



easterseals  
Rehabilitation  
Center

Annual Report  
2017-2018

## A message from our Board Chair and our President

### *"How can I help the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center?"*

Glad you asked! This annual report celebrates our 72nd year providing world-class care for Tri-State residents and families with disabilities, and if the highlights and summaries in the following pages reveal anything, it's that now, more than ever, we need the engagement and passion of volunteers to help us fulfill our vitally important mission.

That means more than just fundraising. Financial resources are crucial, and we are so blessed for the help we receive each year in gathering the donations that make our work possible. We can't say thank you enough to the organizations, individuals and businesses that enable us to fulfill the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's mission and continue to make positive differences in the lives of people with disabilities every day. But your time and talent are just as important to us as your treasure.

Want to bring joy and love to the lives of our group home residents? Become a "Social Sidekick." Want to see the world through the eyes of preschool-age children? Become a "Field Trip Friend." Have a special talent to share? "Inspire Creative Vision" in the therapeutic preschool or adult programs. Have a green thumb? Use it in our gardening and landscaping projects.

Call us at 812-479-1411 or visit [www.eastersealsrehabcenter.com](http://www.eastersealsrehabcenter.com) to learn more about these and many other avenues for utilizing your unique abilities to help Easterseals change lives!

As you consider the best ways for the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center to benefit from your energy and enthusiasm, you can be confident you are partnering with a respected, efficient organization that employs caring, dedicated professionals and focuses to meet the needs of the community. This annual report highlights the year's exciting changes. Be sure to read about the consolidation of preschool programs and re-branding at the Early Learning Center, the vision for expansion of Psychology Services (testing and counseling and more new programs to come), and the upcoming physical move of Assistive Technology Solutions that will make those services more accessible and visible.

As we continue to make changes, we aren't losing sight of other services that continue to make a difference to people in the Tri-State. Easterseals Therapists (Physical, Occupational, Speech, Developmental, Audiology, and Psychology) schedule approximately 700 therapy visits EVERY WEEK! Adults with disabilities get the assistance and support they need from our Group Home Program, Community Living Services, Adult Day Services and Employment Services.

We'll always strive to meet or exceed the expectations of those who depend on us. And you can join in. Call us anytime to schedule a tour of any of our facilities or to find out more about getting involved. Experience the joy of healing, help and hope that makes the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center unique.



Ashley Babcock  
Board Chair



Kelly Schneider  
President/CEO



## Children of all abilities in three programs learn together at the inclusive Easterseals Early Learning Center.

All children benefit when kids with *and* without disabilities share an inclusive learning environment. That's why all three of the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's early childhood programs are now together in one inclusive location. On the first day of the 2018-19 school year, the Dan & Nancy Mitchell Therapeutic Preschool (previously at 3701 Bellemeade) relocated to join other programs at the recently updated and newly named **Easterseals Early Learning Center**. That location at **621 S. Cullen Avenue** in Evansville is now the home of:

- **Milestones Early Care and Education** for children of all abilities, 6 weeks-3 years of age
- **LEAD Academy** (Learn, Engage, Achieve, Discover), an inclusive preschool with a wide ranging educational curriculum for children of all abilities, age 30 months-6 years
- **Dan & Nancy Mitchell Therapeutic Preschool** for children age 3-5 identified as having a developmental disability requiring special education services

The goal at the Easterseals Early Learning Center is to help *all* children prepare to enter kindergarten ready to learn and succeed! For more information, contact Laurie Seals, Vice President of Early Childhood Services, at 812-474-2244 or lseals@evansvillerehab.com.



## Assistive Technology Services will become even more user-friendly!

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's Assistive Technology Department is relocating in the same building (3701 Bellemeade) to space previously occupied by therapeutic preschool.

The move will allow us to add a separate, more visible public entrance with more accessible parking. Inside, more comfort and space will allow us to better serve individuals who visit for our highly specialized services, including **wheelchairs and custom mobility devices; driver's rehabilitation; home, school and work site adaptations; custom equipment modifications; and portable and stationary aluminum ramps.**

Watch for these improvements in the coming months! For details on these life-changing services, contact Rusty Schimmell, V.P. of Assistive Technology, 812-479-1411 or rschimmell@evansvillerehab.com.

