

# Help, Hope & Answers

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME.

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## Easter Seals Salutes our Donors and Volunteers

### Thanks to you:

- More than 2500 children and young adults living with disabilities here in our community received critical, life-changing services.
- 190 children and young adults attended Camp Lily Berks, Lehigh Valley or overnight Camp Growing Green this summer.
- Camp Lily Berks was spruced up to a beautiful sheen when employees from local companies spent a day painting, landscaping, cleaning and installing a fantastic baseball field.
- Kids and families waiting for occupational, physical and speech therapy in Reading enjoy works of art in the form of spectacular murals on the wall, aided by employees of a local company who helped with the painting.
- Teens with disabilities participated in summer and school-year programs that helped them start to prepare for life after high school, building employment skills and volunteering at many area nonprofit organizations.
- Hundreds of kids attended an incredible holiday party where they visited with Santa, received a gift, played with therapy dogs and made holiday crafts.

### Meet Mason



When Mason and his family's experience with Early Intervention began, he had just been diagnosed with spinal muscular

atrophy type 3, a hereditary disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain stem and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle activity such as speaking, walking, breathing and swallowing. Mason's mom Tori says she and her husband felt powerless and afraid when they first learned about his diagnosis, but Easter Seals helped turn their fear into power. She attributes Mason's tremendous growth in communication skills to both the exceptional therapy he receives each week from Easter Seals and to the parent coaching integrated into each session, empowering Tori and her family to support Mason's development in daily life.

# Thank you for believing in Easter Seals and helping to make sure that now and far into the future, when families need us, we're here!

Thanks to the generosity of the Law Firm of Leisawitz Heller and the United Way of Berks, local high school kids got some terrific experience and training that will help them prepare for life after graduation.



The United Way of Berks Emerging Leaders helped at Camp Lily.

Mary Ellen Golf Tournament raised over \$150,000, helping kids like Mason.



Comcast volunteers spruced up Camp Lily and built a baseball diamond.



Century 21 Pinnacle's golf tournament raised money that helped kids like Althea.



**We raised over \$25,000 at the Highmark Walk, supporting kids like Connor.**



**Wells Fargo provided funding and volunteers for a holiday party our kids will long remember.**

**WELLS FARGO**



**Wing eaters at the All New California Bar and Grill helped send kids to camp.**



**The Parkland Trojans Girls Soccer Team made Morgan and Maura's day with two great trikes built by the team.**



**Mike Miller and volunteers from Alcon brought great beauty to our waiting room with original artwork.**



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## Thank you, United Way of Berks County.

Your support means that families who live in Berks County receive top-notch specialty care without leaving town. It means that kids who need physical, occupational and speech therapy have access to exceptional therapists. And it means that kids spend



summer at camp, evenings with friends, and start to prepare for life after high school.



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all you do for  
Easter Seals.  
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it without you.**

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## HOW TO HELP

There are hundreds of ways, large and small, that you can help Easter Seals make a difference.

- **Volunteer your time and talent**
- **Help buy holiday gifts for our kids**
- **Make a donation – online**  
([www.easterseals.com/esep](http://www.easterseals.com/esep))

*Or by mail:*

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**Every dollar makes a difference.** And it all stays here in our community, so you know you're helping your neighbors, your co-workers, and your family members who use our services, or may need to one day. For information on volunteering or donating holiday gifts email [info@esep.org](mailto:info@esep.org).



## *Have fun with Easter Seals!*

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

### TEEN RECREATION PROGRAMS

Evenings throughout the school year

### SATURDAY RESPITES

Every other weekend, 10-4

### SCHOOL-YEAR LEAP

High School Transition Program

*Waiver eligible funding through Office of Developmental Programs.*

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