

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Summer 2017

# THANK YOU for a record-setting Telethon!

Thanks to WEHT Local and exceptional community support, the 40th annual Easterseals Telethon on April 9 achieved a record “final tote” of \$1,052,132 to fund therapy.

Activities at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center included the E’ville Iron Street Rod Club Cruise-In with food, games, clowns and donation collections. Hundreds of volunteers and supporters participated. The broadcast featured interviews, check presentations and compelling client videos created by Direction by Newman in cooperation with WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW.

Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke recognized generous supporters and proclaimed “Easterseals Day” in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Telethon. WEHT Local has produced and aired our annual show at no charge to Easterseals Rehabilitation Center for all 40 of those years, so every dollar raised funds life-changing therapy.



WEHT Local is the only station in the U.S. donating 100% of costs for a local Easterseals Telethon! We are very grateful to the station management, production and news teams, hosts and everyone at WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW for telling our story. Since 1978, they have helped our Telethons raise more than \$22 million!

We can only keep our promise—that no one is turned away due to inability to pay for therapy—with help from our sponsors, supporters and volunteers. THANK YOU for changing lives for people with disabilities! ■

Holiday World Play Day celebrates a quarter century of fun and fundraising. See page 3.



Walker Vaught steals the show while Wayne Hart interviews his family during the 2017 Easterseals Telethon. Walker is one of thousands of children who receives services at Easterseals. Photo by Bret Roebing.

“Cool Car, Cold Cash” revs up to fund therapy for kids like Miah!

Win a new car or \$15,000 OR other cash prizes! See page 4.

# Join us to make a difference and change lives!

Choose a rewarding career with Easterseals' Residential Services.

**Looking for a job where you'll make a difference every day?** The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is looking for you! **Become a direct care provider in our group home program!** You'll work hands-on and teach independent living skills to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many positions are available:

## Group Home Residential Assistants

- Early mornings (5-8 a.m.)
- Weekends (6 a.m.-2 p.m. or 2-10 p.m. OR 12-hour shifts)
- Split shift (5/5:30am-8/8:30 or 9 a.m. depending on specific group home AND 2 p.m.-8, 9 or 10 p.m.) AND weekends (6 a.m.-2 p.m. OR 2-10 p.m.)
- Third shift (9 p.m.-7 a.m. or 10 p.m.-8 a.m., depending on specific group home)
- Housekeeper/Cook: part time 3 days a week (5-8 p.m.)

Full-time employees work 30 or more hours a week and are eligible for benefits. Earn up to \$12 per hour. No experience necessary—we'll train you! Candidates must be at least 18, have reliable transportation, have a high school diploma or GED or pass a reading test, must be able to lift 70 pounds and must pass all pre-employment checks.



*Direct care providers in the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's group homes spend quality time with residents daily.*

## Four easy ways to apply...

- Text "ABILITY" to 27126
- Email [dsp@evansvillerehab.com](mailto:dsp@evansvillerehab.com)
- Call 812-437-2613
- Attend OPEN INTERVIEWS EVERY THURSDAY 9-10 a.m., 3701 Bellemeade Ave. in Evansville.  
*Must be at least 18 to apply.*

**Know someone who's job-hunting?** Anyone who refers a new employee gets \$25 after the new staff member works two weeks! ■

## Mark your calendar

Visit @EastersealsRehabCtr on Facebook for details!

**July 3: "Cool Car, Cold Cash" drawing.** Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, 12:15 p.m. Details on pages 1 & 4! Call 812-474-2348 NOW to buy tickets using your checking or savings account. Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100! Entrants do NOT have to be present at the drawing to win!

**August 25-27: E'ville Iron Street Rod Club "Frog Follies."** Vanderburgh Co. 4-H Center. Friday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$5 per person (kids under 12 are free). Thousands of pre-1948 street rods, a craft show, swap meet and concession stands available. Enter the half-pot raffle at the Easterseals tent! E'ville Iron generously donates a portion of Frog Follies proceeds to Easterseals. Details at [frogfollies.org](http://frogfollies.org).

**September 28: Wesselman's Supermarkets "Golfing Fore Kids" at Cambridge Golf Course in Evansville.** Shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Awards dinner at 6 pm. Register through Sept. 7 to play. Contact Alexandra Jarvis at 812-474-2348.

