



JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

1st -- James K.
1st -- Natalie S.
5th -- Lukas S.
8th -- Maksim H.
9th -- Emma H.
11th -- Eli N.
17th -- Evelyn W.
18th -- Connor K.
25th -- Daphne B.
25th -- Elise B.
27th -- Joey C.
29th -- Maebry M.

Surviving COVID19

I'm not going to lie, these past three months have been probably the most difficult ones of my life. I feel as though I've been living on a rollercoaster of emotions and I think it's the Space Mountain coaster that you ride in the dark!! I never know if the next turn is going to be a big drop or if I'm going to soar high!

We are surviving though! We have been operating for one month now and everyone is getting used to our new procedures and health and safety practices. Actually, I think the work of providing childcare and the day-to-day operations of that has gone quite well this past month. We re-opened on May 4 with just 13 children attending, and we've slowly gained to our current 50 children and plans of adding more before the end of the month too! Our challenge has been with the State changing the regulations and not giving us any notice when they are about to change things. The regulations that were handed out at the eleventh hour for June 1 are so much more restrictive than our May regulations and some just don't make sense! I am continuing to lobby our legislators to provide some relief on some of these regulations, and to hopefully get some increased capacity by the end of June.

Through it all though, I can honestly say that we have a tremendous support system here at Kid Country! My employees have been reaching out to me to check on me and give me words of encouragement and all of you have showed your support in a HUGE way when we asked for help with the legislators. I continue to be humbled by the amount of support you show for Kid Country. Please know that every one of your letters and phone calls touched my heart.

And guess what?! It's Kid Country's 18th anniversary! On June 2, 2002, we opened our doors to the very first children and we are still rocking it 18 years later! Although, I never would have been able to predict this is what childcare would look like today! Thank you to all of you, past and present families, and the community of Manhattan for always having our back!!

I'm praying that everyone in our community stays healthy and that we all weather this storm together and come out stronger on the other side!

Cheers to surviving and having a somewhat more normal summer!

Donna

