

BECAUSE OF YOU



WHAT IS THE GIVING CIRCLE NEWSLETTER?

An opportunity to thank you for being a member of the Easterseals Giving Circle, while at the same time keeping you informed about the impact **YOU** made.

EASTERSEALS LEARNING ACADEMY PROJECT UPDATE

In April, members of the Easterseals Giving Circle came together to give in a new way to help children reach their full potential. While one gift certainly makes a difference, hundreds of gifts pooled together and directed at one need is transformational. Together, the Easterseals Giving Circle voted and donated \$33,255.00 to the Easterseals Learning Academy.



The Easterseals Learning Academy (ESLA) is a fully functioning school to assist in providing an alternative school placement with specifically designed instruction for children who have a primary educational diagnosis of Autism, intellectual or multiple disabilities. Because of the Easterseals Giving Circle, construction is well underway for the new active sensory gym.

The Giving Circle active sensory gym will provide a safe environment in which students can increase their tolerance to new activities as well as generalize the skills they are learning in the classroom, during therapy sessions and PE. Students will interact with equipment that encourages balance, coordination, body awareness, muscle strength, and fine motor skills. Easterseals Learning Academy is excited to have a space that will help children learn year round and accommodates the needs of their students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wine Tasting Event at Tres Rojas- October 13
- Mission Visit Timber Pointe Outdoor Center- November 12
- Annual Lunch & Learn- February 2023
- 2023 Project Voting- Early April 2023
- Annual Dinner- Late April 2023

UPDATES MADE AT ESLA

- Walls constructed and insulation put in place
- Door frames completed, primed, and painted
- New doors primed and painted
- Carpet installed
- Climbing wall delivered and being prepped for insulation

KIDDO SPOTLIGHT: JANIE

The building at ELSA is not the only thing making progress! At the annual dinner this past year Janie's mother, Joanna, came and talked about her daughter and their success at the Easterseals Learning Academy. Janie is improving on her communication skills. She loves being outside, jumping around, and helping her mom maintain their garden. In and out of school, she likes to sing and dance. Janie is just one of many students your contributions are helping!

HERE'S THE SCOOP

The 33 Room was full of sips, sweets, and smiles for our kick off Scoops & Spirits event. We are so thankful to everyone who joined us and for the members who put the event on!



A NEW ADVENTURE: TIMBER POINTE

Timber Pointe Outdoor Center is designed to offer specialized, inclusive, and adapted programming to meet the needs of individual campers. TPOC provides a unique resource for the Central Illinois Community.



Learn more about what Timber Pointe offers by scanning the QR below or visiting timberpointeoutdoorcenter.com

Each ice cream and liqueur that was served was meant to compliment one another. Guests were encouraged to try each pairings while learning about the offerings Easterseals provides and what the Giving Circle is all about. Our Giving Circle Committee hosted the evening and provided amazing door prizes from area business to several lucky attendees. After the event we are happy to report that the Giving Circle has reached 30% of our fundraising goal!

GROWING THE GIVING CIRCLE

- Know anyone who would want to join the Giving Circle? Email Danielle Easton at DEaston@eastersealsci.com or scan the QR code!

