The Running List of Answers to *What Brought You Joy 2020?*

Below is the list of the submissions through 12.30.2020. Want to add your voice to this list? Complete our [Joy2020 Form](#) and we will include your JOY in our project by adding it to this list and by using it in our next word cloud. We hope to hear from you! What brought you joy?

- Playing Guitar!
- Walking my dog!
- Hanging out with my family!
- Playing Games!
- Gratitude Journal
- Family
- Friends
- Puzzles
- Planning and enjoying dinner with my wife and daughter
- Making a sourdough starter
- Watching my granddaughter, via Zoom, dance for the first time "en pointe" in The Nutcracker
- Journaling
- Crafting
- Phone calls
- Animal Crossing New Horizons
- Quality time with boyfriend
- Audiobooks
- Playing games
- Cooking
- WFH
- Starting a company
- Entrepreneurship
- Faith in God
- Working out
- Working out
- Watching movies
● Gardening
● Watching documentaries
● Rowing
● Walking
● Motivational discourses
● My babies
● Time for reading
● Long walks with my dog
● Working from home
● Time for myself in the morning
● This has been a time of new friends and stronger connections!
● Puzzles
● Community
● Reading
● Free time
● Slow down
● Supporting each other
● Our own garden-fresh tomatoes
● Cary Curb-side pick-up
● Purple-blooming hydrangea
● Gardening with friends and on the YouTube Cary Library talks
● Online bridge
● Sitting on the terrace 6 ft apart from friends in winter coats and drinking sherry!
● Frogs
● Penpals with a young neighbor
● Making art
● Outside small group social distancing -friends/family
● Daily neighborhood walks
● Working out
● Hoodies
● Discovering new beautiful places to walk with my friend.
● Reading
● Walks outside
● My husband
● My family
● Zoom
● Slowing down has helped me dig more deeply into subjects of great interest.
● New baby cousin
● Oreos
● Kayaking
- Playing music, baking, eating, watching tv, reading, playing outside
- Seeing my family on Zoom
- Our angel grand daughter Alia
- Playing online bridge
- Zooming with distant friends and family
- Cooking new recipes
- Watching online church services evolve
- Admiring the creativity and resourcefulness popping up
- Family
- Summer in Italy
- LongLastingLiveLent Group
- Sunshine on my face!
- Long Walks outside with friends
- My son
- My daughter
- Family time
- Listening to music
- Cooking
- Reading with kids
- Facetiming with family
- Socially distance lunch with friends
- Biking
- Family meals
- Walking outside exploring Lexington
- Gardening
- Cooking
- Walking dog
- Poker
- Reading
- Seeing my students
- Returning to school
- Family
- The ocean
- Comfort Food
- Watching Piping Plovers
- Listening to waves
- Learning birds' songs
- Playing guitar every day
- Running in the woods with the dog
- The Dog!
- Sufjan Stevens
- My great-nephew
- Exploring cemeteries
- Outdoor workout
- Christmas carols
- Reading
- Drinking tea
- My family
- Baking cookies
- Taking walks outside
- Cooking with my family
- Zoom game nights
- Video-chatting with my grandparents
- Reading
- Inventing
- Drawing maps
- Family
- My Friend
- Playing board games
- Snow
- Science
- Making art
- Outdoor walks with my daughter
- Biking
- Cooking together as a family
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Nature
- Creating comic books
- My imaginary friend
- President-elect Biden
- Healthy Family
- Books
- Walking in the woods
- Cooking a new dish to share with my family
- Chocolate!
- Getting lost in a good book
- Sunny weather
- Petting cats
- Freshly baked cookies
• My son
• Sleeping
• Watching anime
• Cooking food
• Music
• Sleeping in
• Music
• Among us
• Driving
• Frisbee golf
• Playing with my kids
• Watching anime
• Morning yoga
• Being outside w/ friends
• Early sunlight
• Viola gang
• Cats
• Crafting
• Playing guitar
• Online community
• Playing Table Tennis
• Spending more time with my family members
• Being able to eat at the same time as my family members
• Having more time for new hobbies
• Reconnecting with friends.
