



easterseals
Rehabilitation
Center



2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

A message from our Board Chair and our President/CEO


Reflections of 2021 and the 75-year history of Easterseals Rehabilitation Center

In 1946, largely in response to the polio pandemic ravaging the country at the time, Evansville leaders worked together to provide rehabilitation services locally. That is how our organization was born. The current Covid-19 pandemic and the surge of the Delta variant brings us full circle. Now, 75 years later, we continue to ensure that Tri-State residents have access to the highest quality rehabilitation services right here in Southwestern Indiana. Perhaps that start during a pandemic created a culture of resilience and determination that has served us well during the current one.

With the surge of the Delta variant, 2021 hasn't progressed as any of us had hoped, and it's put a bit of a damper on celebrations of Easterseals' 75th anniversary. We've overcome the challenges, giving us even more reason to celebrate: in the last 12 months more than 5,000 children and adults made 35,000-plus visits for physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology, speech and psychology services. We've provided thousands of days of support in the work center, community employment, day services, and much, much more.

We're proud families we serve have received the support they need to be more independent and achieve their goals and dreams. Especially noteworthy throughout 2020 and 2021: the Easterseals' Early Learning Center NEVER CLOSED, allowing parents to continue working, knowing their young children were in a safe, educationally rich environment. Group Home and Community Living Services provided 24-hour-a-day care, despite the unprecedented staffing challenges all businesses are facing.

Clearly, the leadership and support from this community were crucial in 1946 and they are every bit as important in 2021. They've been the key to our success for the last 75 years. For that we thank you and we celebrate each and every one of you. Happy 75th Anniversary!



John Raisor, Board Chair



Kelly Schneider, President/CEO



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Easterseals celebrated its 75th year of serving the community with a symbolic ribbon cutting at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center in July 2021.

Featured speakers and participants included (front row left to right): Easterseals President/CEO Kelly Schneider, Indiana Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Board Member Emeritus John Schroeder, and Board Member Wayne Kinney.

5,214

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

As **Ritz's Fantasy of Lights** has grown into a major Easterseals fundraiser AND beloved holiday event for the Tri-State, there's been a growing challenge—where to securely store 70 elaborate light displays! The problem was solved by extremely generous donors, businesses, labor organizations, and volunteers. **After months of teamwork and dedication, a new display storage building now stands near Garvin Park!**



Community Support

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

Independence

ABC25 / CW7
Bullen Trust
City of Evansville Endowment Fund
Crescent-Cresline-Wabash Plastics
James R. Duncan Trust
Early Learning Indiana
Easterseals National (MacKenzie Scott Matching Fund)
G.D. Ritzzy's
Holiday World
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 16
James R. & Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation
Kreyling Charitable Foundation
National Electrical Contractors Association
Midwest Communications: 93.5 The Lloyd, 104.1 WIKY, HOT 96 FM, WABX 107.5
Raymond B. Preston Family Foundation
Shaw Trust
Tools 4 Teaching
Townsquare Media: 99.5 WKDQ, 103GBF, MY 105.3FM, 106.1 KISS-FM, WGBF-AM
United Way of Posey County
United Way of Southwestern Indiana
Vanderburgh Community Foundation

Opportunity

Deaconess Health System & Women's Hospital
Holiday Management Foundation
Thomas & Evelyn Ingle Trust
Kemper CPA Group
Koch Foundation
LemonAid Stand
Edward W. Love Foundation
Phi Gamma Delta
Teamsters Union Local 215
Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Mother Bear Charitable Foundation
United Way of Henderson County

Dignity

Atlas World Group
CenterPoint Energy
D-Patrick Ford
El Charro & El Patron
Epic Insurance Midwest
Fifth Third Bank
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #73
Happe & Sons Construction
Harding Shymanski & Co. P.S.C.
Horse Shoe Bend Carriage Company
Kaiser Aluminum
Lester E. Yeager Charitable Trust
Mead Johnson Nutrition / Reckitt Benckiser
McMahon Exterminating Co. "Pete"
Romain Cross Pointe Auto Park
Shoe Carnival
United Companies
West Side Nut Club
Working Distributors

Ability

Acclaim Graphics
Acosta Sales & Marketing
Alliant Mechanical Services
Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield
ARC Construction
Bengert Family Giving
Bristol Myers Squibb
Bunzl
Castle High School
Data Mail
Diamond Valley FCU
Dole Fresh Vegetables

Easterseals provided
24,090 days of
services in a group home
setting and **8,675 days**
of adult day services.

Ability cont.

