Rosen and Molly

Nathan Owen, father of Josephine, spoke candidly about parenting a child with complex medical needs.

From the stage, Nathan shared a perspective that resonated throughout the room:

“I don't have to be Josie's Dad. I GET to be Josie's dad.”

Presenting the Courage Award to Joe DiMeo, his wife Jessica reflected on the strength she witnesses every day.

Jessica said,

“People often focus on the headlines, the burns covering 80% of his body. But courage is not found in headlines. Courage is waking up every day knowing life will never be easy and choosing to move forward.”

Guests watched a video of one of Samir's earliest myFace Talent Show performances before welcoming him to the stage as a confident 15-year-old.

Samir's message captured the spirit of the evening:

“I want everyone here to know that your scars, challenges and fears don't define who you are. They're just a part of your story.”

The celebration concluded with a performance by members of the cast of *Wonder The Musical*.

As guests left, they carried with them new connections, a deeper understanding of one another, and the reminder that no one should have to face their journey alone.

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Josie dancing with her siblings.



Bill Villafranco, Jessica DiMeo and the 2026 Courage Award Recipient, Joe DiMeo



Sarah Woodhouse, Ali Stroker, Samir Pettway and Nathan Owen performing "You Matter To Me" from Waitress by Sara Bareilles.



Guests enjoying the gala.

A Community That Shows Up: Second Annual tinyFaces' Packing Party

It takes a village to pack hundreds of backpacks—and on May 30, that village showed up in force.

Nearly 90 families, volunteers, board members, and staff gathered at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey, for myFace's 2nd Annual tinyFaces' Packing Party. Together, they assembled 408 tinyFaces backpacks in record time, each one destined for a family welcoming a baby born with a craniofacial difference.

The event was filled with moments that highlighted the power of community.

Board member Erin Ashayeri, whose personal experience inspired the program's creation in 2021, packed alongside her husband and children, witnessing firsthand how her vision continues to grow and support new families.

Fellow board member Ali Kay joined her teenage son Noah, whose heartfelt letter was included in every backpack. Born with a cleft lip and palate, Noah shared words of encouragement for families beginning their journey, making his participation especially special.

More than a packing event, tinyFaces is often a family's first introduction to myFace. These backpacks provide practical resources, emotional support, and a powerful reminder that no one has to navigate the road ahead alone.



The Martins (aka Team Cat Hat) with Bill Villafranco



As one parent shared,

“When I had my daughter, I didn't have this. I felt so lost, confused, overwhelmed. The support you provide for families is immeasurable.”

Celebrating Inclusion Through Storytime at Barnes & Noble

Every story deserves a voice, and on the Saturday before Mother's Day, Noah and Charlotte's voices left a lasting impression.

myFace was proud to participate in a special storytime event at Barnes & Noble's Atlantic Avenue location in Brooklyn, bringing our mission to life through books, conversation, and shared experiences.

Noah and Charlotte are longtime myFace Stars and young advocates who were both born with cleft lip and palate. Through their courage, confidence, and willingness to share their experiences, they help raise awareness and inspire others within the craniofacial community.

Noah read from *We Are Wonders* and Charlotte shared *My Extraordinary Face*, two books that beautifully reflect the values at the heart of myFace: kindness, inclusion, self-acceptance, and the belief that every face tells a story.



Moms Carole Braiden, Erin Ashayeri (Trustee), Ali Kay (Trustee) with the stars of the day.

As they stood before a captivated audience of children and parents, both readers demonstrated remarkable poise and presence, embodying the very messages found within the pages they shared.

The event introduced myFace to new families while raising awareness about craniofacial differences in an engaging and accessible way.

Watching Noah and Charlotte proudly share these books served as a powerful reminder that

representation matters and that every child deserves to see themselves reflected in the stories they read.

For many attendees, it was also an opportunity to learn more about the programs and support myFace provides to families.

We are grateful to Barnes & Noble Atlantic Avenue for welcoming myFace into their store and to Noah and Charlotte for sharing their voices, enthusiasm, and stories with so many families.

Game On!

An evening of laughter and connection

Laughter and flying ping pong balls filled the room at myFace's second annual Spring Fling Social at SPIN NYC. The event brought together 27 community members of all ages for an evening centered on fun, friendship, and time together.