• Taking care of peers.
• Playing Badminton
• Frisbee
• Bought my first mechanical keyboard
• Remote
• Flaming hot cheetos
• Christmas!
• Getting a puppy
• Reading
• Knitting
• Quality time with furry friends
• Walks outside
• Texting friends
• Video games with my siblings!
• Exercise
• Cat
• Zoom Games
• Sleeping
• Cookies
• Baking
• Surfing
• Netflix
• Sailing
• A Capella
• Friends
• Running
• Formula 1
• My dog
• Games
• I liked to be with my family
• Watching Netflix
• My dog
• Family Time
• Eating food
• Good Food
• Milk
• Running
• Reading
• Sleeping
• Eating
• Knitting
• Watching TV
• My dog
• Movie nights
• Playing ultimate frisbee
• I adopted a new cat, so I'm joyful to welcome a new member in my family
• Seeing friends
• Family dinners
• Giving gifts
• Playing volleyball
• Learning how to play more songs on guitar
• Soccer with friends
• Sewing clothes
• Oil painting
• Family time
• Playing mafia over zoom with friends!
• Hiking
• Harry Styles
• Candles
• Music
• Posting on tumblr
• Talking to friends
• Baking
• Cooking dinner with my husband
• Long walks with my dog
• Baking bread
• Crane's Beach
• Sunsets
• Warm salted brown butter chocolate chip cookies
• Snuggling with my doggie
• Daughter's engagement!
• Creating art
• Knitting
• A new fire pit in yard for socially distant gatherings
• Hearing my niece sing in concert on zoom
• Among Us
• Hot Tea
• Warm blankets
• Apple cider
• Painting
• Spending time with my sisters
• Ceramics
• Knitting
• My friends
• Rain
• Wild turkeys
• Ice cream
• Watercolor paintings
• Iced tea
• Long walks with a good friend
• Bunnies in my yard
• Pass Bar exam
• Friends
• Snow
• Playing with my dog in the snow
• Biden-Harris
• Baking cookies in a snowstorm
• Reading more books
• Virtual book clubs
• Penguins
• Reading good books
• Baking
• Playing music
• My family
• My dog
• Reading
• Late night facetimes
• New pancake recipes
• Tik tok dances
• Listening to music
• Joe Biden
• My puppy
• Hot chocolate
• Family at the holidays over zoom
• My AP French Class! <3
• My students
• Hanukkah
• Farm fresh veggies
• Virtual jazz concerts
• Dining outside
• Playing soccer
• Seeing a happy dog
• Cary staff providing curbside service
• Unexpected time with family
• Playing with my dog in the snow
• Candles
• A warm piece of cinnamon toast
• Learning a new language
• Making tik tokks
• Coming out
• Finding a new fandom
• Hiking with my dog in the woods
• Murder mysteries with my mom
• New book releases
• Volunteering
● Dunkin
● Homemade soup
● Baking sourdough bread every week!
● Knitting a pair of socks
● Working from home
● The LLC @ Cary
● Cary Library
● Snow
● Christmas
● Cary curbside pick up
● Yoga
● Yoga
● Roasted chestnuts
● Singing
● Baking cookies
● The snow!
● Peaceful piano playlist on Spotify
● My best friend
● The LLC <3
● Walking snuggling with dog
● Books and Beverages
● Family and Friends Voices
● Fresh Air
● Nature Seasons
● Morning quiet
● Dogs
● Preparing for Christmas
● Cats
● Go to Italy for summer
● Watching documentaries
● Animals
● Going to beach
● Summer and spring
● Sweaters!
● Writing
● TikTok
● Going on walks
● Listening to music
● Hanging out with friends
● Spending time with family
• Late night zoom study sessions  
• Running  
• Frisbee  
• Watching anime  
• The snow!  
