myFace **Monthly Pulse**

July 2026

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July Moments That Matter:

AWARENESS CREATES BELONGING



Throughout Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness Month, myFace expanded its impact by strengthening partnerships, increasing visibility, and creating meaningful opportunities for connection across the country. From children's hospitals and national conferences to community events, corporate collaborations, and new national initiatives, each effort introduced more individuals and families to the support, resources, and community that myFace provides.

This month's Pulse highlights how intentional partnerships, community engagement, and lived experience are expanding myFace's reach while deepening its impact. Whether welcoming a new family, fostering a meaningful collaboration, or amplifying the voices of our community, each connection strengthens the network of support that defines myFace.

Because awareness doesn't end with being seen, it begins with belonging.



July 6, 2026

myFace Chicago Brings Awareness and Joy to Lurie Children's Hospital

In recognition of Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness Month, myFace Senior Program Officer Rena Rosen joined Lurie Children's Hospital's Skylight TV as a guest cohost for a live interactive broadcast reaching children and families throughout the hospital. During a lively game of Body Parts Bingo, Rena shared information about myFace, upcoming community programs, and craniofacial awareness while creating a fun, engaging experience for patients, siblings, and caregivers. The event highlighted the growing partnership between myFace and Lurie Children's Hospital while bringing smiles, education, and connection to families during their hospital stay.

July 11, 2026

myFace Chicago: myFace Is Beautiful Brings Community Together in Chicago

Nearly 60 community members, families, friends, and partners gathered in Chicago for the second annual myFace Is Beautiful celebration at the You Are Beautiful Headquarters. Featuring 120 custom art boards created by participants from 19 states, the event celebrated creativity, belonging, and connection. Guests enjoyed a portraiture workshop led by artist and myFace community member Celina LeRoy, formed new friendships, and strengthened community partnerships. A particularly touching moment occurred when two families met for the first time and discovered their children had both recently undergone cleft-related surgeries, creating an instant bond through shared experience. The event beautifully demonstrated the power of art, storytelling, and community to foster belonging.









July 14, 2026

myFace Partners with Zimmer Biomet to Advance Awareness and Inclusion

As part of Disability Pride Month and Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness Month, myFace partnered with Zimmer Biomet for an educational webinar focused on craniofacial awareness, inclusion, and the importance of lived experience.

The discussion highlighted myFace's programs and resources, challenged common misconceptions, and explored practical ways individuals and organizations can foster belonging and acceptance.

July 15, 2026

myFace Chicago and Lurie Children's Celebrate Community at Annual Family Picnic

myFace partnered with Lurie Children's Hospital for the second annual Cleft and Craniofacial Family Picnic, welcoming nearly 50 families, children, and medical team members for an afternoon of fun, connection, and community. Families enjoyed games, crafts, temporary tattoos, and opportunities to build relationships with one another and the Lurie care team in a relaxed setting.

The event highlighted the lasting impact of myFace programming. One family who attended both last year's picnic and this summer's myFace Is Beautiful celebration shared that they had already planned a playdate with another family they met through myFace, demonstrating how meaningful connections continue long after an event ends. The picnic was a joyful celebration of community, partnership, and belonging during Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness Month.











July 17 - 19, 2026

myFace Strengthens Partnerships and Learns from Community Leaders at Cleft Con 2026

Program Officers Naomi Levinshtein and Justin Stewart represented myFace at Cleft Con 2026 in Phoenix, Arizona, joining individuals, families, healthcare professionals, and advocates from across the country for Smile Train's national conference. Throughout the weekend, they strengthened existing relationships, built new connections with families and community leaders, and shared information about myFace's programs and resources.

One of the conference's most significant takeaways was observing Smile Train's investment in developing community leaders through its volunteer councils, offering valuable ideas for expanding youth leadership and volunteer engagement at myFace. The team also participated in educational sessions on advocacy, caregiver support, transitioning to adult care, representation in media, and lived experience, gaining insights that will help shape future programming. The conference reinforced myFace's commitment to fostering meaningful partnerships, empowering community voices, and continuously evolving programs to meet the changing needs of individuals and families affected by cleft and craniofacial differences.

