

#CelebratingAbilities

Winter, 2017

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## Why I serve...

*Easterseals has been part of my entire life. I am proud to be a third-generation family member to serve on the Easterseals Central California Board of Directors.*

*I marvel at the enthusiasm and excitement our staff members have when talking about milestones that our clients have reached. Having the opportunity to meet some of the children and families and hear how grateful they are for our staff and organization is truly remarkable! Being able to witness firsthand how our collective efforts directly improve the quality of our clients lives makes service on the Board beyond rewarding.*

Jeff Terpstra,  
Board President

## Highlights & Happenings

### **New Comprehensive Autism Centers:** *Our latest undertaking*

With remodeling underway, we're preparing the opening of two centers (Aptos and Fresno) to better meet the needs of children with autism, and their families. Offering customized interventions, both centers will function as a hub for intensive behavioral services for children and young adults. We identify the best setting for optimal success; at home, in the community, or at one of our centers.



### **Veterans Services:** *Disabled veterans healing retreats*

This year, we piloted four new camp sessions dedicated to helping veterans cope with the unique issues they face upon returning home from duty (physical limitations, PTSD, financial, marital, employment difficulties). Through partnerships with local veteran organizations, we've successfully provided life-changing, and in many cases life-saving interventions for more than 107 veterans and their families.

### **17th Annual Tom Vidmar Memorial Golf Tournament:** *Presented by Anlin Windows*

We had a record-breaking year with a sold-out tournament and raised more than \$73,000 (a 23% increase over last year), while honoring the memory of Grandpa Tom (founder of Anlin Windows). There were 144 players, 85 raffle prizes, 27 volunteers, 18 sponsors, four Fresno State Army ROTC cadets and two service dogs. It was an incredible tournament!

### **24th Annual Bowler's Bash:** *Presented by Century 21 C. Watson Real Estate*

After taking a break in 2016, the Century 21 C. Watson agents and staff gathered support once again for an outstanding come-back year, raising just over \$30,000 (doubling our goal). This sold-out event included 40 lanes, more than 250 guests, more than 150 raffle prizes and auction items. We are so grateful for the continued support and dedication from the three generations of the Carey Family.

### **Coming in 2018:** *We're still growing*

Many of our clients, community partners and families have spoken up! And we've listened... stay tuned in 2018, as our plans for expanding services are even more ambitious than this year with the addition of:

- Respite Services
- Workforce Training and Placement
- Elderly and Veteran Caregiver Training and Support



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# 2016 - 2017 Community Impact Snapshot



## Programs & Services

### SERVICE IMPACT

**3,053**



*(Direct clients, parents, siblings, caregivers)*



**Campers Served**  
(8 - 65 years of age)  
Summer Sessions  
Family Camp



**Military and Veterans Served**  
Service personnel, spouses  
and children



**Wide Awakes Members Served**  
(25 - 55 years of age)  
Social activities and skills



**Young Children Served**  
(0 - 5 years of age)  
PLAY Project  
Strengthening Special Families



**Students Served**  
(5 - 22 years of age)  
Learning, communication, medical,  
autism and behavior intervention  
support in schools

## Team Members



## Financial Summary