• Baking Christmas cookies  
• Long walks in the middle of the day  
• Working remotely (from home)  
• An electric blanket for sitting on the porch with friends  
• The winter sky  
• Reading  
• Watching the videos of Cary programs  
• Having time for a garden this summer  
• The quiet of the city streets  
• The way performing artists (theatre and music) have adapted to a virtual way of expressing their craft.  
• Making sourdough bread!  
• Watching my nephew’s piano concert on zoom  
• Watching my nephew play hockey through the magic of the internet  
• FaceTiming with my niece and nephews  
• Taking every day to my mom  
• Neighborhood walks  
• Knitting!  
• My cat  
• Long bike rides  
• Books  
• My puppy  
• My family  
• Baking  
• Playing chess with my family  
• Patrick :)  
• Walks with friends  
• Hot soup after a walk in the cold  
• Having my son home for the holidays  
• Walking with my dog in the snow  
• Learning brush lettering  
• Our Christmas Tree  
• My doggie  
• Knitting  
• Hot cocoa after shoveling
• My children
• Ranc's ice cream
• Hot cocoa
• Sunshine
• Walking on the beach
• Listening to the birds
• Having regular family lunches
• Making art
• Learning new skills
• Slowing down
• Having a snow day
• Having my wife WFH
• Star watching
• Our doggies
• Family and Friends
• Slowing down
• Walking
• Yoga and meditation
• Watching movies in our friend’s backyard even on a very cold night, just to be safe but happy.
• Fire pits!
• Knitting socks
• Seeing family and friends six feet apart
• Finding ways to support each other
• Watching old movies with my family
• Christmas Cookies
• Hot chocolate with whipped cream
• Running in the woods
• Family outdoor lunch
• Sewing more than a hundred masks for friends.
• Audiobooks
• Art
• Redoing my room
• Quarantining with my family
• My cat
• Pet bunnies
• Ceramics
• My chem teacher
• Cats
• Parks and rec
- Making it (tv show)
- Books
- Sunshine
- Brandon Sanderson books
- Spending loads of time with my family and cooking amazing meals that we enjoyed together.
- Awesome teachers
- Together and the warmth and love that being at Youville brings
- Respect for one another and having fun with wholesome and informative programs at Youville
- Moving to Youville Place and being part of this community
- Knitting
- Relationships with family and the staff at Youville
- Baking bread
- Being here at Youville Place, and being grateful for all that the staff do for us
- Zoom caroling with family
- My kids
- Redoing my room
- My family
- Watching movies with my son and husband
- Walking my dog in the morning
- Cary's virtual cooking programs
- The bustle of Lexington center
- Connecting with old friends
- Memories of past joys
- Family
- Hiking
- Biking
- Music
- Streaming concerts
- We’re getting a dog!
- Spending more time with family
- Knitting doll clothes
- Christmas movies
- Reading aloud with my family on Christmas Eve
- Boxing Day!
- Long days at the beach
- Socially distant gatherings with friends and family
- Reading by the Christmas tree at night
- Watching Schitt’s Creek!
• Celebrating Boxing Day
• Spending extra time with my adult kids because of working from home
• Learning to make sourdough bread
• Socially distant walks with friends
• Cuddling with my dog!
• Going skiing
• My lovely teachers
• Seeing my friends on Zoom
• Minecraft
• Reading for pleasure
• My garden this summer
• Connecting with old college friends via zoom
• Biden/Harris
• Visiting friends’ fire pits
• Working from home
• Watching the snow fall
• Guinea pigs
• Writing
• Reading
• Our pets
• Reading
• Full moons
• Late night dog walks
• Cooking with family
• Starry nights.
• Spending time with my kids and husband.
• Playing Ticket to Ride
• Candles at dinner
• Learning to play the uke
• Snuggling with my dog
• Discovering the little lids to Oui yogurt!
• Having family close by
• Working from home - no commute!
