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# ANNUAL REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR 2015

OUR VISION IS THAT ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES THEY NEED TO LIVE THEIR BEST LIFE.



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**OUR MISSION IS TO ENABLE INFANTS, CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR MAXIMUM INDEPENDENCE AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES WHO LOVE AND CARE FOR THEM.**

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## **Theresa Forthofer**

P R E S I D E N T & C E O

Our role as advocates for children with disabilities proved especially important in fiscal year 2015. While the state of Illinois operated without a budget, Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley remained fiscally strong – as did our voices. Our consistent and dedicated focus on the importance of developmental screenings, early identification, and early intervention has strengthened our leadership role in the community. However, at our core, we remain committed to providing exceptional, life-changing therapy services for the 1,000 children we serve each week.

At the close of another year, our history is richer and our future is brighter.

**The University Chicago and Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley aligned to open a Medical Diagnostic Clinic.**

**We introduced WalkAide technology to our Physical Therapy department.**

**We opened the doors to the first custom LEGO Room in the United States.**

**We launched a partnership to reach 27,000 daycare centers in DuPage County with the Ages & Stages developmental screening tool.**

This year's most notable highlights point to the expertise, partnerships, generosity and cutting-edge technology that enable us to build brighter futures for children with special needs. Thank you!

*Theresa Forthofer*



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



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JOINS EASTER SEALS:

# MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC PROVIDES ANSWERS



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An exciting partnership between Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley and the University of Chicago brings one of Chicago's leading developmental-behavioral pediatricians to Easter Seals, Villa Park.

The Medical Diagnostic Clinic, launched in March 2015, pairs Dr. Peter Smith with an interdisciplinary team of Easter Seals therapists to provide answers to families whose children face medical complications and delays, but do not have a formal diagnosis.

The clinic was developed in response to the lengthy wait lists for diagnostic clinics at area hospitals, and for the unique perspective the Easter Seals team offers. As the only medical diagnostic clinic to include a parent liaison, families leave equipped with the resources and support they need to address their newly found diagnosis. In addition, the clinic offers the expertise of a speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist and developmental therapist as well as a developmental-behavioral pediatrician.

By evaluating each child's medical history and observing their abilities and challenges, the doctor and therapists identify a diagnosis as well as a treatment plan. Dr. Smith appreciates this multi-disciplinary approach.

"Working as an interdisciplinary team both improves our 'product' - the sum is greater than the simple addition of parts - and allows us to learn from each other's unique skill set," said Smith.



**Peter J. Smith, MD**

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WALKAIDE CLINIC

# MAKING STRIDES WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY



The wide range of specialized clinics offered at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley grew this year to include the WalkAide Clinic.

The WalkAide is a revolutionary device that leverages electrical stimulation to improve a child's gait. The expert physical therapists at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley apply this responsive new technology to children whose ability to lift their foot is hindered by brain or spinal cord trauma. The clinic evaluates and establishes the benefits for each individual, and allows for use of the equipment at home. Integrating the device into daily activities and therapy plans can improve outcomes.

The WalkAide Clinic is a commitment to engaging new technology that best meets the needs of children with cerebral palsy, stroke, spinal cord injury, spastic paraplegia and brain and neuron injuries.



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# LEGOLAND TRANSFORMS PLAY SPACE



An eager group of children burst through a wall of soft LEGO blocks to unveil an incredible play space at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley.

Thanks to a generous partnership with LEGOLAND Discovery Center Chicago, the family play room at the Villa Park Center received a much needed renovation. Merlin Entertainments Group runs the LEGOLAND attractions, as well as the worldwide charity, Merlin's Magic Wand. Having just launched their U.S. operation, Merlin's Magic Wand identified Easter Seals as the site of their first American project.



Creative minds from LEGOLAND Discovery Center Chicago collaborated with Easter Seals therapists to design a fun, safe and colorful play room. Children who attended the room's opening celebration in March were the first to experience the custom wall decals, new carpeting, flat-screen television, sensory bubble toy and a large collection of LEGO and Duplo bricks. It is a welcoming room for children and families, and a great alternative space for rewarding therapy sessions.

Photos by Rich Howe



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## MAKING THE FIRST FIVE COUNT

# A PARTNERSHIP MADE POSSIBLE

## BY THE DUPAGE FOUNDATION

We are proud of our partnership with the YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral to provide developmental progress screenings to 27,000 children in daycare centers throughout DuPage County using the free and confidential online screening tool at AskEasterSeals.com.

The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) helps parents and caregivers determine if a child is meeting their milestones. This collaboration was made possible with funding from the Bright & Early DuPage Initiative of the DuPage Community Foundation, now known as the DuPage Foundation.

This collaboration educates childcare providers on proper use of the ASQ and arms them with a tool that will showcase milestones and identify delays. This partnership has increased awareness of the ASQ and promotes the importance of regular screenings for all young children ages 0 - 5. If delays are identified, the team at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley provides the necessary support and resources so children enter school prepared for a lifetime of learning.