Throughout the night, the ping pong tables became the backdrop for unforgettable moments. The Lu family's young children brought contagious energy to their games with laughter echoing across the venue as ping pong balls bounced in every direction.

myFace Brotherhood members Anderson and Franco faced off in a



spirited match, with Anderson ultimately claiming victory, while Logan and Dina could be heard laughing in the background.

Between matches, attendees caught up with old friends, met new families, and enjoyed a welcoming atmosphere.

By the end of the evening, attendees left with smiles on their faces and memories of a fun night spent together.

Strikes, Spares, and Brotherhood

The men of the newly formed myFace Brotherhood have a guy's night out

The only thing louder than the crashing pins was the laughter.

Eleven members of the myFace Brotherhood gathered at Lucky Strike in Manhattan for an evening of bowling and friendly competition.

While a few participants quickly found their rhythm and racked up impressive scores, others were simply happy to keep the ball out of the gutter.

Between frames, conversations flowed easily, jokes were exchanged, and plenty of good-natured trash talk kept the energy high throughout the night.

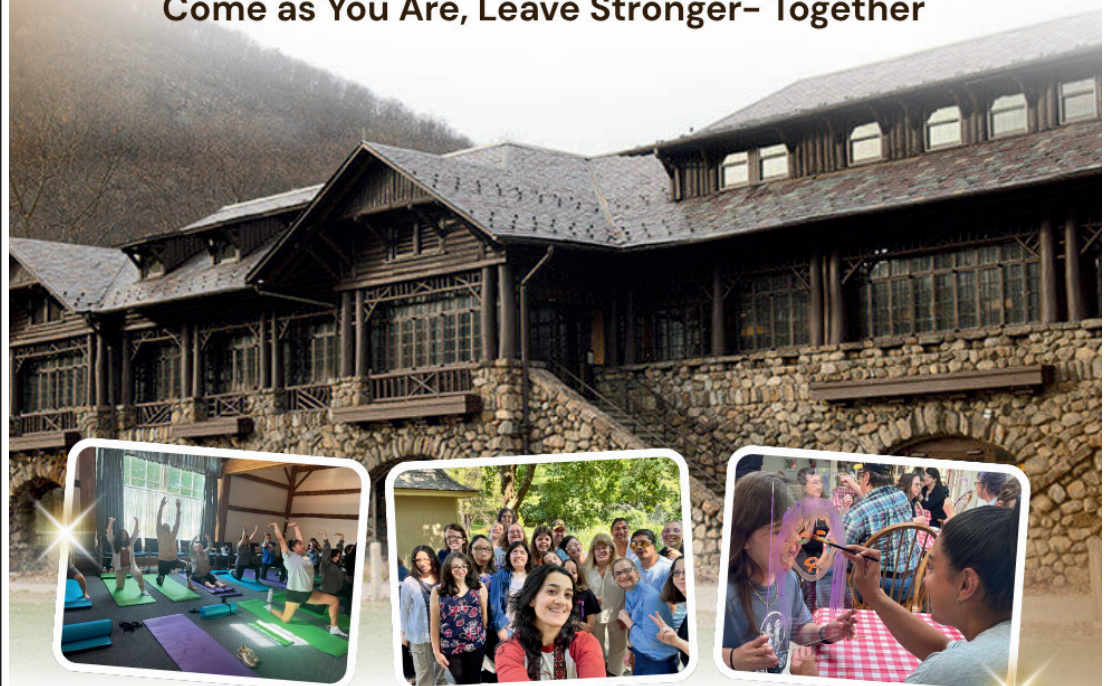
Beyond the bowling, the evening provided a chance to unwind, catch up, and enjoy each other's company.

As one attendee shared,
 "It was just awesome to do something I really enjoy with the guys I enjoy being around and keeping it real."



myFace ADULT Retreat

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"This retreat was like a getaway for me. It not only gave me the opportunity to meet really cool people but also to pause and to breathe. I was surrounded by people who understand me before I even walked into the room."

-Morgan

The Fireside CHAT AND LUNCH

Beyond Limits: From Paralympic skier to future oncologist, Caitlin Sarubbi shares her journey

At our recent Fireside Chat hosted at the Harvard Club, attendees heard from Caitlin Sarubbi as she reflected on a life shaped by perseverance, family, trust, and service.

