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To change the way the world defines and views disability by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day.

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Note from the CEO and Board Chair

Dear Friends,

Easterseals Southern California provides important, life-changing services that promote independence, self-determination and inclusion in all aspects of community life.

In 2016 we impacted the lives of thousands of individuals and families throughout Southern California; some of whom have shared their exceptional stories of growth in this report. This year we also rebranded our organization to reintroduce the work we do to a new generation and to highlight the complex challenges facing the disability community.

We could not have achieved all that we have accomplished this year without your generous support. Easterseals continues to join together diverse communities, businesses, organizations and individuals to address the barriers people with disabilities still face and to make a profound and a positive difference in people's lives every day.

With appreciation,



Mark Whitley
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President and CEO



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Board Chair



AUTISM THERAPY SERVICES

ABA, Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies

Number of participants: 6,500





Launched social skills groups in Rancho Cucamonga and Valencia to support participants to build interaction and communication skills. A simultaneous parenttraining component began too.



Nineteen Easterseals
Southern California
(ESSC) staff members
earned their master's
degree in psychology,
with a focus on Applied
Behavioral Analysis
(ABA), from the
University of Nevada,
Reno (UNR) as part of a
unique program created
specifically for ESSC.



As part of professional development, a

Mentorship Program connecting Clinical
Supervisors with mentors in leadership roles throughout the organization celebrated a successful inaugural year.



AVa went from a child who was dependent on her family for each and every daily task to being an independent eight year old. She is now able to meet some of her basic needs such as serving herself snacks, self-care, and helping with chores around the house as well as making friends after completing three years of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) provided by Easterseals Autism Therapy Services. Through ongoing speech therapy she's improved her communication skills too.

"(Reaching this point) wasn't easy. As a parent you know what is going on but don't always have the right words to explain," Ava's mom Andrea said. "Easterseals helped a lot by doing observations at school, learning where behaviors were coming from and then coming up with a plan."

Ava's Behavior Interventionist supported her in community and social settings to help her make friends and play, as well as to master tasks and address behavior issues.

In 2016 Ava mainstreamed into a class with peers her age. She completes classroom assignments, waits to take her turn and follows instructions.

"Easterseals is good to work with," her mom Andrea said. Anytime I had a question or concern Easterseals was always good about finding the answer."



ADULT DAY SERVICES

Work, Daily Living and Social Skills

Number of participants: 1,619





Person Centered Culture Change

effort launched to ensure services are driven by a participant's individual choice, preference and support requirements while providing staff with the tools needed for increased effectiveness in their support roles.



Proactive efforts to educate participants and other stakeholders

to advocate for themselves to influence policy makers on core funding and resource issues that impact their lives.



Successfully provided a variety of service models

that meet the needs of people across an age span ranging from high school to seniors including behavioral support, college support, therapeutic and senior services.



Confident, active and engaged is how **ROSa** describes herself today – a huge difference from how she was five years ago when she first began participating with our Adult Day Service. "I was in a program where we were in a building all day. I asked my mom to find me something that let me get out into the community," Rosa said.

As a result, Rosa came to Easterseals and worked with the day service team to set goals for herself. "Rosa blossomed when she came to Easterseals. She was very shy," Director Cynthia Fernandez said. "She let us know that she wanted to be able to speak up for herself. She set a self-advocacy goal and we've supported her to become a leader in our participant led Advocacy Group."

In addition to advocating for herself and others on topics ranging from accessible transportation to community safety, Rosa also wanted to vote. She registered for the first time and voted in 2016 and educated her peers to do so as well. Through the Adult Day Service Rosa volunteers regularly at a food bank and with other organizations to explore different vocational interests. She also has a lively social life that includes close friendships she's made with some of her fellow participants.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Early education services, day care, home-based and family support services

Number of participants: 1,551





Partnered with First 5 and the San Diego County Office of Education in the Quality Preschool Initiative. Through this Initiative three of Easterseals Head Start Centers in N. San Diego County received educational materials and stipends.



Provided more than 500 families with direct support or referral to multiple services including parent education, job training, mental health assistance, emergency housing/food/clothing, and home assistance with utilities/repairs.



