

# **VESTAL BUILDING** 97 YEARS AND GROWING

### **Center for Inclusive Employment and Programs**

Easterseals Colorado's Vestal facility located at 5755 W Alameda Avenue in Lakewood was the previous home to our administrative offices, Stroke Rehabilitation Program, and the Warm Water Therapy Pool. Over the years, as Easterseals Colorado (ESC) programs have continued to grow we remain vision focused on inclusivity, diversity and creating independence within our communities for those we support.

In 2019, ESC made the strategic move to close its Warm Water Therapy Pool due to out-of-date equipment, the repairs of which far exceeded the benefits of continuing its operation, especially given that several other, more updated pools were opened in recent years, making it less competitive. Realizing the opportunities presented by this new, unused space in a high-needs location, ESC filled in the pool. The facility now houses the Neurological Rehabilitation Adult Day Program and Explorer Adult Day Program, but there is yet so much more potential for this space.

We envision the space as a fully inclusive center point to not only provide neurological rehabilitation and day services in an interactive community center setting, but the renewed space will bring community engagement through the arts, employment services, technology training, cooking classes, occupational or physical therapy, group workshops, and even access to a sensory garden all to one place. It will be a community hub for people with and without disabilities.

Easterseals Colorado seeks to transform the Vestal Building into its **Center for Inclusive Employment** and **Programs**.

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#### IMAGINE....



A day program participant garnering independence through choice by having the option to decide between an art class, learning about horticulture through the sensory garden, or taking part in an onsite theater production.



A neurological rehabilitation participant not only receives the physical and occupational therapies needed but further increases their independence through cooking lessons, as well as job skills to garner employment.



A youth on the autism spectrum is given the opportunity to learn a trade such as mechanical, electrical, or pipe fitting.

#### Center for Inclusive Employment and Programs Project Cost

Construction	\$600,000
Programs	\$500,000
Staffing	\$490,000

## **Ways to Contribute**

- Individual Donations
- Company Grants
- In-Kind Donations
- Foundation Support

#### **Giving Contact**

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#### **About Easterseals Colorado**

Easterseals Colorado (ESC) has a bold vision for the future, a vision where we all individuals living with disability and caregivers—can thrive and fully participate in our communities. We are leading the way to full equity, inclusion, and access for people with disabilities, their families, and caregivers across Colorado by enhancing well-being, expanding employment, and elevating community.

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Easterseals Colorado (ESC) relies on private contributions to help our agency accomplish great things. Through the tremendous support of individuals, companies, and organizations we'll be able to grow from an agency that is mission driven focused to a visionary leader becoming a formidable resource for people with disabilities and their caregivers in Colorado. Donors who aspire to provide a meaningful contribution to ESC recognize the value and appreciate the outcomes of our work.