Born with Ablepharon-Macrostomia Syndrome, Caitlin has undergone more than 80 reconstructive surgeries, competed as the youngest member of the 2010 U.S. Paralympic Alpine Ski Team, and is now completing her medical training as she prepares for a fellowship in oncology.

While her accomplishments are extraordinary, it was the themes behind them that resonated most deeply.

Caitlin spoke about the unwavering support of her family, particularly her mother's determination to ensure she never felt limited by others' expectations. She also reflected on the role trust has played throughout her life, from relying on guides while skiing at elite levels to the trust shared between physicians and patients.



Kristen Summers, Dan Elston, Anderson Pleasants, Caitlin Sarubbi, Naomi Levinshtein, and Joe DiMeo

Perhaps most moving was her commitment to giving back. Drawing from her own experiences as a lifelong patient, Caitlin shared how gratitude has shaped her approach to medicine and inspired her to support others navigating their own challenges.

We are grateful to Caitlin for sharing her story so openly and to everyone who joined us for an afternoon of reflection and inspiration.

Built Different: Jameson and Dan Talk Sports and Second Chances

Our June 18 Fireside Chat at the Harvard Club featuring Jameson Gerrity and Dan Elston was a powerful afternoon of storytelling, reflection, and inspiration.

Despite their very different journeys, both speakers shared a common experience: surviving life-altering events at a young age and choosing to view that second chance as an opportunity to make a difference. Jameson, who was born with a craniofacial difference affecting his skull and limiting his vision, spoke about overcoming the odds after flatlining as an infant and being told he would never have coordination, only to become a county champion and MVP wrestler preparing to compete at the collegiate level. Dan reflected on acquiring his facial difference in a serious childhood accident and the path that led him from professional

tennis and a successful technology career to serving the craniofacial community through myFace.

Reflecting on the second chance he was given, Jameson shared,

“Not many people get that second chance that I got. From that moment on, I said to myself, ‘I don't want to waste that.’”

Throughout the conversation, both men reflected on what it means to turn adversity into purpose. They spoke candidly about being underestimated, overcoming setbacks, and learning to view challenges through a different lens. Whether it was Jameson's determination to prove doubters wrong on the wrestling mat or Dan's belief that "pressure is a privilege," both shared a powerful message: our circumstances do not define us. Our response to them does.

The event was made even more

meaningful by the attendance of students from the American Dream School, who engaged deeply with the conversation. In a particularly touching moment, students presented Jameson with hand-written letters, and many attendees stayed afterward to ask for autographs and connect personally with the speakers—extending the impact of the afternoon beyond the conversation itself.



Jameson Gerrity and Dan Elston with a starstruck student

Scoops, Sunshine, and New Connections

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, 11 community members gathered at Stonegate Park in Northbrook, Illinois, for an ice cream social filled with sunshine, playground fun, and good company.

The event brought together both returning and first-time attendees,

creating opportunities for families to reconnect and meet new friends.

One family traveled more than an hour after discovering the event on social media, eager to introduce their child to others in the craniofacial community.

Several attendees expressed interest in becoming more involved with myFace programs and upcoming events, including Family Camp this summer.



University of Michigan's Glamour Day Brings Confidence to the Catwalk

What happens when a room full of incredible young women, a runway, and a little sparkle come together? Pure magic.

Program Officer Naomi Levinshstein and Senior Program Officer Rena Rosen recently traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan after Naomi was invited to serve as the keynote speaker for the University of Michigan Cleft and Craniofacial Team's annual Glamour Day.

Glamour Day gives girls and young women with cleft and craniofacial differences the opportunity to be pampered with professional hair and makeup

services, participate in a photoshoot, and walk a celebratory runway show.

Throughout the day, Naomi and Rena shared information about myFace programs, connected with families, and cheered on participants as they embraced the experience.

During the event's speaking program, Rena introduced myFace's growing Midwest presence before Naomi took the stage to share her personal story. Speaking about resilience, confidence, and embracing individuality, Naomi's message resonated deeply with attendees and caregivers alike.

One particularly touching moment came when a young participant who had followed Naomi's makeup content for years had the chance to meet her in person, creating an instant connection built on shared experiences and understanding.

The day concluded with an

energized runway show, complete with an impromptu dance performance that brought the crowd to its feet.

