



Easter Seals Massachusetts Quarterly Newsletter

FALL EDITION



Greetings!

As we bid farewell to summer and officially welcome all things pumpkin flavored, we celebrate the one year anniversary of our quarterly newsletter. This newsletter was designed to keep you, our incredible constituency, informed. And, while it is our sincere hope that it has helped keep you up to date with all of the goings-on here at Easter Seals Massachusetts, we certainly encourage your feedback. Please let us know if you have any suggestions at all on how we may improve these correspondences by responding directly to this email.

Thank you for all that you do to help ensure that children and adults with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play.

Sincerely,
Paul Medeiros, President & CEO

Join Us for the **GRAND OPENING** of the **ATRC: Worcester!**

Easter Seals Massachusetts, with support from Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission's MassMATCH program and Roy and Diane Brazelton, is proud to invite you to the grand opening of the new MassMATCH Assistive Technology Regional Center: Worcester on Friday, October 13th.

This event will include an opening ceremony and ribbon cutting followed by an open house with tours and assistive technology demonstrations.

For more information or to RSVP, [please click here](#).



Summer Swim Program: A Success!



This summer Easter Seals MA welcomed the swim program back to Worcester in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation's Universal Access Program. We were proud to serve nearly 20 participants during the 6 week program who excitedly ventured into the water each week despite some chilly mornings.

"My kids love it, and I whole heartedly appreciate this swim program, the staff, the teaching, the fun, the milestones. I really hope you will continue to provide this great opportunity at this greatly accessible site each year to our kids," said one Worcester parent.

We are thrilled to report that we will be starting the conversation with the Department of Conservation & Recreation this fall for continuing the program next summer.

For more information about the Swim Program, please contact Randi Sargent: RSargent@EasterSealsMA.org

Easter Seals MA Hosts Mentorship Retreat

Our first mentorship retreat was a huge success! The weekend long event in August, included our annual Thrive retreat which was joined for the first time ever, by our new male and career mentor programs.

The male group, meeting for the first time at the retreat, had the honor of naming this new program. We are excited to report they chose Brothers Against Discrimination as their new name.

Over the weekend 14 mentees met with 18 mentors to develop the skills of self-empowerment and to promote personal achievement and self-identity within a community of other adults with disabilities.

Then over the course of a special luncheon, Career Explorer participants met with 13 leaders in various career fields in the community to learn about different career paths and better identify future career goals. [Click here](#) to check out more photos from the retreat.

To learn more about our mentor programs please contact Youth@EasterSealsMA.org



Former Softball Captain Returns with New Team, Raises \$1,000!



Terrance Swan began participating in Easter Seals MA Softball 20 years ago with TIAA CREF, and for 12 years he captained his team at our Brighton location.

When he began his new job at Optum he noticed several of his new co-workers belonged to a local softball league, and remembering how much he enjoyed playing for Easter Seals

MA, decided to form a new team. "We are lucky to have great leadership here at Optum," said Terrence. "We are always looking for ways to support our community."

When Terrence brought the idea to his senior leadership, Donna McCart, Senior Vice President of Software Development & Support Services, didn't hesitate and immediately sponsored the team for \$500. Terrence and the rest of the team raised an additional \$500 bringing in a total of \$1,000 their first year together at our Cambridge location.

"We have our trophy proudly displayed in our office, and we cannot wait to participate again next year," added Terrence.

For more information about Easter Seals MA Softball, please contact Karen Santiago: KSantiago@EasterSealsMA.org

DID YOU KNOW? We Offer an Alternative Financing Program?

The Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program, operated by Easter Seals Massachusetts, is an alternative financing program that gives people with disabilities and elders access to low interest cash loans to purchase assistive devices and services. The program has many options that can help — even for people who don't think they would qualify for a loan.

The MA AT Loan Program can refer loan recipients to assistive technology services that meet their specific needs. For more information, please visit MassATLoan.org.



UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Splash of Color This Sunday!

There is still time to join us for the 2017 Splash of Color 5k and Family Fun Run this Sunday,



September 24th!

We are excited to offer our newsletter subscribers \$10 off any registration when you use promo code **"runrunrun."**

Online registrations for the 5k only end on Friday at 2:00 pm, however you can still use the promo code for 5k registrations by signing up in person on Saturday at Marathon Sports, 28 Pleasant St, Northampton from 12-4pm or on the day of the event at Union Station.

[To register for the Splash of Color 5k or Family Fun Run click here!](#)

Inaugural FUNTOBERFEST Coming to Sturbridge this October 21st!

Join us for a celebration of all things autumn to benefit Easter Seals MA! We will have music, pumpkin painting, tractor tours, cornhole, disc golf, pumpkin yoga and so much more! RaspSCALLION Brewery will be onsite selling libations for our 21+ crowd and we will have 2 food trucks onsite as well!



Admission is free at this event, but various crafts and activities will have a cost. 100% of the proceeds will come directly back to Easter Seals MA to help us provide exceptional services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in our communities. **[Click here for more information about Funtoberfest!](#)**

9th Annual Mark J. Clair "Living the Dream" Memorial Golf Tournament



Please join us for our 9th annual Mark J. Clair "Living the Dream" Memorial Golf Tournament benefiting Easter Seals MA on Monday, October 16th at Franklin Country Club.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. with boxed lunches provided before the 12 p.m. shotgun start. Golfers will also be treated to a gift bag, dinner, raffles, and auction!

[Click here for more information on the golf tournament.](#)

Connect for a Cause Tickets Now on Sale. Get Yours Today!

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



Please join us on Thursday, November 2nd at the Microsoft NERD Center in Cambridge for this wildly popular event and help shape the future of so many individuals with disabilities as together we work towards ensuring equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play.

[Purchase your tickets today by clicking here!](#)



NOW HIRING!

Easter Seals MA is seeking a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) to implement and develop a new Behavior Analysis program. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing direct clinical services in various settings as well as assisting in the development and implementation of all ABA services.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in helping ensure that children and adults with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play, [please click here for more information.](#)

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