

Easter Seals Massachusetts Quarterly Newsletter

FALL EDITION



Greetings!

Your incredible support allows us to continue providing vital programs and services to students like Graham, and over 25,000 individuals and their families throughout Massachusetts. Thanks to you, Easter Seals MA is able to continue its mission to ensure that children and adults with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play.

So, in an effort to keep our amazing supporters informed about what's going on at Easter Seals MA, we are very proud to introduce our inaugural quarterly newsletter.

We encourage you to let usknow if you have any feedback by replying directly to this email, and please feel free to share this someone you think might be interested in hearing from us.

With gratitude,

Paul Medeiros, President & CEO, Easter Seals MA

Assistive Technology Program Changes Mother's Life

Sometimes the littlest things can be major barriers to independence for people with disabilities.

For Dawn Mendes, who has a severe form of osteoarthritis in her spine, the lip on the front door step of her Taunton home was just high enough to prevent her from taking her electric wheelchair out of the house. She could no longer take walks around the neighborhood



with her daughters and when no help was available, Dawn spent a lot of time inside, by herself.

Click here to read Dawn Mendes success story.

Young Gamer Becomes Incredible Donor



Zach and Easter Seals MA!

When Zach Campbell was asked to complete a charitable project for his bar mitzvah he decided to undertake accessible gaming. Working with AbleGamers, Zach helped bring video game systems with adaptive technologies to the MassMATCH ATRC-Bostonoperated by Easter Seals MA.

Click here to read the article featuring

Splash of Color: A Huge Success

The 2016 Easter Seals MA Splash of Color Family Fun Run was a huge success yet again this year. Despite a blustery morning, families and participants showed up in droves to support equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. Mayor David Narkewicz of Northampton, Easter Seals MA President & CEO Paul Medeiros, and Youth Ambassador Ana Tyson kicked off the colorful race which was followed by post-race family friendly festivities.

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<u>Check out all of the photos from the Splash of Color by clicking here!</u>



Grateful Client Thanks Rehab Staff

"This past year after I was hospitalized for cancer cells damaging my femoral nerve, I received PT & OT from Julie Binkewicz, PT, Apurva Zawar, PT, and Nikita DeBarros, OT. These three people were key to my recovery. In addition to their expertise, encouragement and kindly manner, they kept me positive in my attitude. You are fortunate in having these professionals on your staff."

- A Grateful Client

Don't Miss It: Upcoming Events

Connect for a Cause

Thursday, November 3, 2016 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Microsoft New England Research & Development (NERD) Center 1 Memorial Drive , Cambridge, MA 02142

Connect for a Cause, hosted by the Easter Seals MA Regional Board, is a popular charitable networking event providing an opportunity for over 250 plus Boston-area business professionals to foster support for disability awareness and to network with like-minded professionals.

Click here to purchase your tickets today!



Easter Seals MA Out & About

The Abilities Expo, which is free to attendees, showcases the latest products and services for people of all ages with disabilities.

Easter Seals MA was proud to have our Assistive Technology Specialists along with several of our vendors at the Abilities Expo demonstrating the latest in



Assistive Technology.

<u>Click here to see our photo album from</u> the Abilities Expo!

Are you a member of the Easter Seals MA Legacy Society?

Easter Seals MA Legacy Society recognizes donors who have established planned gifts through their estates and gifts that create income and other financial benefits. Legacy Society membership is offered to individuals from whom such gifts have been received posthumously, as well as donors who have notified Easter Seals MA that their plans include the organization as a charitable beneficiary. Deep gratitude is extended to all of our Legacy Society members and their families for leading the way for others in support of Easter Seals MA's mission.

If Easter Seals MA is in your will or other estate plans please let us know. Even if you wish for your bequest to remain anonymous, it's important to let us know so that we can ensure your gift will be used exactly as you intend. If you're still making estate plans, we can provide you with all the information you need to be part of our Legacy Society. Please visit easterseals.planmylegacy.org or contact Aimee Zube of Easter Seals MA: azube@eastersealsma.org or 508-751-6349.

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