The event celebrated confidence, self-expression, and the power of seeing what is possible in yourself.



Naomi Levinshstein, Rena Rosen and the beautiful young ladies of Glamour Day

Bringing the Wonder Project Further into Illinois

On Monday, May 11, Rena Rosen, Senior Program Officer-Chicago, presented the myFace Wonder Project to 3rd-5th grade students at Tarkington Elementary in Wheeling, Illinois. As part of the school's One Book, One School program, younger students read *We're All Wonders* while older students read *Wonder*, creating a strong foundation for conversations about kindness, empathy, and inclusion.

Third grade teacher Hannah Sternberg invited Rena to bring the myFace Wonder Project to her school after learning about the program through a longstanding personal connection.

Ryann Rivers, Library Media and Enrichment Specialist, attended both sessions and shared,

"Thank you so much for bringing your presentation to our school. The students were thoroughly engaged. I especially liked learning about the 5-second rule and teaching about being an Upstander. Many students felt seen and comfortable sharing unique things about themselves."

In her post-program feedback, Ryann noted that the presentation exceeded expectations and helped foster a culture of kindness



Rena Rosen and Ryann Rivers presenting the myFace Wonder Project.

and empathy.

The visit concluded with a walk through the school library, where a bulletin board filled with messages of kindness reflected the values students had been discussing throughout the day.

Community Member Spotlight: Meet Eric Brazee

When Eric and his grandparents, Bob and Pat Hagen, first walked through the doors of NYU Langone Health in June 2023, they were searching for answers. What they found was something even greater: a place where they felt understood.

Born with a cleft lip and palate, Eric, now 25, underwent lip repair surgery as a baby but received minimal medical care afterward. As he grew older, he faced significant dental challenges, including having no upper teeth.

His dream of joining the military brought those challenges into sharper focus, as he learned he would need extensive dental treatment to meet enlistment requirements. After being turned away by several oral surgeons, Eric's search for care eventually led him to Dr. David Staffenberg and the craniofacial team at NYU.

While waiting for an appointment, Bob and Pat came across information about myFace in the clinic waiting room. From that moment on they knew they had support.

"The moral support of myFace, the

camaraderie, and the excitement that has been extended to us have made all the difference," his family shared.

"Traveling from upstate New York for appointments and surgeries could have been overwhelming, but thanks to the housing accommodations and constant support, we never felt alone. myFace has become much more than an organization to us—you have become an extended family."

Outside of his medical journey, Eric enjoys working on cars, motorcycles, weightlifting, and building a career as a diesel mechanic.

Through myFace, he has also formed friendships with others who understand what he has been through.

We connected Eric with community member and Navy veteran David Cohen, helping him feel even more connected to the craniofacial community.

"Meeting members of the myFace community definitely gave me comfort through my journey," Eric shared, "I am happy to almost be done with my surgeries and have a massive boost in confidence."

As Eric looks ahead to the future, we are grateful to be part of his story and look forward to cheering him on every step of the way.



Pat and Eric



Eric and his new smile

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Cheering for the Cubs—and each other

Rain, wind, sunshine, and an extra-inning victory made for a memorable afternoon at the ballpark as myFace community members gathered to cheer on the Chicago Cubs.

Rena Rosen, Senior Program Officer—Chicago, joined 12 community members for an afternoon that offered much more



than baseball. While attending a game at Wrigley Field is a classic Chicago experience, sharing it with others who understand the craniofacial experience made the day even more special.

Among those in attendance was a family who learned about the event through Advocate Lutheran General's Cleft and Craniofacial Clinic. The father shared that his son had been through so much and that the outing felt like a particularly special birthday gift, just days before his birthday.

Throughout the game, connections formed naturally. A new young community member joyfully sang along to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," while nearby, familiar faces laughed, chatted, and enjoyed the afternoon together.

Conversations ranged from recent travels to everyday life, creating opportunities for new friendships and renewed connections.

As the clouds cleared and the Cubs secured their win, the day served as a reminder that some of the best memories are made simply by spending time together.

As one attendee shared,

"I'm so grateful for this community. It's such a refreshing and uplifting group of people."

