

The Autism Program at Easterseals' Social Skills Group Created Art and Fun Together

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First, group members created props for an upcoming theater performance of *Into the Woods* at the Byron Civic Theatre. The props are currently in production and all group members have been invited to attend the show and see their creations on stage. You can see them too, as the play will have multiple performances in July.

Next, the group translated a scene from their imagination into a small box project that captured details of how they wanted their scene to look. Finally, they created puppets which were part of the scene they created.

The entire group worked hard, made new friends, had fun, and practiced patience through the creative process.

"I am so proud of this group and how creative they are," said Lori Davie, Program Manager of The Autism Program at Easterseals. "These precious individuals remind me daily how important our work is and how much they live with and overcome daily. I am so blessed that I get to be such a small part of their lives."

Group parents also met during each weekly session and developed supportive bonds, discussed challenges and wins, and shared resources.

Special shout out to our supporters at Buccifero Family McDonalds who generously donated meal cards to the group as a congratulations for completing the 15-week group.

- **Learn more about our next Social Theater Group meeting Wednesdays starting in Sept.**