Welcome to our inaugural issue of Better Together. With summer in full swing, we hope you are finding a bit of sunshine and some calm wherever you can. Though the pandemic has brought us many challenges, we have also seen opportunities and been inspired by the dedication of our practitioners, the patience of the people we serve and the generosity of the community around us. With that, we would like to share a little about what we learned over the past several months and how our programs are evolving to best support the individuals and families we serve across Northern California. When we join forces in support of others, like so many did over the past year, we can achieve great things — we are truly better together.

**OUR PROGRAMS**

**Early Intervention**

**Autism Services**

**Kaleidoscope Community Adult Program**

Greetings!

Learn more about the Kaleidoscope program that has impacted Patrick’s life and what his future holds.

Patrick is a part of the Easterseals Northern California Kaleidoscope program. Kaleidoscope offers a social club for adults with disabilities to come and learn, integrate into the community, enjoy recreational activities and just be a part of daily life for an adult. Patrick’s family knew how the program provides the opportunity to go into the community unlike other programs, which had him spending a lot of time driving around in a van with no communication. Kathy, Patrick’s mom, said it truly has brought Patrick’s voice back. “Now, he will talk about his day, his friends and what he has done – it has really brought his voice back.”

As for Patrick’s future, he will always be a part of Kaleidoscope even as he tries his hand at working in a library or fixing computers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,263 families served in 2020
- 80,723 hours of services in 2020
- 150+ staff maintained through the pandemic
- Introduced hybrid care and telehealth

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SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

If this last year has made you feel more inspired for progress and inclusion, consider joining us by supporting our programs and services. With a community rallying behind the children, individuals and families in our care, we get closer to building a world where everyone feels they belong and are equal.

Hear about Mirabel and her family, and how they were able to face the challenges of the pandemic with honesty, optimism and quality time together.

“Mirabel has blossomed in her friendliness, made a lot more friends, and is more brave in joining in groups and even playing socially.”

— Jessica, Mirabel’s mom

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