



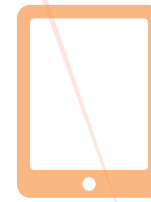
# Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report



**DuPage & Fox Valley**  
brighter futures begin here



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# Leadership

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**Theresa Forthofer** | President & CEO

Our mission is to enable infants, children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum independence and to provide support for the families who love and care for them.

## A Message from the President & CEO

Since our start in 1952, Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley has built up three state-of-the-art facilities, assembled a staff of world-renowned clinicians and collaborated with some of the country's leading medical providers. The motivation behind every new partnership and program are the children and families who depend on us to help them reach their goals.

**In fiscal year 2017 we added a case manager to our team to support the parents and caregivers of children with complex needs.**

**We welcomed a behavioral therapist and launched a focused initiative to address behavioral challenges faced by children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other neurodevelopmental delays.**

**We enabled the engineers at Myomo to develop a pediatric-sized robotic device to help children gain movement in their arms and hands.**

**Families joined us to promote fitness and fun through cycling, and we created an adapted bike club.**

The generosity of our supporters and the guidance of our Board provides the foothold we need to continue current programs and develop new initiatives. Together, we are building brighter futures for children with disabilities.



Theresa Forthofer  
President & CEO

# Our Expertise

Our services are always evolving. We solicit feedback and evaluate data that helps us anticipate the needs of the children we serve. This insight enables us to develop future-focused and expert-led programs in response to challenges and opportunities.

## The Behavior Initiative

In late 2017 we launched The Behavior Initiative – our unique approach to supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorders and other developmental delays. This donor-funded program blends our expertise with the perspective of a behavior specialist. Jessica Schultz, MA, LCPC is a licensed clinical professional counselor and Autism consultant with extensive experience working in school and clinical settings. Behavior modification programs that engage the whole family are known to increase IQ, verbal skills and social functioning in children with neurodevelopmental disorders. By introducing individualized consultations, staff trainings and educational parent workshops, children with Autism Spectrum Disorder are experiencing meaningful and positive behavioral change.

## Case Management

Case management funding from DuPage Medical Group Foundation, Community Memorial Foundation, The Aigner Foundation and Washington Square Health Foundation enhanced our family-centered philosophy. This addition provides one-on-one support to the families of children with complex needs. Within the first six months, Case Manager, Kristi Gillespie, helped 61 families coordinate appointments, alleviate stressors and navigate insurance. The case manager's support and advocacy improves family stability and leads to more effective outcomes in therapy and at home.



### Our Comprehensive Services for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder:

- Behavioral Therapy
- Autism Diagnostic Clinic
- Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapies
- Sensory Regulation Strategies
- Social Skills Groups
- Family Support

Care coordination improves health, well-being and therapy outcomes.

## Special Recognition

These expert clinicians and skilled staff earned special recognition and certification in FY17.

### **Theresa Forthofer, President & CEO**

Appointed to the Illinois Department of Human Services Autism Task Force

Easter Seals Inc. Affiliate Leadership Council Member

### **Cindy Baranoski, MS, RDN, LDN**

Guest Speaker, The Chromosome 18 Conference

### **Elizabeth Christensen, MA, CCC-SLP/L, ATP**

Early Intervention Certification

Appointed to the Professional Standards Board for Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)

### **Leslie Cuevas, MPT**

Early Intervention Certification

### **Maureen Karwowski, OTR/L**

Developmental Individualized Relationship (DIR) Based Therapy Certification

### **Linda Merry, OTR/L**

Guest Educator, Teach for America Milwaukee Intervention Strategies and Classroom Modifications

Starnet Instructor, Postural Control and Its Positive Impact on Classroom Performance

### **Phyllis Rowland, PhD, MS, PT, PCS, C/NDT**

PhD in Pediatric Science  
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professionals

