



2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## A message from our Board Chair and our President/CEO

For an organization the size of the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, the one thing that seems to stay the same is that there is always change. 2022 was no exception.



Sara Miller,  
Board Chair



Kelly Schneider,  
President/CEO

Notable was the transition of the local Easterseals Telethon from a Sunday event to an all-day Friday event. This 45th local telethon was made possible by ABC25/CW7. It was a lot of fun to work with a new format and reach a wider audience. We look forward to continuing to develop this format. Also notable was the end of an era for two services. Easterseals chose to stop providing Community Living Services so that we could focus our resources on our Group Home program. We supported those we served as they transitioned to another provider. This had a positive impact on our direct support staffing level in group homes, as we hoped it would. Additionally, the EVSC opted to bring all of their services in-house and the self-contained classrooms we operated on contract with them were no longer needed. As a result we were able to open another infant room at the Early Learning Center as well as another fully inclusive preschool classroom serving more children daily.

New collaborations were a theme for 2022, with the focus on expanding mental health services to support our other long-standing clinical services. First, the University of Evansville is developing a doctoral level psychology program and is partnering with us, providing a psychologist to complete testing and counseling at Easterseals. Second, Southwestern Behavioral Health and Easterseals are working together to establish a neurodevelopmental clinic and ongoing services for children who may not be receiving comprehensive services currently. That program, funded through the Indiana Department of Mental Health, will begin seeing children in the next few months. Third, Easterseals absorbed the Evansville Chapter of Mental Health America and hired its executive director, Emily Reidford, to provide community outreach and education services and to better connect us to the mental health community. As a result, community education goals were exceeded by nearly 50%.

Check out the statistics throughout this report to see how other programs have continued to meet critical community needs. Easterseals provided nearly 700 clinical therapy visits every week (more than 35,000 total) for the second year in a row. This includes our core services of PT, OT, Speech and Audiology in addition to Psychology. We delivered 175 wheelchairs or scooters which allow people to function independently in their homes and in the community. The warm water therapy pool celebrated its 30th anniversary and continues to be extremely beneficial for physical therapy; in addition to therapy, over 320 individuals received other pool services.

We look forward to 2023. Easterseals as an organization has always risen to the challenges and opportunities facing our community. With a great team, clients and supporters – that's one thing that won't change!

## 2022 Board of Directors

### 2022 Board Chair

Sara Miller (Old National Bank)

### Executive Committee

Michele Graham (Harding Shymanski & Co)  
Paul Green (Community Volunteer)  
Chad Grunow (Ritzzy's)  
Denny Hargett (Easterseals Posey County representative)  
Bill Norman (Berry Global)  
John Raisor (Fifth Third Bank)  
John Schroeder, Director Emeritus (Wabash/Crescent Plastics)

Scott Schroeder (Wabash Plastics)  
Spencer Tanner (Gutwein Law)

### Board Members

Maurice Berendes (Community Volunteer)  
Scott Branam (Deaconess Cross Pointe)  
Julie Burczyk (Tools 4 Teaching)  
Trent Engbers (University of Southern Indiana)  
Erica Esche (Community Volunteer)  
Geoff Gentil (Field & Main Bank)  
Katy Gilberg (Community Volunteer)  
Doug Kanet (Cresline Plastics)

Kyle Markle (Donaldson Capital Management)  
Curt Molander (ABC25/CW7)  
Dana Myers (CenterPoint Energy)  
Michelle Schmitt (Old National Bank)  
Anne Thrasher Boyd (Anne Thrasher Boyd State Farm)  
Brian Williams (Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn)



In April 2022, the Easterseals Telethon made history reaching Tri-State viewers with a brand new format on ABC25/CW7. For the first time ever, the show aired on a Friday instead of a Sunday and included multiple segments on Eyewitness News newscasts.

A “final tote” of **\$905,433** was revealed at the end of the show, reflecting an entire year of generous community support.

It was the 45th consecutive year that ABC25/ CW7 produced and aired the show at no cost to Easterseals, allowing all money raised to provide essential therapies and inclusive early education. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke joined in recognizing ABC25/CW7 and Stan Newman for their commitment to all 45 local Telethons.



# 5,361

Tri-State children and adults received services through Easterseals in the past fiscal year.