• Having time for a garden this summer
• Online book club
• Time to walk my dog at lunch
• The smell of coffee in the morning
• Decorating the house for Christmas
• Playing board games with the family members in my bubble/pod
• Toast made from homemade bread
• Snuggles with my doggie
• Walking around the neighborhood at night looking at the lights
• First female VP!!
• Kayaking
• Being outside
• Hiking
• Sunshine
• Watching my neighborhood's holiday lights come on at sunset.
• Dancing in the living room
• NY Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle
• Napping in the couch
• Long walks with family and friends
• Warm blankets!
• I love hearing my sons laughing together.
• Schitt’s Creek
• Reading in the morning instead of commuting
• Cooking with my family
• Long walks with friends
• Being wrapped in warm blankets while seeing friends outside
• Making stuff this summer with Cary Library (cooking & crafts)
• Our new fire pit
• Quarantining with my family
• Christmas Caroling virtually
• Car visits with my grandkids
• Epic snowball fights
• Writing my first play!
• Haiku writing!
• Embraced by the mighty Atlantic
• Shakespeare readings online!
• Godspell performed at Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm
• Michelle Techler's AMAZING sourdough crackers!
• @plummusings
• walking my dog during the day
• Celebrating Boxing Day
• Full moons
• Sewing homemade masks for people I care about.
• New babies
• Jupiter and Saturn
• Chocolate
• sneakers
• Friends!
• Baking bread and sharing it
• Hot chocolate with whipped cream
• Crossword puzzles
• Finishing jigsaw puzzles
• Audiobooks
• Playing Ticket to Ride with my family!
• Dogs wearing little jackets in the cold
• Walks on the beach - anytime of year
• Discovering the Oui yogurt containers and lids
• New sneakers
• Cooking with my family
• Walking with friends
• Baking cookies
• Listening to music
• Cary Virtual Programs
• Saying bye to 2020
• Working from home
• Time to myself
• My dog
• Bob Ross TV Painting Lessons
• Snow
• Watching theatre and music performers recreate themselves over zoom
• Writing
• Playing in the snow
• Beautiful sunsets
• Spending time with my kids over the holidays
• Walking with friends
• Reading by the fire at night
• Time spent with my family
• The time to learn to knit new stitches!
• Spending the summer at the beach
• The quiet of winter nights
• Joe Biden!
• Time to myself
• Baking bread- especially sourdough!
• Working from home!
• Planting a garden this year and eating my own vegetables
• Cold swims in the ocean on hot summer days
• BLM protesters on the Green this summer and fall. (Young people as activists!)
• Fires in our fireplace
• Time to read more
• Writing poetry
• We’re getting a dog!
• Not going to the hospital a lot
• Tomatoes!
• The presents I got for Christmas
• Exploring new walks with my dog
• Reading
• Spending time with my adult kids
• My porch
• Gardening in my front yard
• I fixed my sleep schedule
• Mandalorian
• Family
• Food
• Ramen
• Cooking meals with family
• The holiday lights!
• Dance, Netflix, reading, FaceTiming friends
• Fresh coffee
• Freshly baked bread
• Sunny weather
• Streaming concerts
• Homemade shrimp tacos
• Socially distant gatherings in the yard with friends
• New creative work endeavors
• Zooming with family on holidays
• The companionship of our dog
• Porch visits with friends
• Nighttime walks with the dog and family - looking at the moon, the stars, the lights
• Writing and reading poetry
• Family
• Nature Walks
• Meals with family
• Snuggling with my dog
• Starting a new business
• Getting engaged
• Also getting engaged
• The magic of Christmas
• Watching my son perform
• Warm homemade pretzels
• Ocean walks
• The end of 2020!
• Sunshine and new days
• Hunkering down for quiet times
• Supporting each other
• Polar plunges
• Singing
• Working from home
• Family walks and meals and game nights
• Baking bread!
• YouTube
• The LLC at Cary Library
• Good health