

ENDOWMENT GIVING

# Milestones Happen Here

Together, we help children with disabilities and their families reach new goals, reimagine the future, and achieve greater independence. You can help us do the same for our organization by establishing an endowment at Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley. Ensure that we have the financial footing to respond to the evolving needs of the children we serve – today and in the future.

By investing in an endowment, your contribution will make an impact well beyond this year. The fund will continue to grow, and a percentage of the interest will serve as an ongoing source of support for Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley and the purpose you identify.

WATCH YOUR GIFT GROW



You will choose a designation at the time the fund is established and that selection will be honored year after year. A percentage\* of the earned interest continues to grow, and the remaining interest is made available annually\*\* to support the program, service or organizational need you've identified. Your gift will multiply over time, and so will your impact.

\*As determined by the Board of Directors

\*\*No distribution will be made in the first two years so as to allow the fund to grow.



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● REACH NEW GOALS

## Help us Match \$1 Million

The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted our services and threatened our financial security. Without our community's generous response, a PPP loan and CARES Act funding, the impact would have been insurmountable. Long-time donors and Easterseals parents, Jim and Jane Miller, have pledged a \$1 million endowment gift to protect us from future crises.

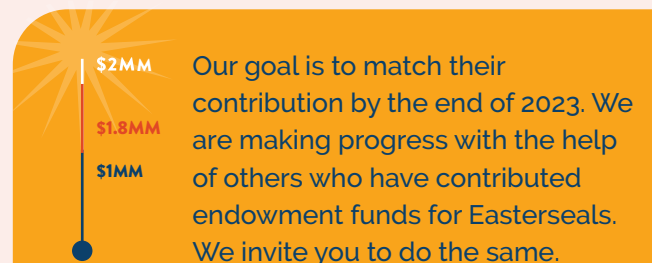


Jane & Jim Miller

*I have always felt that what was needed was a financial security blanket that would allow freedom to continue in the face of challenges.*

*As a result, we have committed to getting the endowment fund started and will continue to support it's growth. I hope you will join us in this effort.*

- Jim Miller



# Help us look as far into the future as we can into the past.



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## ● REIMAGINE THE FUTURE

For more than 70 years we have been supporting children with disabilities in our community. An investment in the endowment fund empowers us with the foresight to best serve the families who need us today and in the future.

### Make it Meaningful

An endowment can be created in your name, a company's name, or to honor or memorialize someone special.\* Family, friends and organizations can contribute directly to the fund as well. It is a purposeful and meaningful investment in the programs and services that matter most to you.

Brad established his "Yes We Can Fund" in honor of his young daughter and her "yes I can" motto. In August of 2021 & 2022 Brad cycled 110 miles across mountainous terrain in Colorado to raise funds for Easterseals and support the services that make a difference for children with cerebral palsy. A percentage of the funds are dedicated to fulfilling specialized needs identified by our therapists that will keep us at the forefront of therapeutic care.



Brad rides for his daughter

\*Minimum Investment: \$50,000 to establish a named fund.

## ● ACHIEVE GREATER INDEPENDENCE

We need your annual support to stay strong, and an investment in the endowment to grow stronger. Plan a gift that will help us here, now and always.

### YOUR PLANNED GIFT

#### ● Ways to Give

- **ANNUAL FUND** Support our daily operations
- **ENDOWMENT** Invest in the future, today
- **BEQUEST** Leave a legacy

### *A Lasting Legacy*

Through a generous bequest to support emerging techniques and technologies, Martha Waltemade left a legacy that provides our staff and other professionals an environment of continuous education, training and learning. Over the past 10 years, her gift has more than doubled to fund the education initiatives she always believed in.



Martha A. Waltemade, 1931 - 2011