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 45th-Telethon-2022/](http://myphotographyevent.com/Events/Easterseals/Easterseals-45th-Telethon-2022/)

### Independence

ABC25 / CW7  
 Bullen Trust  
 Countrymark Cooperative  
 Crescent-Cresline-Wabash Plastics  
 Easter Seals National (MacKenzie Scott Matching Grant)  
 Holiday World & Splashin' Safari  
 James R. & Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation  
 Kreyling Charitable Foundation  
 Lamar Advertising  
 Midwest Communications: 93.5 The Lloyd, 104.1 WIKY, HOT 96 FM, WABX 107.5  
 Old National Bank  
 G.D. Ritz's  
 Shaw Trust  
 Townsquare Media: 99.5 WKDQ, 103GBF, MY 105.3FM, 106.1 KISS-FM, WGBF-AM  
 Vanderburgh Community Foundation

### Opportunity (cont.)

Koch Foundation  
 Roebing Photographics  
 Sean Roy Hilt Foundation  
 Teamsters Local Union No. 215  
 Thomas & Evelyn Ingle Trust  
 United Companies, Inc.

### Dignity

911 Gives Hope  
 Acosta Sales & Marketing  
 Atlas World Group  
 Custom Sign & Engineering  
 David Enterprises, Inc.  
 Diamond Valley Federal Credit Union  
 Donaldson Capital Management, LLC.  
 EPIC Insurance Midwest  
 Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #73  
 Frito Lay  
 Harding, Shymanski & Co. P.S.C.  
 Jarvis Food Equipment  
 Laroy Tax Service  
 Lester E. Yeager Charitable Trust  
 McMahon Exterminating  
 Reckitt Benckiser Mead Johnson Nutrition  
 Red Spot Paint & Varnish  
 Skanska  
 Thrasher Boyd Insurance Agency  
 VenuWorks of Evansville  
 Winkler Private Brands  
 Working Distributors Inc.  
 Wright's Refrigeration

### Ability

Acclaim Graphics  
 Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield  
 Bally's Evansville  
 Banterra Bank  
 Bar-S Foods  
 Bengert Family Giving  
 Blue Bunny Ice Cream  
 Bunzl  
 CenterPoint Energy  
 Coca-Cola Consolidated  
 Crescent City Civitan  
 Crossroads Christian Church  
 CRS OneSource  
 Deaconess Women's Hospital  
 Dole Fresh Vegetables  
 Downtown Optimist Charitable Foundation  
 Ellis Park Racing  
 EN Engineering  
 EPIC Trust Fund  
 Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.  
 Evansville Living/Tucker Publishing  
 Evansville Winsupply  
 Expressway Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram  
 Field & Main Bank

Easterseals provided  
**21,770** days of services  
 in a group home setting and  
**8,713** days of adult day services.

### Ability (cont.)

FOP Lodge #148  
 German American Bank  
 Golf Gives Back  
 H.G. McCullough Designers, Inc.  
 Hafer & Associates  
 Happe & Sons Construction Inc  
 Head's Construction  
 Hearing & Speech Associates  
 Henderson Chevrolet Buick GMC  
 Heritage Federal Credit Union  
 Houchens North Foods LLC  
 Jasper Engines & Transmissions  
 Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn  
 Knight Mechanical Inc.  
 Lensing Building Specialties  
 Lewis Bakeries Inc.  
 Liberty Federal Credit Union (formerly Evansville Teachers FCU)  
 Monarch Distributing  
 Mondelez International (Nabisco)  
 Mosca Design, Inc.  
 Mutual of America  
 Newburgh Civitan Club  
 Paul's Pharmacy  
 PC Quest, Inc  
 Reference Services, Inc.  
 Reinbrecht Homes  
 River Bend Association  
 Romain Cross Pointe Auto Park  
 Schiff Air Conditioning & Heating  
 Schneider Financial  
 Schultheis Insurance  
 Southwestern IN Bldg. Trades  
 Specialty Foods Group, Inc.  
 Spurling Properties  
 Square Yard Carpet  
 St. Wendel School  
 Sterling Industrial LLC  
 Straub Photography  
 Superior Van & Mobility  
 Truist - Frontstream  
 University of Evansville  
 Vanderburgh Medical Alliance  
 Winkler IHM / Kraft

Easterseals provided  
**35,506**

therapy sessions for  
 Tri-State children & adults  
 in the past fiscal year.