## Psychology Department expansion is tackling our region's need for mental health services.

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is working to improve access to mental health services by expanding our Psychology Department. Neuropsychiatric conditions are the most disabling conditions in our country. Yet a lack of adequate mental health services means that local families may wait six months or more for an initial appointment with a mental health professional.

Leading our expansion effort is James Schroeder, Ph.D., a pediatric psychologist who joined our organization in June 2018. Dr. Schroeder filled the position of Dr. Dorothy Stephens, who retired in August after a stellar 40-year career specializing in psychological testing and diagnostics.

The department will grow into existing space at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center (made possible by Assistive Technology's move into the former preschool wing). Major goals over the next 1-5 years include the following:

- **Provide the highest quality psychological services for children, youth and families.** We will enhance our pediatric therapy services, while continuing our excellent testing and diagnostic services.

- **Increase capacity within our region to meet the critical need for psychology services now and in the future.** A major focus of our plan is to become a regional training site for undergraduates, doctorate level psychology interns, post-doctorate fellows, and psychiatric residents. After completing their training, many of these professionals will remain in the Tri-State to serve local children and adults in years to come.

- **Create a community where mental health resources are available to all families,** regardless of whether they are clients of our organization. We will offer public workshops and other resources, and will work with others to develop a culture that reduces stigma, provides support, and encourages lasting change.

To find out more about the Psychology Department and our expansion plans, you may contact Jim Schroeder or Kelly Schneider at 812-479-1411.

# Community Support

Businesses, foundations & organizations donating \$1,000 or more

## Independence

Bullen Trust  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Crescent-Cresline-Wabash Plastics  
Deaconess Health System  
James R. Duncan Trust  
E'ville Iron Street Rod Club  
G.D. Ritz's  
United Leasing & Finance Championship  
    Golf Gives Back  
Sean Roy Hilt Foundation  
Holiday World  
International Brotherhood of Electrical  
    Workers Local 16  
Koch Foundation  
Kreyling Charitable Foundation  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
Midwest Communications: 93.5 Duke FM,  
    104.1 WIKY, HOT 96 FM, WABX 107.5  
Old National Bank  
Shaw Trust  
Townsquare Media: 99.5 WKDQ, 103GBF,  
    MY 105.3FM, 106.1 KISS-FM, WGBF-AM  
Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana  
United Way of Southwestern Indiana  
Vectren  
WEHT Local / Local 7 WTVW

## Empowerment

Community Foundation Alliance  
James R. & Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation  
Higginbotham Trust  
H.F. & Minnie Koch Trust  
Lamar Advertising  
Skanska  
St. Vincent  
Tools 4 Teaching  
United Way of Henderson County  
United Way of Posey County  
Wesselman's Supermarkets  
WOW Internet•Cable•Phone

## Opportunity

Accuride Corp.  
Berry Global  
El Charro & El Patron  
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #73  
German American Bank  
Holiday Management Foundation  
Kemper CPA Group  
Henry F. Koch Charitable Trust  
Lamasco Bar & Grill  
LemonAid Stand  
Edward W. Love Foundation  
Phi Gamma Delta  
Roebing Photographics  
South Central Incorporated  
Spectrum  
Vanderburgh Community Foundation

## Dignity

911 Gives Hope  
Alcoa Warrick Operations  
Anchor Industries  
Atlas World Group  
BKD  
Bussing-Koch Foundation  
Coldstone Creamery & Rocky Mountain  
    Chocolate Factory  
Deaconess Women's Hospital  
D-Patrick Ford  
Early Learning Indiana  
Erik Photographic Studio  
Fifth Third Bank  
Fraternal Order of Police - Indiana  
Cecil A. & Mabel Lene Hamman Foundation  
Harding Shymanski & Co., P.S.C.  
Horse Shoe Bend Carriage Company  
Tom & Evelyn Ingle Trust  
Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn  
ONI Risk Partners  
Payne Wealth Partners  
"Pete"  
Reinbrecht Homes  
Riley Children's Foundation  
Shine On Express Car Wash  
Shoe Carnival  
Teamsters Union Local 215  
Tri-State Medical Alliance  
West Side Nut Club