### **Diane Fritts Ryan, OTR/L, C/NDT**

Guest Educator in Chile and Brazil  
Neurodevelopmental Treatment Techniques

### **Laura Van Zandt, MS, OTR/L, C/NDT**

Neurodevelopmental Treatment (NDT) Certification



Treated more than  
**100**  
different diagnoses

**47,063**  
hours of therapy  
provided

**100%**  
of client families would  
recommend us\*

Internationally  
accredited by CARF



More than  
**5,000**  
Family Services  
interactions

**16,698**  
hours of  
Occupational Therapy

**181**  
Communities  
Served

**100%**  
of physical therapy clients  
demonstrated progress\*



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Therapists and staff logged  
**1,224**  
hours of  
continuing education

**1,071**  
Audiology patients  
of all ages

Offered  
**12**  
Specialized Clinics

**159**  
children participated in  
social & recreational  
Community Based  
Therapy Programs

**6**  
experts  
collaborated in the  
Medical Diagnostic  
Clinic

The Lily Garden provided  
inclusive child care for

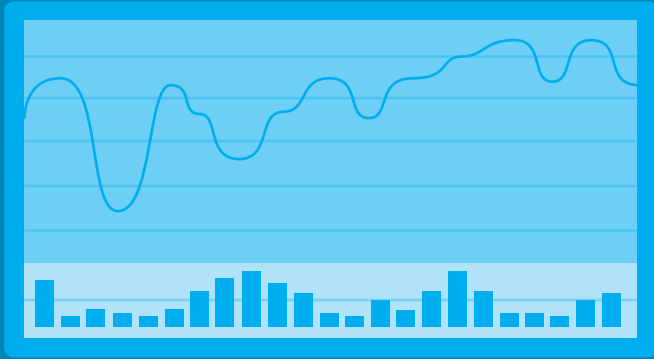
**80**  
children

**36**  
children participated in an  
Augmentative & Alternative  
Communication  
mentoring program\*\*

Found feeding  
solutions for  
**286**  
children

**10,676**  
hours of  
Speech-Language Therapy

\*According to a family survey  
\*\*Made possible by a 2017 Comcast NBCUniversal Assistive Technology Grant



## New Technology

Innovative technology is at the forefront of our treatment solutions and is redefining what maximum independence looks like for children with disabilities. Our Assistive Technology department is dedicated to these advancements, and high-tech solutions are applied across all therapy disciplines.

### Myomo

We worked closely with representatives from Myomo (My Own Motion) to aid their development of a pediatric device. Myomo developed a myoelectric powered brace that enables movement in an impaired hand or arm. Originally developed for stroke rehabilitation, this ground breaking robotic device is activated by sensors that detect muscle signals, and stimulate an intended movement that an individual cannot make independently. Through their work with Easter Seals, Myomo is gaining insight that will improve their technology – ultimately helping children with neurological disorders improve their mobility and dexterity.

*“Myomo has partnered with Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley because we share a mission to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities.*

*Our lightweight robotic arm braces enable people to use their arms and hands again, and the Easter Seals therapists have provided us with extensive feedback on how to continue to enhance our products.”*

**– Paul Gudonis, CEO, Myomo Inc.**



### Our Partners

**The University of Chicago  
School of Medicine**

**University of Illinois  
at Chicago**

**Raby Institute of  
Integrative Medicine at  
Northwestern, among  
many others**

# New Developments

We recognize the importance of setting functional goals that enable children with disabilities to participate more fully in activities that interest them. Therapy sessions incorporate fitness and fun, and promote healthy lifestyles, regardless of physical limitations. Participatory events at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley offer added motivation to work toward therapy goals.

## 1st Annual Bike for the Kids

Physical therapists, Laura Basi and Joanne Pygon, channeled their enthusiasm for biking by organizing a new annual fundraiser for Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley. On September 18 more than 100 cyclists pedaled routes surrounding our Elgin facility. Participants of all ages and abilities rode trikes, trailers and adapted bikes in the 3-mile family ride while more advanced cyclists completed 25, 50, 75 and 100 mile distances.

