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## **Adami Fund for Innovation Focuses on Keeping Memories Alive**

**New Castle, DE** –Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore has announced that the fifth annual "Bill Adami Fund for Innovation" award will be used to pilot a "It's Never 2 Late" Technology System" for the adult day program at Easterseals in Georgetown. This technology is expected to be especially beneficial for Easterseals participants with dementia because the content is designed by experts and can be individualized for each person to help reduce anxiety, engage their focus, and stimulate their memories.

The "It's Never 2 Late" technology provides person-centered engagement that will entertain, engage and empower individuals to select their chosen activities. By using large touch-screens, this system brings technology directly to seniors and persons with disabilities who may otherwise not be able to utilize technology or computers.

The Bill Adami Fund for Innovation was created in memory of Easterseals late President/CEO, William J. Adami, honoring his legacy of leadership and innovation at Easterseals.

"Easterseals staff are always striving to provide meaningful and engaging programming to their participants," Kate Antisavage, Easterseals Adult Day Health Services Center Director, said. "Thanks to the Bill Adami Fund, this new program will bring technology right to our participants' finger tips in our Georgetown program. We will pilot the technology here and hopefully additional funding can be secured to expand the program to the Easterseals adult day program in New Castle."

The Easterseals Bill Adami Fund for Innovation is established at the Delaware Community Foundation. Anyone interested in more information or to donate, contact Claire Birney of Easterseals at 302-221-2066 or [cbirney@esdel.org](mailto:cbirney@esdel.org).

Easterseals President/CEO, Kenan Sklenar, said that proposals from Easterseals staff for the Fund for Innovation award are increasing each year. "Each year, staff members submit the most creative ideas that get to the heart of why we started this fund, to remember Bill Adami and his innovative way of thinking" he said. "The more dollars raised for the fund, the more we are able to implement innovative ideas to serve people with disabilities and seniors each year."

For 100 years nationally, Easterseals has served as an indispensable resource for individuals with disabilities, veterans, seniors and their families. [Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore](http://www.de.easterseals.com) offers a range of services, including children's therapies, assistive technology, recreational camping, day programs for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities, and respite services for caregivers. To learn more about how your local Easterseals helps children and adults with disabilities, call 1-800-677-3800 or visit [www.de.easterseals.com](http://www.de.easterseals.com).

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