Early Head Start and Head Start programs in San Bernardino and N. San Diego Counties received exceptional ratings after government agency reviews indicating the high-quality services provided to children and families.



Pre-schoolers and siblings **Jayden and Mila** had specific issues. Jayden had problems with compromised motor skills, rarely spoke, and kept to himself. Mila faced challenges being separated from her mother, bonding with the teachers, and interacting with other children.

"I discovered Easterseals Southern California after searching online for programs geared toward children with potential learning challenges," their mom Qiana said. "I wanted to make sure to catch any developmental delays. After interviewing some staff members and meeting the director, I thought the Easterseals Child Development Center (CDC) in my area would be a good choice.

Within a short amount of time, Qiana noticed significant improvements thanks to the CDC teachers. Jayden became stronger, walking steadily thanks to all the activities he did each day at the CDC. Mila has blossomed as well—talking more, interacting with other children and expressing her opinions.

"The Early Head Start Services Jayden and Mila have been receiving has given them social, emotional and education skills to prepare them for kindergarten and beyond," said Elizabeth Mulligan, CDC Area Director.

WORKFIRST AND BOB HOPE VETERANS SUPPORT PROGRAM

One-on-one employment services to support people to get and keep meaningful work

Number of participants: 400



Finding employment and continuing his education were always priorities for **Thomas**. He was already working as a greeter at Legoland when he was referred to Easterseals WorkFirst. Thomas decided he wanted to advance to a different position with Legoland to get the opportunity to earn a higher hourly wage. As a team, his WorkFirst vocational specialist and the HR team at Legoland developed a strategy to give Thomas the support needed to move up into a role where he worked the cash register.



Working alongside his Easterseals job coach, Thomas began assuming cashiering duties for several hours at a time, handling both cash and credit card transactions. Initially, Thomas was a bit nervous about making change, but his job coach set up educational sessions for Thomas where he would practice the roles and duties of a cashier. "The job coach gave me more confidence when it came to counting change," Thomas said.

"I am glad that I was connected with WorkFirst. I wasn't even considering it and they helped me to get a better job. I would tell anyone to 'just do it' when it comes to WorkFirst."

Thomas is currently taking coursework to complete his EMT certification to become a dispatcher or an EMT.



Secured 258 jobs for people with disabilities and veterans; assisted 48 veterans to continue higher education or other support services.



Expanded Bob Hope Veterans Support Program to Orange County; served 75 veterans.



Earned the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accreditation for recognition of exceptional services for the ninth consecutive year.

Before getting connected to the Bob Hope Veterans Support Program **Tim** was struggling in the civilian world. A United States Army Staff Sergeant veteran who served for nearly nine years, Tim found himself living in his car less than 6 months after getting out of the Army.

"It was nerve-racking not having a plan getting out of the military. I was trying to succeed as a civilian and completely failing because I didn't even know the process and how to get things done. Right out



of the military you need guidance, you need something like the Bob Hope Veterans Support Program to help you along the way," said Tim.

After his housing situation was stabilized, Tim's Bob Hope Support Program employment specialist helped him get work as a sales professional. Tim then was able to focus on getting the education and training needed to reach his goal of becoming a paramedic.



LIVING OPTIONS

Support services that assist people to live at home, not institutions

Number of participants: 150





Expanded Residential Services

with the purchase of two new Easterseals homes in Pasadena to support people with complex needs who are moving out of institutional settings.



Coordinated Life Services expanded to

serve South Los Angeles and increased services in the San Gabriel Valley including parts of LA, Glendale and Pasadena.



Upgraded multiple existing Easterseals Residential homes

to further increase accessibility.



Gary was living with his mom when she passed away in 2015. His sister Susan was unsure of how she could help him live independently in the home he inherited following their mother's death. A regional center referral to Easterseals was the key to the support they needed.

"When Easterseals came on board, the staff was essential in teaching Gary how to have a life in and outside the house," said Susan. Gary's Life Skills Coaches helped him with food preparation, how to use public transportation, shopping, and outings for entertainment such as museums, the zoo, and Santa Monica Pier. "Because of Easterseals, Gary was able to live on his own in the house he inherited."

