

# Better Together SUMMER 202

# Greetings!

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







#### HIGHLIGHTS









#### COMMUNITY IMPACT

Learn how the Kaleidoscope program has impacted Patrick's life and what his future holds.

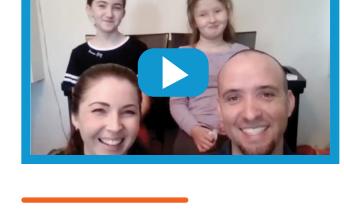


Patrick is part of the Easterseals
Northern California Kaleidoscope
program. Kaleidoscope offers a
place for adults with disabilities
to come and learn, integrate
into the community and just
be a part of day-to-day life as
an adult. Patrick's family loves
how the program provides him
the opportunity 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 he truly loves going to Kaleidoscope and the program has helped him come out of his shell. "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 part of Kaleidoscope even as he tries his hand at working in a library or fixing computers.

pandemic with honesty, optimism and quality time together.

Hear about Mirabel and her family, and how they were able to face the challenges of the



friendliness, made a lot more friends, and is more brave in joining in groups and even playing socially." —Jessica, Mirabel's mom

"Mirabel has blossomed in her

### Please shop at Safeway this month to support their *Boost their Ability* campaign.

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## 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.

What's on the horizon:

We are excited to share that we will be launching a new respite program over the next few months.

### We are excited to share Respite is an invaluable

Respite is an invaluable service where our expert practitioners provide fun and engaging activities for children and adults, while their caregivers enjoy some much-needed time for themselves. Be on the lookout for an update on our respite services in our fall edition of *Better Together*!



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