**October 7: Tools 4 Teaching presents "Pirates and Mermaids Adventure."** The first annual children's themed party will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Crescent Room at Easterseals Milestones. Grab your treasure map and join us for family fun activities. Reservations are required; for information, contact Caylee Elpers at 812-437-2607 or [celpers@evansvillerehab.com](mailto:celpers@evansvillerehab.com). To be an event sponsor, contact Laura Terhune at 812-437-2627 or [Lterhune@evansvillerehab.com](mailto:Lterhune@evansvillerehab.com).



# A quarter century of play

*Holiday World hosts 25th annual Play Day*

May 10 was a special day for 3,500 area children with disabilities, their teachers and chaperones. It was the 25th annual Play Day, when Holiday World opens *only* for kids with special needs and their school groups. **Holiday World offers a substantial discount to schools and donates all admission fees to Easterseals!**

Since 1993, Holiday World has donated nearly \$442,700 in proceeds! A portion of this year's gift of approximately \$38,000 will complete renovations at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's "Will's Way Playground," named in memory of longtime Holiday World & Splashin' Safari President Will Koch. Updates will enhance accessibility, therapeutic benefit and fun, particularly for preschoolers who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids.

The remainder of the gift will update furnishings and

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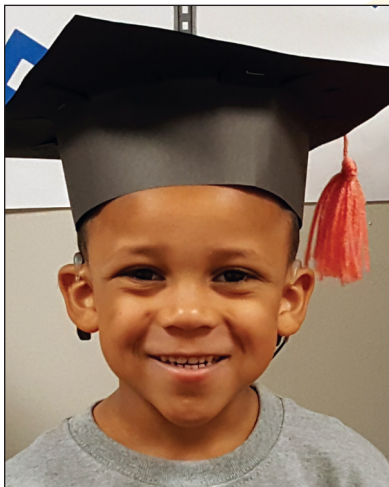


*Easterseals Child Ambassador Miah Dillingham takes a drive on the Lewis & Clark Trail at Play Day. Holiday World donated approximately \$38,000 to Easterseals from this year's event.*

equipment at Easterseals Milestones, which provides early care and education for children of all abilities.

**Holiday World continues its commitment to welcome all visitors.** At this year's Play Day, the park introduced a new calming room for individuals with attention and sensory issues, as well as three completely wheelchair accessible attractions.

Area schools receive a Play Day "save the date" mailing from Easterseals in February, followed by ticket order forms in the spring. **If a tri-state school hasn't received Play Day mailings in the past, a teacher or principal may contact Caylee Elpers at Easterseals, 812-437-2607 or [celpers@evansvillerehab.com](mailto:celpers@evansvillerehab.com), to be added to next year's mailing list. ■**



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**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.**

## **Connect with us!**

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

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**Enter "Cool Car, Cold Cash" in person, by phone or by mail. You could WIN a new Sentra or \$15,000... \$5,000... or \$1,000!**

**You could win a 2017 Nissan Sentra 1.8 S CVT or \$15,000 cash** in the Easterseals "Cool Car, Cold Cash" Contest, sponsored by Old National Bank. One \$5,000 2nd prize and one \$1,000 3rd prize will also be awarded. Proceeds will fund therapy for area children and adults with disabilities.

**Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100. A maximum of 3,500 will be sold** until noon July 3. The drawing is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. that day at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center. Entrants do NOT have to be present to win. To buy tickets 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.:

- **Call 812-474-2348 or 812-437-2607** to pay from a checking or savings account (NO credit or debit cards).

- **Visit the Easterseals Rehab Center** and use cash, check, money order or debit card (NO credit cards).

Sponsors are **Old National Bank, Kemper CPA Group, D-Patrick Nissan, Evansville Courier & Press, WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW, DUKE FM, 104.1FM WIKY, WABX 107.5 and HOT 96.** ■

**Grand Prize Sentra 1.8 S CVT features include:**

- Air conditioning with in-cabin microfilter
- Six-way adjustable driver's seat
- Xtronic CVT (continuously variable transmission)
- Power door locks with auto-locking
- Remote keyless entry
- AM/FM/CD/USB audio system with four speakers
- Illuminated steering wheel audio controls
- Bluetooth hands-free phone system
- Cruise control with illuminated controls
- Halogen smart auto headlights
- 60/40 split fold-down rear seats
- Dual body-color power outside mirrors
- Driver & front passenger, side-impact & curtain air bags
- Eco & sport drive modes
- Active Understeer Control (AUC)



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Complete rules at [EastersealsRehabCenter.com](http://EastersealsRehabCenter.com)

**TO ENTER BY MAIL:** Send this completed form **by June 30** to Easterseals, 3701 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville, IN 47714-0136. Enclose check or money order payable to Easterseals. \$50 per ticket or 3 for \$100. Must be at least 18 to enter. INDIANA LICENSE #144152

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Share your time and make a difference!**

Volunteers are essential to Easterseals! Can you help out? To sign up for the following opportunities or for more details, please contact:

Kandace Encarnacion  
812-437-2609  
[kencarnacion@evansvillerehab.com](mailto:kencarnacion@evansvillerehab.com)

**E'ville Iron Frog Follies, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 26-28, Vanderburgh 4H Center:**

Daytime shifts at concession stands, t-shirt booths & Easterseals half-pot tent.