Edward Jones–Jim Back
Ellis Park Racing
EN Engineering
Evansville Bicycle Club
Evansville Teachers FCU
Evansville Winsupply
Federated Group
Frito-Lay
Hearing & Speech Associates
Heritage Federal Credit Union
Houchens North Foods, LLC
HyTop
Jarvis Food Equipment
Jasper Engines & Transmissions
Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn
Kraft Heinz
Laroy Tax Service
Legence Bank
Lensing Building Specialties
Lewis Bakeries
Mondelez International
Mutual of America
Paul's Pharmacy
PC Quest
Red Spot Paint & Varnish
Roebbling Photographics
Schneider Financial
Skanska
South Central Incorporated
Specialty Food Group, Inc.
Spurling Properties
Square Yard Carpet
St. Wendel School
Sterling Industrial, LLC
Superior Van & Mobility
The Diamond Galleria
Thrasher Boyd Insurance Agency
Tropicana Evansville
U-Vet Animal Clinic
Vanderburgh Medical Alliance

Easterseals provided

35,253

therapy sessions for
Tri-State children and
adults in the past fiscal
year! (That's in the
middle of a pandemic!)

Empowerment

Ascension St. Vincent Evansville
Berry Global
Henry F. Koch Charitable Foundation
Higginbotham Trust
Kenny Kent Chevrolet
Lamar Advertising
Old National Bank
Winkler, Inc.
WOW Internet•Cable•Phone

Includes gifts received 9/1/20-8/31/21

We provided **8,295** community living services days.



The Easterseals Early Learning Center, Evansville's only fully-inclusive early childhood program, earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children in April 2021. NAEYC is the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children. Less than one-tenth of all child care centers, preschools, and kindergartens nationwide achieve this quality level!

In July 2021, ABC 25 presented an exciting six-hour Easterseals Telethon, live from the therapy gym. For the 44th consecutive year, ABC 25/CW 7 produced and aired the show at NO COST to Easterseals, allowing ALL money raised to provide essential therapies and inclusive early education! Many thanks to sponsors, donors, volunteers, staff, individuals we serve, the Eyewitness News team, and all who helped Easterseals reach a "final tote" exceeding \$900,000.

We provided **28,800** children's early care & education days and **9,900 days** of therapeutic preschool!



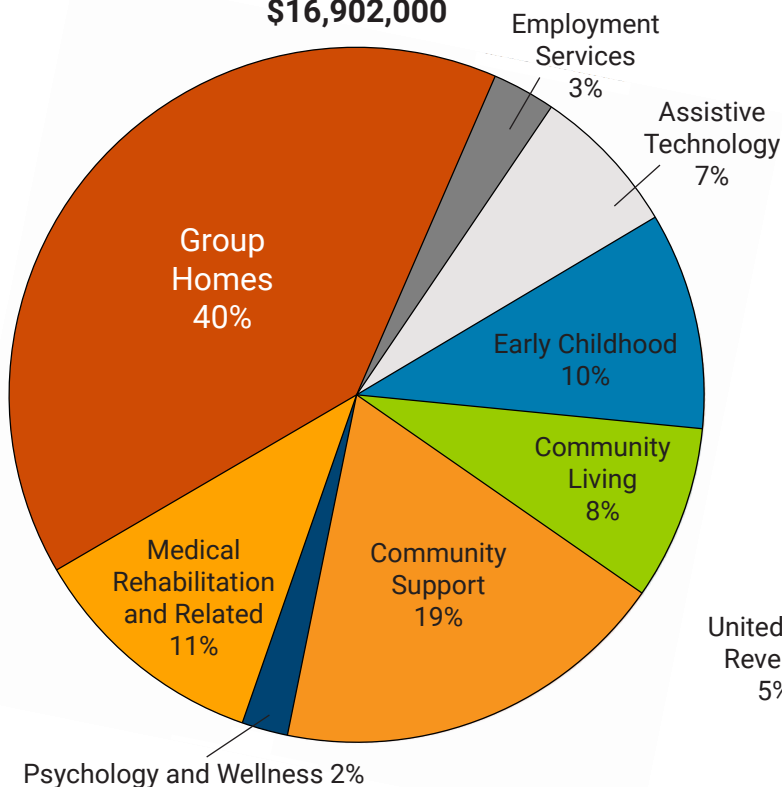
Programs & Services provided by the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center & its divisions

- **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**
- **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:**
 - Milestones Early Care & Education (6 weeks-3 years)
 - LEAD Academy–Inclusive Preschool (30 months-6 years)
 - Dan & Nancy Mitchell Therapeutic Preschool (3-5 years)