You're Invited!

myFace + You Are Beautiful Installation Celebration

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 at the **You Are Beautiful Store**
3368 N Elston Ave, Chicago, IL

We're thrilled to celebrate the return of the "myFace Is Beautiful" campaign with a special gallery installation celebration, showcasing one-of-a-kind DIY wooden boards decorated by members and friends of the craniofacial community—all bearing the powerful message: *myFace Is Beautiful*.

ENJOY:
 Delicious food, drinks, and community connection among inspiring works of arts.

Plus, an exclusive opportunity to participate in a DIY art experience in the YAB studio (limited spots available).

REGISTRATION
 REQUIRED



SIGN UP
 HERE!

Come for the art, stay for the community.
 We can't wait to see you there!



myFace + you are beautiful = myFace is Beautiful

Choosing Kindness: A Year of the Wonder Project

This year, the myFace Wonder Project continued to inspire kindness, empathy, and inclusion in classrooms around the world. Through both virtual and in-person presentations, myFace staff members Dina Zuckerberg and Naomi Levinshtein visited 75 schools across 15 states, as well as schools in Cambridge, United Kingdom, and Ontario, Canada, reaching more than 16,500 students.

Inspired by the book and film *Wonder*, the program encourages students to embrace differences, challenge assumptions, and become Upstanders in their communities. While each presentation is unique, students consistently leave with a deeper awareness of how their words and actions impact others.

Educators shared powerful reflections on the program's impact. Katherine from Curiale School in Bridgeport, Connecticut said, "The presentation was truly impactful. Your message and willingness to share your experiences really resonated. It was a powerful reminder of how much of a difference small acts of kindness and awareness of how we treat others can make in a school community."

At Goosehill Primary School, Principal Cosme noted, "The presentation was thoughtfully modified to focus on age-appropriate themes such as empathy, kindness, celebrating what makes each person unique, and learning to appreciate differences in others."

Throughout the year, students asked thoughtful questions about friendship, bullying, resilience, family, and self-confidence, reflecting the depth of engagement sparked by these conversations.

At Scarsdale Middle School, students created bracelets featuring words of kindness, while in the Cold Spring Harbor School District, more than 1,500

students took the Upstander Pledge, committing to stand up for others and choose inclusion.

These moments reflect that the Wonder Project is more than a presentation—it is a movement rooted in empathy, understanding, and kindness.



BECOME A PRESENTER

for the myFace Wonder Project across the NY Tristate area and Illinois!

The Wonder Academy is myFace's two-day, in-person training program that prepares Wonder Project presenters to visit schools and deliver powerful anti-bullying and kindness-centered programs. You'll build skills, deepen your knowledge, and earn your certification as a myFace Wonder Presenter.

Training Dates:

August 13-14, 2026

Locations:

New York City and Chicago Area (in-person)

Application Deadline:

July 6, 2026

Who Should Apply?

Individuals who have a lived or professional experience with craniofacial differences, including family members/caregivers, and medical professionals or are connected to the myFace Community.

Comfortable speaking in a school setting. Value structure, boundaries, and professionalism. Open to coaching and growth.



*This is a Certified Presenter role with standards and accountability.

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A Night of Hope in Nashville

The power of shared experiences

On May 20, myFace hosted an intimate dinner bringing together 19 members of the Nashville craniofacial community, including families, medical professionals from the Vanderbilt Craniofacial Clinic, and representatives from the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association. The evening centered on shared experiences, support and hope.

Special guest Patrick Hardison, the volunteer firefighter who received the world's most extensive full face transplant, shared his remarkable journey and reflected on the support his family received from myFace during some of their most challenging moments. His best friend, who stood beside him throughout much of his recovery, offered heartfelt reflections that deeply moved those in attendance

One of the evening's most powerful moments came when Kristen Summers shared her experience living with a craniofacial difference. Following her remarks, Anna Owen, mother of six-year-old Josie, stood up and embraced Kristen.

Anna shared,

“You are a reflection of my daughter, and when I look at you, I see a thriving adult. You give me so much hope.”

There was hardly a dry eye in the room.

For families new to the community, the evening offered something invaluable: the chance to meet others who understood their experiences.

As the night came to a close, one thing was clear: the myFace community is growing, and its impact reaches far beyond New York.



Kristen Summers and Anna Owen share a warm embrace.