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY & COMPARISON

## FISCAL YEAR 2015

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION 2015

	2014	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 188,624	\$ 1,040,375
Investments	\$ 897,592	\$ 643,533
Receivables, Net	\$ 711,466	\$ 735,970
Other Assets	\$ 128,159	\$ 104,712
Land, Building & Equipment, Net	\$ 1,417,985	\$ 1,304,335
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,343,826</b>	<b>\$ 3,828,925</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities	\$ 950,149	\$ 877,966
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,840,084	\$ 2,054,425
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 553,593	\$ 896,534
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,393,677</b>	<b>\$ 2,950,959</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,343,826</b>	<b>\$ 3,828,925</b>

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2014

	2014	2015
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Contributions & Bequests	\$ 1,389,670	\$ 1,975,100
Program Revenue	\$ 5,960,026	\$ 5,885,380
Service Billing Revenue	\$ 187,719	\$ 173,347
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 18,701	\$ 14,833
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 7,556,116</b>	<b>\$ 8,048,660</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Services	\$ 6,105,042	\$ 6,159,404
Management & General	\$ 1,019,054	\$ 946,359
Fundraising	\$ 375,462	\$ 334,633
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,499,558</b>	<b>\$ 7,440,396</b>

Other Revenue (Expense)	\$ 65,958	\$ (50,982)
Change in Net Assets	\$ 122,516	\$ 557,282
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 2,271,161	\$ 2,393,677
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 2,393,677	\$ 2,950,959