### Empowerment

Ascension St. Vincent Evansville  
 City of Evansville Endowment Fund  
 Edward W. Love Foundation  
 E'ville Iron Street Rod Club  
 Fifth Third Bank  
 Higginbotham Trust  
 Holiday Management Foundation  
 Horseshoe Bend Carriage  
 Kenny Kent Chevrolet  
 LemonAid Stand  
 Mother Bear Charitable Foundation  
 Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana  
 West Side Nut Club

### Opportunity

Berry Global  
 D-Patrick Ford  
 Direction By Newman  
 El Charro & El Patron  
 Indiana Association For the Education of Young Children (Christine L. Fisher Fund)  
 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 16  
 John Clark  
 Kemper CPA Group

*Includes gifts received 9/1/21-8/31/22*

We provided **4,148** community living services days.



**AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

**The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center was issued CARF® accreditation for our Employment Services and ASPIRE Adult Day services.** CARF - the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities - is a valuable sign of quality for both consumers and providers when deciding what services to use and who should provide them. Achieving accreditation requires a commitment to quality by the provider and a focus on the unique needs of each person served.

**The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's Department of Psychology & Wellness earned full accreditation with the American Psychological Association (APA).** The ultimate goal of APA accreditation is to graduate psychologists who are uniquely qualified to protect the wellbeing of the public by providing quality psychological service. A fully-accredited program will help attract quality internship applications from students across the country.

**LEAD Academy Pre-K Room 114 at the inclusive Easterseals Early Learning Center learned a different Creative Curriculum unit each month during 2022.** To top off the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" unit, they collected plastic caps and created a mosaic (left), which is now on display in the "Inspiration Through Art" exhibit at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center.



Easterseals provided **27,060** children's early care & education days.

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Golfing Fore Kids pushed the total proceeds raised over the history of the event to approx. \$1,049,000!** We honored Bob Kenning, Josh Winkler, and Brian James for their time, efforts, and commitment over the years in creating a fun golf outing that makes a positive difference in the lives of local people with disabilities.



**In June, Easterseals honored IBEW and Paul Green at the annual Easterseals Tribute event.** Almost three decades ago, IBEW Local 16 made a commitment to help Easterseals create a holiday light show that would fund services for local people with disabilities. Today, IBEW continues as a crucial partner in the successful Ritzy's Fantasy of Lights event. Paul Green's dedication has been instrumental to the growth of the event into a treasured community tradition.



### Independence

Mike & Carol Hull  
Leonard Keller  
Wayne & Beth Kinney  
Marilyn O'Daniel  
John C. & Diane Schroeder

### Empowerment

Maribeth Claassen  
Dave & Darlene Robinson  
Tim & Jan Swickard

### Opportunity

Dr. Chris Chacko  
Joe & Betty Elpers  
Charmie Guagenti  
Fred & Cindy Heseman  
Irene Rechnic

**204**

assistive technology  
devices delivered

**175**

mobility devices  
delivered

### Dignity

Anonymous  
Bob & Patty Balbach  
Anne & Brad Boyd  
Tim & Sharon Bray  
Bob & Jennifer Bromm  
Betty Charlier  
Drs. Jack Deppe & Shari Barrett  
Susan Fuller  
Leigh Gallian  
Josh & Katy Gilberg  
Joe & Jo Ann Jarboe  
Leslie & Colleen Kiesel  
Daniel & Katie Lappe  
Jim & Mary Kay Muehlbauer  
Bill & Tracy Norman  
Joe & Leah Parker  
Jim & Becky Sandgren  
Brad & Kelly Schneider  
Scott & Leigh Schroeder  
Tom & Julie Welden

### Ability

Anonymous  
Amy & Randy Abbott  
Gene & Linda Aimone  
Dr. Terry & Jean Alvey  
Harriet Anderson  
Kyle & Ashley Babcock  
Josh & Amy Barron  
Randy & Linda Becker  
Jeff & Maureen Bell  
Bengert Family giving  
Maurice & Cherie Berendes  
Joe & Donna Beuligmann  
Rick Bonenberger  
Dean & Karen Bosler  
Al & Cathy Bragin  
Scott & Holly Branam  
James & Lindsey Burczyk  
Ryan & Julie Burczyk  
Mary Ann Campbell  
Dr. Rebecca & Paul Carey  
Nathan & Alexandria Cobine  
Karen Daniel  
Jon & Diane David  
Mike & Laura David  
George & Davena Day  
Donna Decker  
Roger & Kristine Deig  
Larry Downs & Suzanne Crouch  
Dr. Mike & Judy Dukes  
JP & Alli Engelbrecht  
Derek & Becky Faughn  
Marty & Syd Finney  
Jeff & Lisa Fisher  
Sandy Ford  
Jim & Mollie Francis  
Brian & Lee Anne Gatewood  
Jon & Martha Goldman  
Nick & Michele Graham  
Rodgers & Daniele Greenawalt  
Jim & Connie Gries  
Chad & Katie Grunow  
Tony & Jill Hall  
John & Donna Hamilton  
Brian & Karli Hape  
Jason & Christina Harlow  
Bill Harris  
Hermann Family Foundation  
Randy Hobson  
Mark Hughes & Patrice Cooke  
Chris & Andrea Imes  
Gil & Marcia Jochem  
Brent & Sandy Junge  
Doug & Debbie Kanet  
Angela Kares  
Brant & Stephanie Kennedy  
Bob & Jeri Kenning  
Burt & Madeline King