CBS News Highlights the Impact of myFace

We are honored to share that myFace was recently featured on CBS News New York, highlighting the support provided to individuals and families living with craniofacial differences.

The segment highlighted how myFace supports families beyond medical care, providing resources, guidance, and connection from the earliest stages of their experience. It also showcased the work of the myFace Center for Craniofacial Care at NYU Langone Health and the many programs that help individuals and families find support, information, and a sense of belonging.

Executive Director Bill Villafranco and Social Media Specialist Anderson Pleasants participated in the feature, helping illustrate the importance of ensuring that no one faces a craniofacial diagnosis alone.



Their presence reflected the strength, diversity, and lived experiences that make the myFace community so special.

The story reflects what many families tell us every day: that being seen, understood, and supported can

make a lasting difference.

We are grateful to CBS News New York for helping elevate this message and shine a light on the strength and resilience of individuals and families affected by craniofacial differences.

More Than a Weekend

How one relationship blossomed after family camp

When six-year-old Teagan attended Craniofacial Family Weekend at Boggy Creek, she thought she was signing up for a few days of camp activities. What she discovered was something much bigger – a sense of belonging.

Teagan spent the weekend doing all the things that make camp unforgettable. She swam, rode horses, played games, and fully embraced the joy of being a kid.

But the most important part of her experience came in the moments between activities, when she met other children and adults who shared similar craniofacial experiences.

For the first time, Teagan met someone who looked like her and understood her experience. That person was myFace Program Officer Naomi Levinshtein, who was also born with a bilateral cleft lip and palate.

What began as a camp friendship has grown into an ongoing source of mentorship and encouragement. Since that weekend, Teagan has looked to Naomi as a role model as she navigates her own medical journey.

As she prepares for an upcoming surgery, she now has someone she can turn to who understands what she is feeling and can offer reassurance from lived experience.

For Teagan’s family, camp also marked their first introduction to myFace—opening the door to a lasting network of care, friendship and support.

Craniofacial Family Weekends offer more than a getaway. They give families the chance to build friendships, gain confidence, and connect with others who understand their experiences.

Sometimes, one weekend is all it takes to change how a family sees the road ahead.



Naomi and Teagan at Camp Boggy Creek



Teagan and Naomi in NYC before her recent surgery

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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.

AUG. 28-30, 2026

Camp Chi
Lake Delton, WI

SEPT. 18-20, 2026

Camp Boggy Creek
Eustis, FL

OCT. 16-18, 2026

Victory Junction
Randleman, NC

NOV. 13-15, 2026

***NEW DATES!**

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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Kid's Corner



Meet Anaira & Ariana!


The sister duo who created this Kid's Corner.

Before a balloon can rise, it needs some special things. Fill your balloon with the things, people, and activities that help you soar!