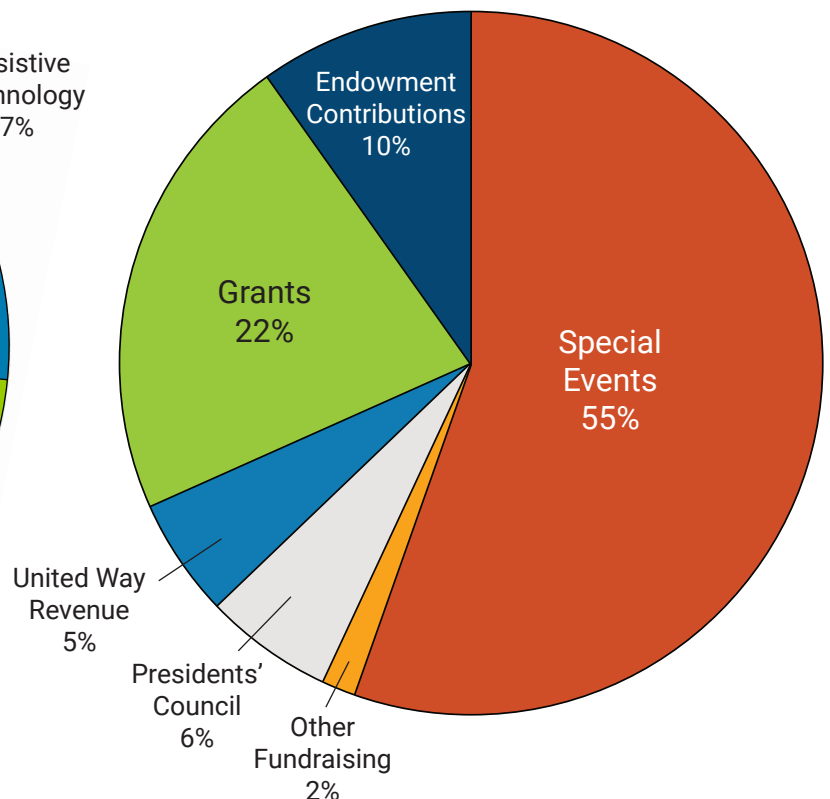
- **Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)**
- **Warm Water Aquatics**
 - Aquatic therapy
 - Aquatic exercise & fitness classes
 - Swim lessons
- **Assistive Technology Services**
 - Wheelchairs and custom mobility devices (power & manual)
 - Drivers Rehabilitation
 - Home, school & work site adaptations
 - Custom equipment modifications
 - Portable and stationary aluminum ramps
- **Employment Services**
 - Horizon Industries (organizational employment)
 - Community Employment services & supports
- **Residential and Community Supports**
 - Group Homes
 - Community Living Services (waiver)
 - ASPIRE adult day services

Easterseals provided **1,259** community employment days and **4,016** organizational employment days.

COMBINED REVENUE
Fiscal Year 2020-2021
\$16,902,000



COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Fiscal Year 2020-2021
\$3,129,000



Easterseals Presidents' Council

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

Independence

Wayne & Beth Kinney
Marilyn O'Daniel
Dilip Patel
John C. & Diane Schroeder

Empowerment

Maribeth Claassen
Niel & Karen Ellerbrook
Charmie Guagenti
Mike & Carol Hull
Leonard Keller
Dr. Spencer & Sarah Kuper
Dave & Darlene Robinson
Larry Simon
Tim & Jan Swickard

Opportunity

Maurice & Cherie Berendes
Dr. Chris Chacko
Joe & Betty Elpers
Patty Mitsos
Irene Rechnic
Eric & Lisa Thompson

Dignity

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Tim & Sharon Bray
Bob & Jennifer Bromm
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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.

Thank you to our 2021 Ambassadors!

Evan Carter



When Evan Carter was born with severe to profound hearing loss, his mom Diamond knew exactly where to turn. Diamond had been born with the same condition, and Easterseals was already an important part of her life. She had no doubt that the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center would help Evan, too.

While he was still a baby, Evan received hearing aids, audiology services, and specialized speech therapy from Easterseals. First he learned sign language, and by age 2, Evan was talking. He made even more progress while attending the Easterseals Early Learning Center, where he reached important developmental and educational goals.

Now 10 years old, Evan is outgoing, social, and is an excellent communicator! In his ongoing therapy sessions, he's focusing on advanced language skills to help him succeed in fifth grade and beyond.

"I want him to be successful in his journey like mine," Diamond said. "With Easterseals, we overcome any challenges that come our way!" ●

Sandy Ford



Sandy Ford's relationship with Easterseals started when she was a 3-year-old with cerebral palsy. Sandy took her first steps at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center and she's been reaching goals ever since.

After surgeries as a teen, Sandy learned to walk again with help from Easterseals. She also gained the confidence to drive, attend college, and become a nurse.

When Sandy was in her early forties, her son was born. She faced extra challenges as a mom with a disability. Easterseals helped Sandy adapt and learn new ways to care for her little boy.

In her fifties, Sandy had surgeries for cancer and back problems, resulting in chronic pain. She discovered the warm-water therapeutic pool at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center. She calls the pool her own private heaven.

Sandy enjoys time with her grandchildren, travel with her husband Richard, and exercise with her Easterseals pool friends. With YOUR help, she has reached lifetime goals as an RN, homeowner, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and now as an active retiree. ●