## Ability

Acclaim Graphics  
Acosta Sales & Marketing  
American Senior Communities  
Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield  
ArchonSafe  
Armour-Eckrich Meats  
Bob's Gym & Fitness Center  
Buehler's IGA  
Bunzl  
Caito Foods  
Castle Community 4-H  
Castle High School  
Coca-Cola Consolidated  
Diamond Valley FCU  
Dole Fresh Vegetables  
Dunn Hospitality Group  
Empire Contractors  
EN Engineering  
Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.  
Evansville Teachers FCU  
Expressway Dodge•Chrysler•Jeep•Ram  
Eye-Mart  
Garmong Construction Services  
Head's Construction  
Hearing & Speech Associates  
Indianapolis Fruit  
Jarvis Food Equipment



Jasper Engines & Transmissions  
Just For Kids Pediatric Dentistry  
Laroy Tax Service  
Lensing Building Specialties  
Lewis Bakeries  
McMahon Exterminating Co.  
Mutual of America  
Newburgh Civitan  
Pepsi Beverages Company  
Prairie Farms  
Schiff Air Conditioning & Heating  
Security Enforcement  
Spurling Properties  
Square Yard Carpet  
Sterling Boiler & Mechanical  
Superior Van & Mobility  
Swat Pest Management  
The Diamond Galleria  
Tropicana Evansville  
United Companies  
Vanderburgh Medical Alliance  
VenuWorks of Evansville  
Williams Country Sausage  
Winkler, Inc.  
Working Distributors  
Wright's Refrigeration  
Lester E. Yeager Charitable Trust  
Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders

## Programs and services provided by the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center and its divisions

- Therapeutic Evaluations and Services for all ages
  - Physical therapy & orthotics
  - Occupational therapy
  - Speech/Language therapy
  - Audiology
- First Steps Provider for children under 3
  - Physical therapy
  - Occupational therapy
  - Speech/Language therapy
  - Audiology
  - Developmental therapy
- Psychology testing & counseling
- Early Care & Education and Preschool for children of all abilities at the Easterseals Early Learning Center:
  - Milestones Early Care & Education (6 weeks-3 years)
  - LEAD Academy–Inclusive Preschool (30 months-6 years)
  - Dan & Nancy Mitchell Therapeutic Preschool (3-5 years)
- Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Warm Water Aquatics
  - Aquatic therapy
  - Aquatic exercise & fitness classes
  - Swim lessons
- Assistive Technology Services
  - Wheelchairs and custom mobility devices (power & manual)
  - Drivers Rehabilitation
  - Home, school & work site adaptations
  - Custom equipment modifications
  - Portable and stationary aluminum ramps
- Employment Services
  - Horizon Industries (organizational employment)
  - New Frontiers Employment Services (community employment & supports)
- Residential and Community Supports
  - Group Homes
  - Community Living Services (waiver)
  - ASPIRE adult day services

## 2018 Board of Directors

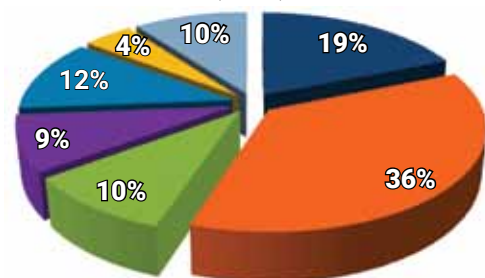
Ashley Babcock, Chair

Scott Albin	Carlene Oliver
Rob Bingham	Dan Parod
Scott Branam	John Raisor
Todd Chamberlain	Meghan Reffett
Paul Green	Jim Sandgren
Brian Hape	Scott Schroeder
Jeff Helfrich	Ken Smith
Carol Hull	Kim Steele
Brant Kennedy	Matt Theby
Wayne Kinney	Ben Trockman
Shelley Kirk	Daniela Vidal
Steve Link	John C. Schroeder, Director Emeritus
Sara Miller	