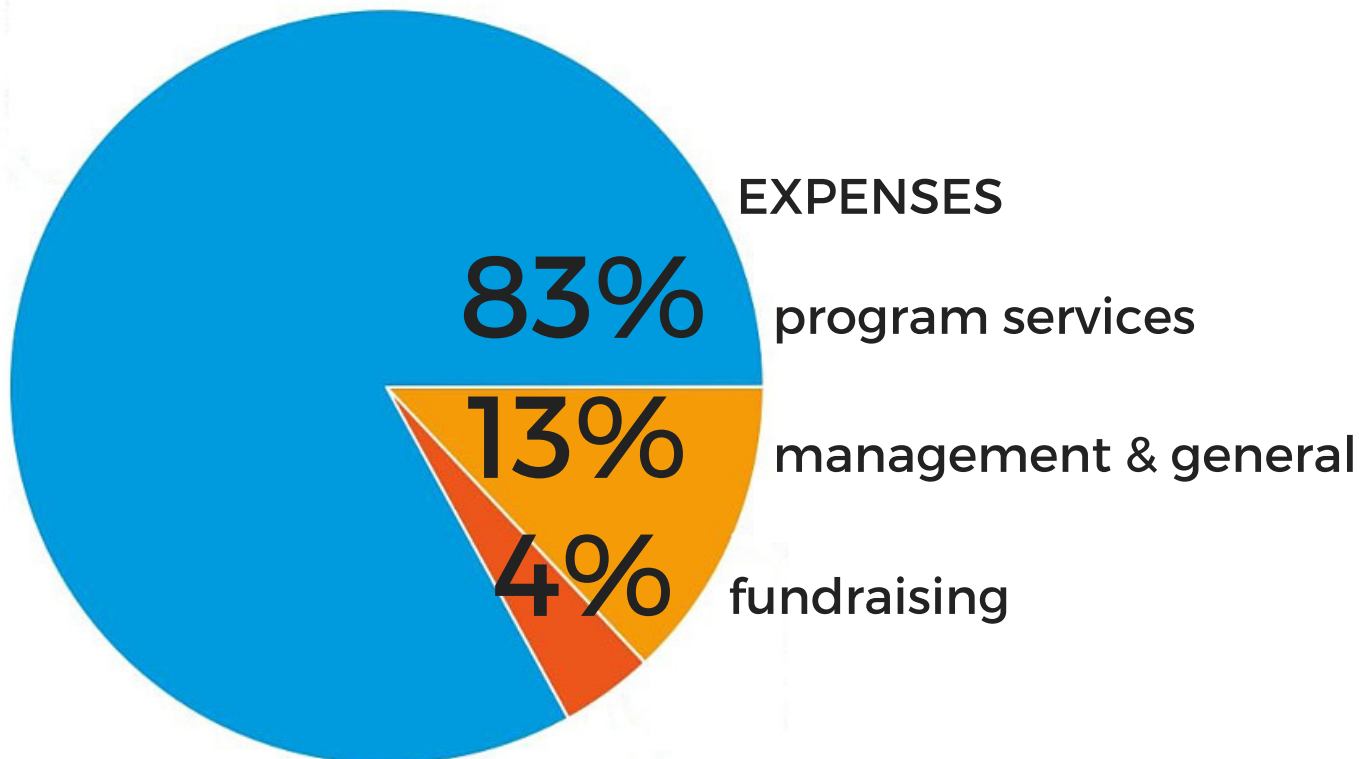
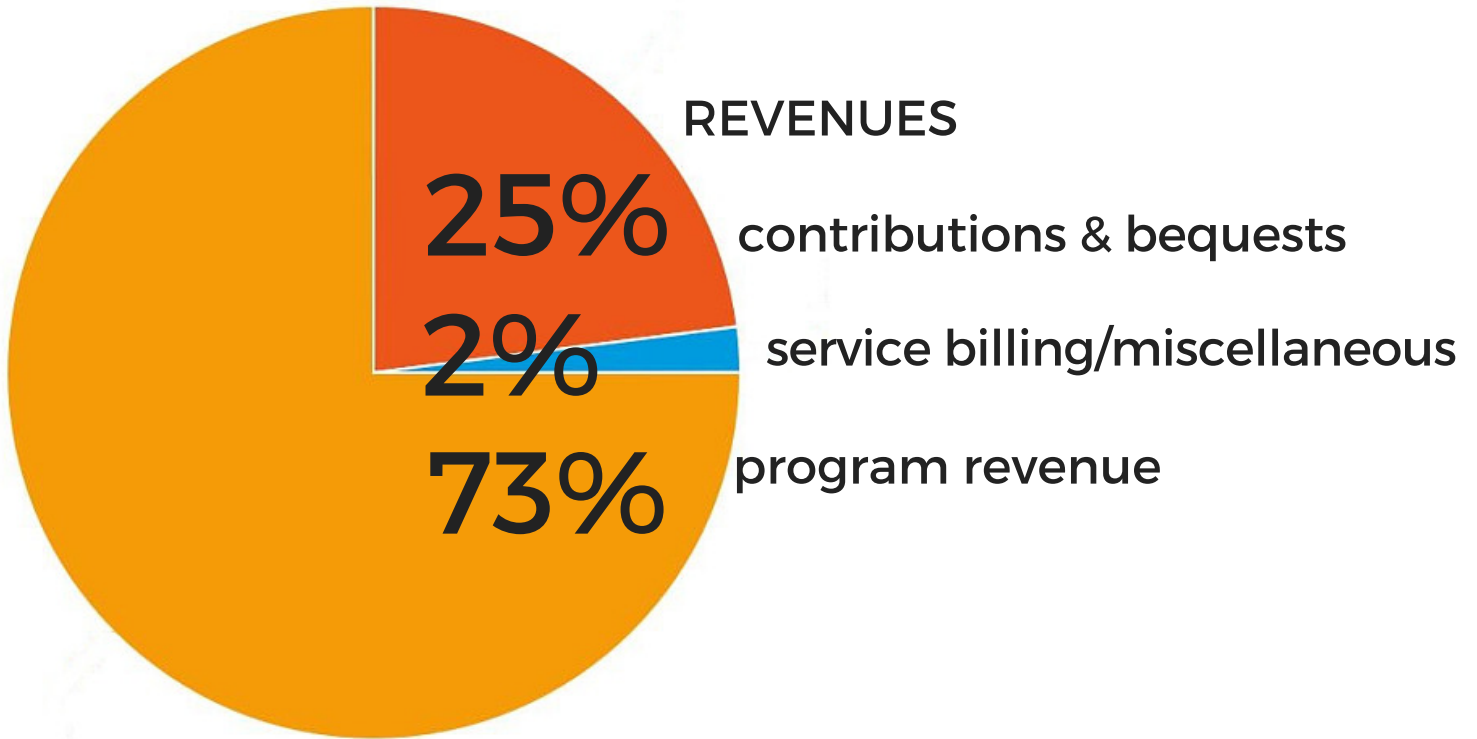
This condensed financial summary has been prepared by Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley. Complete financial statements, including notes and the independent auditor's report of Tighe, Kress & Orr, P.C., are available upon request.

A complete donor list is available upon request.



# REVENUES & EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR 2015



# Our Services

Alternative Therapy

Aquatic Therapy

Assistive Technology

Audiology

Autism Diagnostic Clinic & Services

Community-Based Therapy

Developmental Therapy

Family Support Services

Feeding Clinic

Inclusive Child Care at The Lily Garden

Medical Diagnostic Clinic

Nutrition Therapy

Occupational Therapy


Physical Therapy

Speech-Language Therapy

Specialized Clinics

The Voice Box: A Motor Speech Lab



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## OUTSTANDING OUTCOMES

## EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE



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INTERNATIONALLY  
RECOGNIZED



TEACHING  
FACILITY



LEADING PROVIDER  
IN DUPAGE COUNTY  
& BEYOND

# 1,000

INDIVIDUALS ARE  
SERVED EACH WEEK  
BETWEEN CENTERS IN  
VILLA PARK,  
NAPERVILLE & ELGIN

# 98%

OF FAMILIES REPORT  
PROGRESS

# 99%

OF FAMILIES ARE  
SATISFIED WITH THE  
SERVICES THEY  
RECEIVE

# 87

HIGHLY TRAINED &  
EXPERIENCED THERAPISTS  
& SPECIALISTS AVERAGING  
19 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE