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Season's Greetings To Our Friends

Another year has passed and thankfully our residential home and activities have done really well. You will recall, last year I advised you that our Board of Trustee had shifted emphasis from the residential program to our Center for Advancement with all of its associated programs. Our Business Plan had targeted to have us raising funds for a facility to house this Center. However, the continuing economic problems that are affecting all of us has pushed that goal off until the economy recovers. Never the less, our programs continue to flourish and are the focus of this Newsletter. We here at Katie's House want to take this opportunity to thank all our friends for their continued support.

Evelyn Dudzic,
Executive Director



"Dancing Queen"



Everyone danced the night away at our Sock Hop. Dancing not only represents an opportunity to develop our social skills, it also helps us improve our coordination and balance. Dancing also is great exercise!! And, it's a fine opportunity to put into practice the dance lessons provided through our Center For Advancement which serves young adults with developmental disabilities in the Sussex County area.



*"If you want your dreams to come true,
You mustn't oversleep"*



"That's What Friends Are For"



We have learned through our group that a friend is one of the nicest things that you can have and one of the best things that you can be. Taking time out for play is an essential part of building these important friendships. On the left is the Friendship Group enjoying a dip in the hot tub at a summer pool party.

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



"County Fair"



At Katie's House we feel that taking advantage of Community events is an important element in helping our group improve their social skills, as well as creating a sense of awareness that they are part of a larger world. This picture was taken at the Sussex County Fair and a good time was had by all.

*"Friends are God's Way
of Taking Care of Us"*

"It's All In The Game"



Who doesn't enjoy a balloon fight ???? Structured Play improves coordination and the exercise helps strengthen motor skills. This photo was taken at our Summer Picnic.



"Food Glorious Food"

The Center For Advancement provides cooking classes for adults with developmental disabilities. Brett is the class instructor. Our classes have 10-12 students that enjoy making and then eating something different each week. We believe that our friends are the "Bacon Bits" in the salad bowl of life!



" Believe in Magic" and nothing will stand in his way!!!

Recently Katie's House was asked to provide help to a 6 year old boy born with multiply disabilities. After several surgeries to repair severe facial deformities he is doing well but sadly, nothing could be done to correct his blindness. This young boy shows a unique gift and musical talents beyond his years and is considered to be a child prodigy. He developed his talents to this point using a \$99 donated electric keyboard. If he was to progress he needed a piano, the purchase of which was well beyond the family's ability to provide. Christmas came early for him when Katie's House arranged for him to receive a refurbished Yamaha upright piano.



*Have a wonderful holiday and a happy, healthy
and prosperous 2011*