## Combined Revenue

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

\$19,216,645

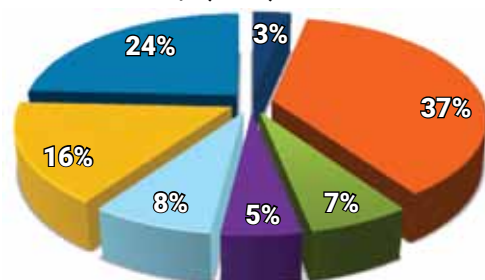


- Medical Rehabilitation & Related
- Group Homes
- Community Living Services
- Early Childhood
- Fundraising
- Easterseals Posey County
- Assistive Technology Services

## Community Support

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

\$3,196,426



- Presidents' Council
- Special Events
- United Way
- Other Fundraising
- Investment Income
- Trust Income
- Restricted Donations & Grants

# Easterseals Presidents' Council

Individuals donating leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more annually

## Independence

Wayne & Beth Kinney  
Luther Oost  
John C. & Diane Schroeder

## Empowerment

Anonymous  
Mike & Carol Hull  
Leonard Keller  
Dr. & Mrs. Spiro B. Mitsos

## Opportunity

Dr. Chris Chacko  
Joe & Betty Elpers  
Dr. & Mrs. Joe Fox  
Bob & Lisa Jones  
Denny & Cassie Quinn  
Rick & Susie Schach  
Scott & Leigh Schroeder  
Norman & Susan Snyder  
Tim & Jan Swickard

## Dignity

Anonymous  
Bengert Family  
Betty Charlier  
Jim & Mollie Francis  
Dr. Myles & Anne Grant  
Maury & Dr. Susan Leinenbach  
David & Donna Lounsbery  
Sara Miller  
Joe & Leah Parker  
Jim & Becky Sandgren  
Ernie Schmitt  
Richard & Patrice Schroeder

## Ability

Amy & Randy Abbott  
Gene Aimone  
Harriet Anderson  
Anonymous  
Kyle & Ashley Babcock  
Bob & Patty Balbach  
Ken & Julia Balbach  
Josh & Amy Barron  
Jeff & Maureen Bell  
Maurice & Cherie Berendes  
Joe & Donna Beuligmann  
Dean & Karen Bosler

Al & Cathy Bragin  
Bob & Jennifer Bromm  
Ryan & Julie Burczyk  
Carl & Kay Chapman  
Ron Christian  
Maribeth Claassen  
Karen Connelly  
Doug & Karen Daniel  
Jon David  
Mike & Laura David  
Guy & Cindy Davis  
Drs. Jack Deppe & Shari Barrett  
Bruce & Kathy Dockery  
Larry Downs & Suzanne Crouch  
Dr. Mike & Judy Dukes  
JP & Alli Engelbrecht  
Marty & Syd Finney  
Jeff & Lisa Fisher  
Tim & Kay Flesch  
Susan Fuller  
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Josh & Katy Gilberg  
Jon & Martha Goldman  
Jim & Connie Gries  
Dr. Ogle & Terry Hall  
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Christina Harlow  
Angela Harper  
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Randy Hobson  
Chris & Andrea Imes  
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Gil & Marcia Jochem  
Brent & Sandy Junge  
Brant & Stephanie Kennedy  
Bob & Jeri Kenning  
Barbara Kingston  
Pam Kirk  
Bob & Cynthia Koch  
Don Korb  
Jeremy & Kayla Kunz  
Larry Laroy  
Steve & Teresa Link

Daniel Linthicum  
Dennis & Colleen Martin  
Eric & Sara L. Miller  
Brad & Lynn Muehlbauer  
Jim & Mary Kay Muehlbauer  
Bob & Janet Naas  
Alan & Sandy Newman  
Marilyn O'Daniel  
David Papariella  
Dan & Holly Parod  
Taylor & Jenny Payne  
Art & Mary Pike  
Lue Purtzer  
Sam Ragle  
Ray & Janet Raisor  
Kenny & Rhonda Reinbrecht  
James & Diane Riddle  
Greg & Jamie Risch  
Dave & Darlene Robinson  
Ron & Connie Romain  
Rick & Laura Roop  
John Rosenberg  
Jeff Schimmel  
James & Lori Schmidt  
Brad & Kelly Schneider  
Ginny Schroeder  
Joann Schwentker  
Dr. Richard & Laurie Seals  
Larry & Lois Simon  
Ken & Maren Smith  
Tim & Amy Spurling  
Jeff & Amy Spurlock  
Dottie Stephens  
Marilyn Stone  
Tom & Diane Stone  
Jerry & Laura Terhune  
Matt & Diane Theby  
Ted & Karen Thompson  
Jim & Becky Tilley  
David & Sara Trockman  
Jeff & Nancy Trockman  
Wayne, Jill, Ben & Josh Trockman  
William & Mary Tucker  
Darren & Lisa Verkamp  
Linda White  
Jeff & Laurie Wilmes  
Jim & Darlene Woodard  
Drs. Bill & Mona Wooten  
Betty Worthington