## The Jonathan Goers Bike Club

Dick and Ellie Goers lost their son, Jonathan, 26 years after a tragic accident left him with a debilitating brain injury. Funds that had been raised to support his care went unused. Of these funds, \$140,000 was donated to Easter Seals to bring Jonathan's joy of bike riding to children with disabilities. In FY17 the family's vision was realized and the Jonathan Goers Bike Club was formed.

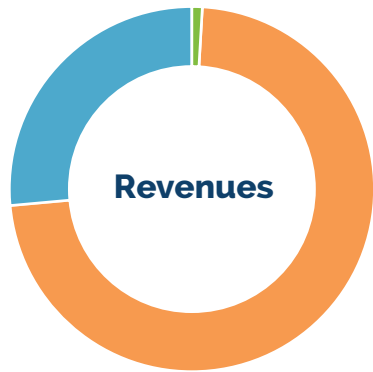
More than 20 clients, ages 4 – 34, were fitted for custom bicycles adapted to meet their needs. Therapists teamed with bike mechanics to identify and implement modifications. When the bikes are outgrown, they will be returned to Easter Seals and adjusted to fit another child. The generosity of Jonathan Goers' friends and family ensures that many more bikes will be awarded in the years to come.



*“As a therapist, I am always looking for ways to help my clients bridge the gap between individual therapy and carrying over the skills they are working on into participation in their lives at home, school and the community. The Bike for the Kids event was inspired by the desire for families of all abilities to be able to go on a bike ride together.”*

**– Laura Basi, Physical Therapist**

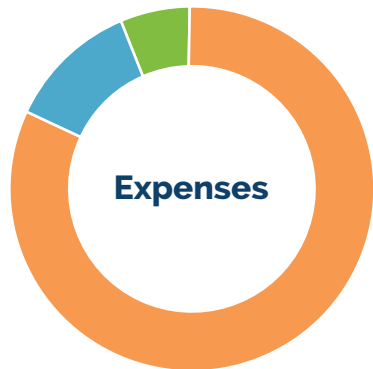




**Program Revenue**  
72.5%

**Contributions & Bequests**  
26.4%

**Service Billing |  
Miscellaneous**  
1.1%



**Program Services**  
82.0%

**Management and General**  
12.2%

**Fundraising**  
5.8%

## Revenues & Expenses: Fiscal Year 2017 | September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

This condensed financial summary has been prepared by Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley.

### Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Cash	\$738,582	\$641,798	Current Liabilities	\$641,109	\$614,209
Investments	1,350,117	905,135	Long Term Debt	1,114,957	1,144,235
Receivables, Net	689,555	632,861	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,756,066</b>	<b>\$1,758,444</b>
Other Assets	603,638	750,168			
Land, Building & Equipment, Net	2,930,401	3,124,024	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,556,227</b>	<b>\$4,295,542</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,312,293</b>	<b>\$6,053,986</b>	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,312,293</b>	<b>\$6,053,986</b>

### Statement of Activities

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Contributions & Bequests	\$2,115,933	\$3,225,455	Program Services	\$6,370,215	\$6,326,445
Program Revenue	5,806,041	5,728,707	Management & General	949,548	982,287
Service Billing Revenue	59,590	78,721	Fundraising	448,078	432,946
Miscellaneous Revenue	27,251	39,583			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,008,815</b>	<b>\$9,072,466</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,767,841</b>	<b>\$7,741,678</b>
			Other Revenue (Expense)	\$19,711	\$13,795
			Change in Net Assets	260,685	1,344,583
			Net Assets at Beginning of Year	4,295,542	2,950,959
			<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$4,556,227</b>	<b>\$4,295,542</b>

Complete financial statements including notes and the independent auditor's report of Tighe, Kress, Orr, P.C., are available upon request. A complete donor list is also available upon request.

Fiscal year 2016 and 2017 contributions include capital campaign donations.