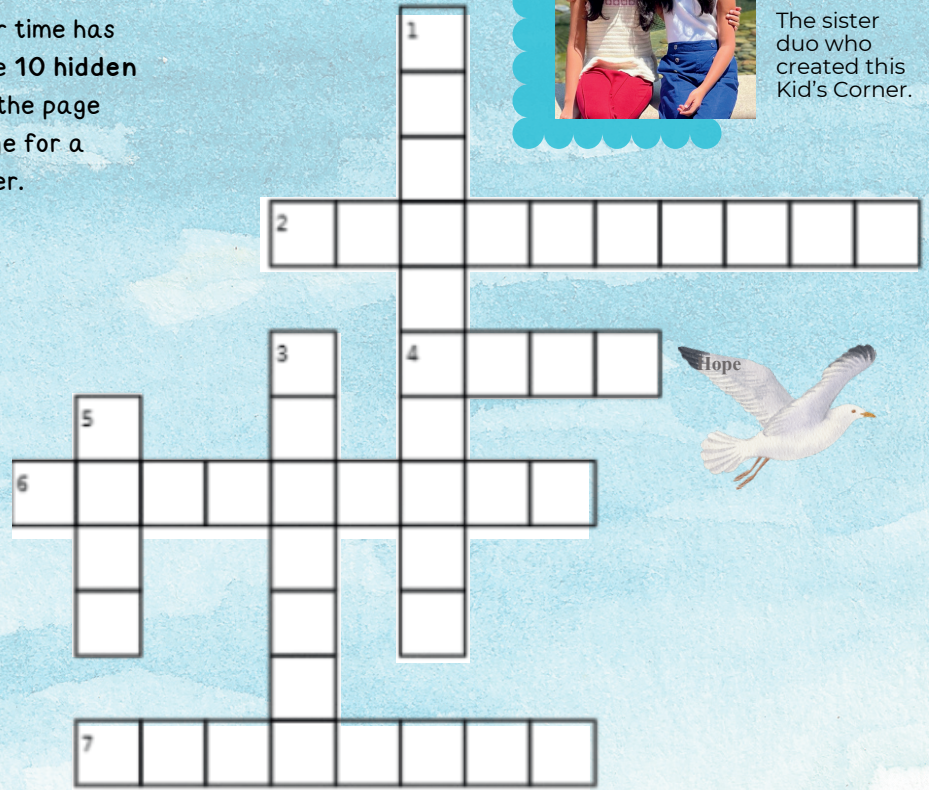


Dream

75 years of hope 

No one climbs a ladder with only one rung,
Someone builds the next step,
Someone reaches back.
For more than 75 years, this is how we are building hope. One rung at a time,
Till we reach the sky, together.
Hope has an address - 

A bottle from another time has washed ashore. Find the 10 hidden words scattered on the page and leave a message for a future explorer.



Hope

Down:

1. What grows when families discover they are not alone?
3. What helps people keep moving forward, one step at a time?
5. The legacy built one family, one story, and one smile at a time.

Across:

2. What grows when people are accepted for exactly who they are?
4. For 75 years, every journey has begun with this.
6. What is built when thousands of stories come together?
7. What often appears after life's toughest challenges?

Write/draw your answers to the questions in the seashells!



Something I can't wait to find



Something that feels like sunshine to me






A little thing that makes me smile



Lemonade invention lab

Let's make lemonade! Here are some ideas:

-  Rainbow Recovery Lemonade
-  Courage Citrus
-  Friendship Freeze

Make your own cool lemonade invention! Design your flavor, logo, and slogan! Remember that sometimes life is hard, and that's okay. Think of the lemons as bad times and with a little courage we can make lemonade - better situations!

Add your flavor here!



Add your logo and slogan here!

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!

June 29th

Ice Cream Social hosted by
myFace Brotherhood
4:30 - 6:30 pm
Cafe Joyeux
New York, NY

July 11th

You Are Beautiful Gallery Event
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Chicago, IL

July 31st - August 2nd

Adult Retreat
Bear Mountain, NY

August 13th - 14th

Wonder Academy Training
New York, NY

August 28th - 30th

Camp Chi Family Weekend
Lake Delton, WI

September 18th - 20th

Camp Boggy Creek Camper Week
Eustis, FL



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September 27th
Races for Faces
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Pier 62 New York



October 16th - 18th

Victory Junction Family Weekend
Randleman, NC

November 13th - 15th

The Painted Turtle Family Weekend
Lake Hughes, CA



100 Cleft Portraits Tour Stop Chicago!

Hosted by Lurie Children's Cleft and Craniofacial Team, myFace, and JCC Chicago




Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Join us at **Bernard Weinger JCC in Northbrook** from 10:00am - 1:00pm for a gallery exhibition and interactive workshop.

Followed by a gallery exhibition, artist talk, and reception from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Lurie Children's Hospital.

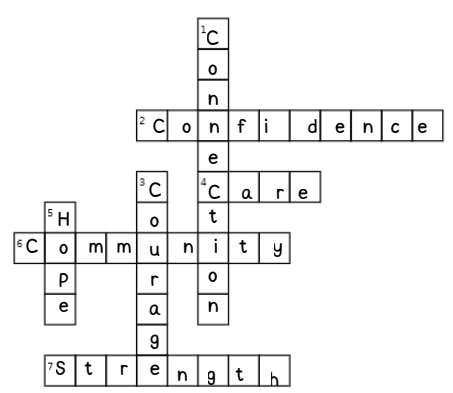
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Kid's Corner Answer Key



- Treasure the Flip Flop
- Wonder on the Sandcastle
- Spark on the Lemon
- Magic on the Seashell
- Wish on the Crab
- Dream in the Sky
- Hope in the Bird's Wing
- Soar in the Hot Air Balloon





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/
GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES**



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myFace BROTHERHOOD

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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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