**Easterseals "Angels," Monday-Friday, various times during the year, between 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.:**

Daytime office assistance with labeling/stuffing envelopes, preparing mailings, etc.



## Kendra finds reason to smile.

**Finding a job wasn't easy for Kendra Jones.** Her autism made it very challenging to connect with people outside her family. Working in the community seemed to be an unachievable goal.

Then Kendra found the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's New Frontiers Employment Services and met job coach Keith Lender. Keith helped Kendra discover her interests and abilities. She learned social and daily living skills, how to search for jobs, prepare a resume, submit applications and go to interviews.



Kendra wanted to work in a restaurant, so Keith helped her obtain a trial position at The Carousel in Evansville. He coached her in specific job skills and she gained confidence. Kendra did so well, Carousel supervisor Robin Wade soon offered her a permanent position.

**Keith said he never saw Kendra smile until she started her new job.** Kendra's life is different now! She recently celebrated one year at Carousel. Kendra is more self-reliant and independently rides the bus to work, to the library and grocery store, and to shop for art supplies.

**"She's bubbly," Robin said. "You see her walking across the parking lot and she's dancing on her way to work. She's singing.... She's ready to be here. It's pretty nice to see that!"** ■

*New Frontiers is an approved Employment Network with the Social Security Administration. SSI and SSDI recipients receive benefits analysis and Ticket to Work services. Contact V.P. of Easterseals Posey County Chris Imes, 812-838-0636 or cimes@evansvillerehab.com.*

## Trockman family honored at Easterseals Tribute Dinner.

Wayne, Jill, Ben and Josh Trockman were honored with the "Changing Lives" Award at the Easterseals Tribute Dinner on June 7. Friends, colleagues and supporters gathered in the Crescent Room at Easterseals Milestones to thank the Trockmans for making a lasting difference in the lives of people with disabilities. The family was featured in a special video donated by WEHT Local / Local 7 WTVW.

The Trockmans' connection with the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center started after Ben sustained a spinal cord injury in 2006 and began receiving therapy. Their involvement grew when he served as local and national Easterseals Ambassador. Since experiencing Easterseals' life-changing results on a daily basis, the entire family is dedicated to ensuring the services are here for others.

Wayne, Jill, Josh and Ben support essential programs as Presidents' Council members. **They also secured the exceptionally generous lead gift from the Sol and Arlene Bronstein Foundation for our recent "Ensure the Future" capital campaign.** That effort made many essential renovations and updates possible at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center.

The Trockmans give generously in many ways, and they continuously share their story and their passion for Easterseals throughout the community. **Thank you Wayne, Jill, Josh and Ben for being exceptional supporters of the Easterseals mission!** ■



*Wayne, Jill, Ben & Josh Trockman (l. to r.) were honored at the Easterseals Tribute Dinner.*

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**812-437-2607**

**Deadline  
NOON JULY 3**

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Max. of 3,500  
tickets available

**DETAILS INSIDE!**

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***Dan & Nancy Mitchell Therapeutic Preschool welcomes kids of all abilities, announces openings for coming school year.***

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's Dan & Nancy Mitchell Therapeutic Preschool helps 3-to-5-year-olds of differing abilities achieve their greatest potential and enter kindergarten ready to learn and succeed.

Our preschool is best known for working with children who have disabilities or delays. Did you know we also welcome students without disabilities? Including "typically developing" preschoolers benefits *all* kids, as they learn, play and grow together.

**We currently have spots available for children, age 3-5, with typically-developing skills to join us for the coming school year.** For information on these openings for classes starting in August, contact Vice President of Early Childhood Services Laurie Seals, 812-474-2244 or [Lseals@evansvillerehab.com](mailto:Lseals@evansvillerehab.com). ■



*Excited graduates line up for ceremonies at the Dan & Nancy Mitchell Therapeutic Preschool on May 19.*