Pam Kirk  
Bob & Cynthia Koch  
Dr. Spencer & Sarah Kuper  
Larry Laroy  
Daniel Linthicum  
Donna Lounsbery  
Brian & Anna Luigs  
Dennis & Colleen Martin  
Brad & Lisa Mathis  
Marion & Ruby McDowell  
Eugene McNabb  
Eric & Sara L. Miller  
Sara J. Miller  
Rick Mills  
Mitsos Foundation  
Pete & Carrie Mogavero  
Brad & Lynn Muehlbauer  
Glen & Ann Muehlbauer  
Bob & Janet Naas  
David & Karla Papariella  
Taylor & Jenny Payne  
Denny & Cassie Quinn  
John & Jill Raisor  
Ray & Janet Raisor  
Ruth Richmond  
James & Diane Riddle  
Greg & Jamie Risch  
Ron & Connie Romain  
Rick & Laura Roop  
Todd & Shenae Rowe  
Jerry & Beth Schilling  
Jeff Schimmel  
Rusty & Melissa Schimmell  
Mike & Laurie Schopmeyer  
Richard & Patrice Schroeder  
Joann Schwentker  
Dr. Richard & Laurie Seals  
Larry Simon  
Tim & Amy Spurling  
Jeff & Amy Spurlock  
Jackie & Lisa Stinson-Smith  
Tom & Diane Stone  
Charley & Pookie Storms  
Jerry & Laura Terhune  
Matt & Diane Theby  
Jim & Becky Tilley  
David & Sara Trockman  
The Trockman Family  
Darren & Lisa Verkamp  
Linda White  
Kyle Wininger  
Drs. Bill & Mona Wooten

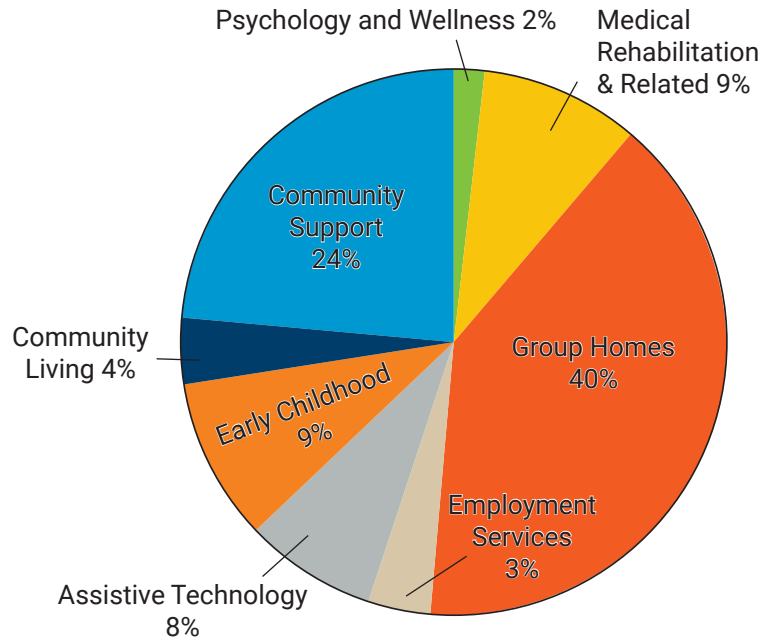
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number of clients who received  
driver's rehabilitation services