July 18, 2026

myFace Launches New Partnership with Nemours Children's Hospital

In celebration of Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness Month, myFace joined Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando for its annual Cleft & Craniofacial Family Picnic, marking the first time the hospital invited an outside organization to participate in the event. The gathering brought together approximately 12 families and members of the Nemours Craniofacial care team for an afternoon of connection, community, and fun in a relaxed, family-centered environment.

The intimate setting allowed myFace to connect personally with every family, sharing information about programs and resources, including the upcoming Camp Boggy Creek Family Weekend. Families expressed strong interest in becoming more involved with myFace, while Nemours staff praised the partnership and have already begun exploring future collaborative opportunities. The event marked an important first step toward building a lasting relationship that will connect more families to the support, community, and resources myFace provides





July 19, 2026

myFace Chicago Expands Community Connections at Sunrise Games with JCC Chicago

myFace joined Sunrise Day Camp Chicago and JCC Chicago for the annual Sunrise Games, connecting with more than 300 children, families, volunteers, and supporters for a day of celebration, inclusion, and community. Through interactive activities, educational resources, and conversations with families, myFace shared information about programs including Family Camp Weekends and The Wonder Project.

The event underscored the importance of representation, as children with acquired and congenital facial differences recognized themselves in myFace's inclusive coloring materials. It also created opportunities to strengthen relationships with families, explore new community partnerships, including a potential STEAM collaboration, and expand awareness of myFace's mission to ensure every individual feels seen, valued, and supported.

July 30, 2026

myFace Supports the Launch of the 100 Clefts Portrait Tour

myFace joined Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) for the opening of the 100 Clefts Portrait Tour, the first stop on a 12-city national exhibition celebrating individuals born with cleft lip and palate. As a proud sponsor alongside the Toulmin Foundation, ACPA, Smile Train, and Children's Mercy Kansas City, myFace is helping advance a project that promotes visibility, representation, and acceptance for the craniofacial community.

During the event, myFace staff connected with families and members of CHOP's craniofacial team, introducing attendees to programs including tinyFaces, the Prenatal/Infant Parent Support Group, and The Wonder Project. The exhibition represents an important opportunity to expand awareness of myFace's mission, connect with new families across the country, and ensure more individuals with facial differences feel seen, supported, and celebrated.





Community Voices

A Home Away From Home:

When the Watson family traveled a long distance for their son Cameron's surgery, returning home the same day wasn't an option. Through myFace's Apartment Program, the Watson family were provided with a fully furnished apartment just minutes from the hospital, offering comfort and stability during a stressful time.

The family's experience extended beyond lodging. Thoughtful touches, including welcome gifts for Cameron's sisters, Olivia and Amelia, helped the entire family feel cared for and supported.

As Kelly Watson shared:

"We are so incredibly grateful for myFace's kindness and generosity during such a stressful time."

Stories like this remind us that myFace's impact extends far beyond medical care. By supporting the whole family during life's most challenging moments, myFace helps create a community where no one has to face their journey alone.

Staying Connected Through the myFace Minute



This month, The myFace Minute was delivered to members of the myFace community across the country, bringing stories of hope, program updates, community news, and opportunities to stay connected. Following its release, we were grateful to receive heartfelt feedback from readers who shared how much they enjoy receiving the publication and how meaningful it is to remain connected to the myFace community.

The responses reinforce that The myFace Minute is another way myFace strengthens relationships, celebrates our community, and reminds individuals and families that they are part of a supportive network that extends far beyond a single event or program.

Read myFace Minute Here

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2026

On Sunday, September 27, join the myFace community for Races for Faces, our signature annual fundraiser and celebration. Whether you walk, donate, volunteer, or simply enjoy the family-friendly festivities, you'll help support programs and services for individuals and families affected by craniofacial differences while celebrating the strength of our community.

Before race day, be sure to watch one of this year's Races for Faces Grand Marshal families share their family's inspiring story and what the myFace community has meant to them. Their journey is a powerful reminder of why we come together each year, to ensure that every individual and family feels seen, supported, and connected.

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📹 Watch One of Our 2026 Grand Marshals Families' Story Here