## A few highlights from an exciting year...



Indiana Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch visited residents and staff at Alvord and Helmuth Group Homes.



Ritzzy's Fantasy of Lights raised approximately \$160,000, the second best year in the event's 24-year history, thanks to Ritzzy's, IBEW, NECA, Electrical JATC, Teamsters, and many other generous supporters.



The "final tote" for the 41st annual local Easterseals Telethon reached a record \$1,056,943. All proceeds fund therapy, thanks to our very generous friends at WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW.



Easterseals honored the Kinney and Burczyk families with the Changing Lives Award at the 2018 Tribute Dinner.



Clients of Aspire Adult Day Services enjoyed a visit from the E'ville Iron Street Rod Club, who brought their vehicles for a close-up look.

Golf Gives Back, the charitable organization made possible by the United Leasing & Finance Championship, presented its first Impact Grant to fund a new Art Enrichment Studio at the Easterseals Early Learning Center.



During the past year, our Easterseals Ambassadors shared their stories—and our mission—with thousands of area residents. Many thanks to Walker Vaught, Tim Bowling, and their families!



### Walker Vaught

Walker Vaught loves to run, jump, and have fun with his friends. That might not sound unusual for a 6-year-old. But when Walker was born, doctors didn't know if he would even learn to sit up or speak.

Walker was born without a cerebellum, a part of the brain that controls balance, coordination and learning. He also has other disabilities. As a baby, Walker's special needs overwhelmed his day care provider. His parents, Dirk and Tina, both needed to work. They didn't know where to turn. Then they found Milestones Early Care and Education at the inclusive Easterseals Early Learning Center.

At Milestones, Walker received the best of care while learning, playing, and growing with classmates of all abilities. He reached developmental goals with help from Easterseals Rehabilitation Center therapists. Now Walker is thriving in kindergarten! He continues therapy to improve his writing skills and his ability to swallow a variety of foods safely.

There are many more challenges, goals and achievements in Walker's future. With support from people like you, the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's programs will be here for him every step of the way!

### Tim Bowling

As a child, Tim Bowling got a great start in life by attending the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's therapeutic preschool. Tim has cerebral palsy and like thousands of other local kids, Easterseals is where he learned to walk, write, and reach other important developmental goals.

Tim went on to succeed in school, get involved in youth ministry, run a computer business, and raise a family. He had no idea that the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center would again become an important part of his life.

In 2013, Tim fell at work and received a severe concussion. In 2014, he had two strokes. Now at age 47, Tim is working hard to regain the skills he needs to be fully independent again.

Therapy in the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's gym builds strength and endurance. Exercise in the fully-accessible warm-water therapeutic pool eases Tim's pain, relaxes muscles and makes walking easier. Tim also receives counseling and is improving his cognitive and memory skills.

Tim is making great progress toward his goals, which include helping kids. He even "gives back" by volunteering at the Easterseals Early Learning Center!

"Your life and mine shall be valued  
not by what we take...  
but by what we give."

Edgar Allen  
Easterseals Founder

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is working to change the way our community defines and views disability by making profound, positive differences in local people's lives every day.

In the past fiscal year, our staff provided:

- Services for 5,347 children & adults from the Tri-State area
- 9,166 community living services days
- 26,196 hours of therapy services
- 38,152 children's early care & education days
- 7,280 therapeutic preschool days
- 24,939 days of services in a group home setting
- 12,291 adult day services days
- 8,037 organizational employment days
- 1,246 community employment days



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