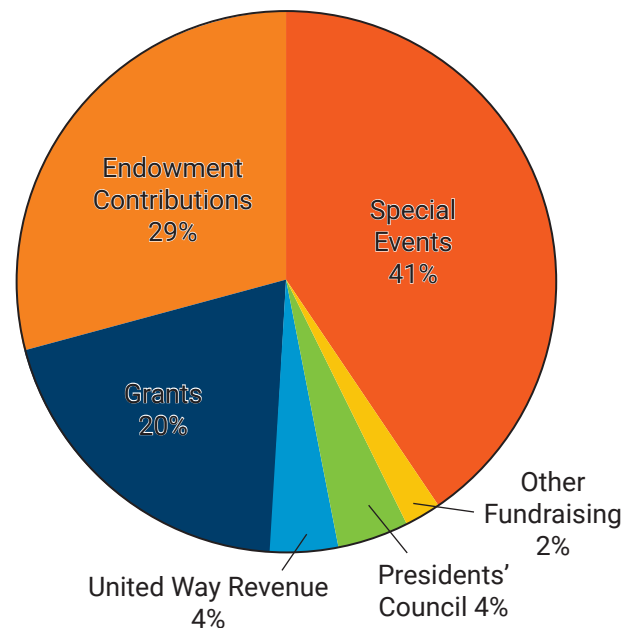
The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is an indispensable resource for more than 5,300 area children, adults, and families affected by disability. We see the whole person, and we strive to provide the highest quality services, empowering each individual to achieve their goals and dreams.

- **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**
- **Mental Health Community Outreach**
  - Support Groups (Bipolar Disorder & Suicide Grief)
  - Mental Health Training Programs (QPR & Mental Health First Aid)
  - Resource Connection
- **Early Care & Education and Preschool for children of all abilities at the Easterseals Early Learning Center**
- **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)
  - Community Employment services & supports
- **Residential Support**
  - Group Homes
  - ASPIRE adult day services

**COMBINED REVENUE**  
Fiscal Year 2021-2022  
**\$16,902,000**



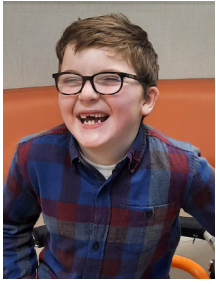
**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**  
Fiscal Year 2021-2022  
**\$4,271,000**



Easterseals provided **1,222** community employment days and **4,823** organizational employment days.

## Thank you to our 2022 Ambassadors!

### Charlie Joyner (Henderson, KY)



Charlie Joyner's joyful outlook is contagious. "He never has a bad day," said his mom Libby. That positive attitude is one reason that cerebral palsy can't stop Charlie from reaching his goals.

When Easterseals entered Charlie's life at age 3, his muscle tone was similar to an infant's. He needed special equipment just to stand upright. Now, 8-year-old Charlie walks—and even runs using a walker! He's learning to use canes, the next step toward walking independently.

Easterseals is also teaching Charlie to grasp a pencil and increase hand strength, button his shirt, and print his name. "His progress has been absolutely amazing!" Libby said.

All of these skills are helping Charlie succeed at Spottsville Elementary School, near the family's home in Henderson KY.

"It is well worth the drive (to Evansville) for therapy because of the progress we have seen," Libby said. "Easterseals turned out to be exactly what we needed. He loves it there and so do I! There's no other place I'd rather take him." ●

### Rett Larimore (Evansville, IN)



Ask Rett Larimore why he's so involved in the community and he'll say, "I love to give back!"

Rett has been a resident of Easterseals Rehabilitation Center Group Homes since 1987. That program and other Easterseals services empower Rett to achieve goals for independence and pursue

his passion—helping others!

Because he has spina bifida, Rett uses a wheelchair, and the Easterseals transportation service helps him keep up with his busy schedule. Rett enjoys staying active at Easterseals Aspire day services. He also participates in community activities, including worship at Crossroads Christian Church and meetings of the Green River Kiwanis Club.

Rett is a dedicated volunteer for Easterseals. He raises funds for the annual Telethon to help other people receive therapy services. He advocates for his fellow Group Home residents and is an assistant recruiter at Group Home job fairs.

Rett said, "I just feel very blessed that I'm part of the Easterseals crew." ●

## Our Mission:

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's mission is to make profound, positive differences in the lives of local people with disabilities every day, and to change the way our community defines and views disability.

**GIVE, VOLUNTEER, AND SHARE THE MISSION!**

[eastersealsrehabcenter.com](http://eastersealsrehabcenter.com)