

When Anita was born, she was diagnosed early on with Athetoid Cerebral Palsy and at age four, she was diagnosed with hearing loss. Anita's mother contacted Easterseals when Anita was 16 months old for adaptive equipment to assist in her daily life. After Anita's initial visit, she was able to receive physical therapy and occupational therapy. With determination and hard work, Anita was able to learn to walk assisted and was able to go to grade school and high school. Anita has received various special Olympic medals and continues to enjoy an active lifestyle. Some of Anita's favorite activities are bowling, horseback riding and watching sports. Anita was prominently featured on the Easterseals Metro Chicago magazine and represented Easterseals on a national level. As an adult, Anita is still able to utilize and enjoy Easterseals services. Anita proudly represents Easterseals and will continue to represent Easterseals in the future.