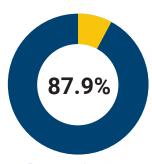
Susan was approached by Easterseals with the idea of Gary living with a roommate, another Living Options participant, Aaron. Aaron had also lost his parents in the last few years and happened to be around the same age as Gary. Due to a rent increase, Aaron was on the verge of eviction. Susan agreed to a couple of meet-ups. Gary and Aaron quickly proved to be a good fit.

"Easterseals has been a blessing, they have given Gary a life outside the house that helps him get involved in the community."

COMBINED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSE

September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016 Audited

HOW FUNDS ARE SPENT:



Program Services



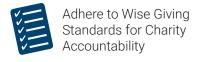


SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Support contributions and Special Events*	\$ 1,794,311
REVENUE	
Fees for Services and Program Grants	177,036,276
Unrealized Gain on Investments and Other Incor	me 905,831
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$ 179,736,418
* Additional fundraising revenue raised but not recognized	\$990,228

EXPENSES	
Program Services	
Adult Services	30,977,256
Children's Services	110,702,426
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 141,679,682
Support Services	
Management and General	18,346,188
Fundraising	1,126,322
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 19,472,510
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$161,152,192



CHANGE IN NET ASSETS



\$18,584,226

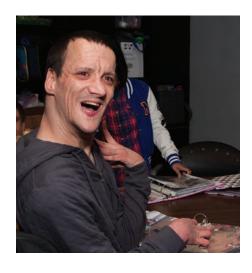
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Thank You For Your Support.

Easter Seals' services are funded through contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations and government partners.

Our supporters include members of our premier giving program, Presidents' Council, which recognizes donations of \$1,000 or more.

As a Presidents' Council member, not only does one receive recognition, but also the opportunity to be a part of a group of caring individuals who know the importance of serving people with disabilities and special needs.



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The Cerritos Stompers 218, a team of

Easterseals staff, participants and their families have participated in our annual Walk With Me event (now called Strides for Disability) since 2013. "I am passionate about this walk because it benefits the people we support," said Cinthia Geyer, an Adult Day Services Life Skills Coach. "The money goes back to services for clients. It is used for activities and tools such as computers and handheld devices to help participants communicate better with others in the community," she added. Motivating the Cerritos Stompers fundraising effort was the goal to make the community aware of the abilities that each individual possess and that anyone can contribute to the community by volunteering and giving back. This year the Stompers raised more than \$3,400. "I love being a part of the Cerritos Stompers," added Tiffany Pullman, Adult Day Service Program Coordinator. "I am proud to say that the walk gets better every year. Way to go Cerritos Stompers!"

\$1,000 - \$2,499 - continued:

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Ste Michele Wine Estates

Synoptek

T-Mobile

Toy Wonders

Treasury Wine Estates

UBS Employee and Matching

Gift Programs



Helping veterans transition the skills they've developed in the military into their new communities and civilian careers is very important to **The Boeing Company** and Easterseals. Support from corporations such as Boeing help make it possible for Easterseals to offer the Bob Hope Veterans Support Program, which provides customized



employment support to veterans transitioning from the military to civilian work. (See pages 10-11).

"Boeing is proud of the support and investment we provide to our nation's service members, veterans and their families back here at home. By creating strategic partnerships with leading nonprofit organizations like Easterseals, we are providing pathways to build better lives for them, their families, and their communities," said Mark Bertrand, Vice President of Space & Defense for Boeing Capital Corporation and Easterseals board member.

"The Bob Hope Veterans Support Program creates a service continuum that leverages the strengths of each organization so that transitioning Southern California military service members receive appropriate support across a wide spectrum of interests, goals and needs that ultimately leads to the achievement of meaningful employment," Bertrand said.

"Veterans and their families have served our nation with pride, and we recognize that they have much to contribute even after their service has ended." We thank Boeing for their generous support.

\$1,000 - \$2,499

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Legacy Society donors are individuals who have planned to support Easterseals beyond their lifetime. Their estate gifts leave a lasting legacy well into the future.

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Nature's Bakery has generously supported Easterseals' Strides for Disability Walk for the past two years, giving out free product samples to the participants. Paula Neiman Field Marketing Manager for Nature's Bakery says their support stems from appreciation of Easterseals impact on the lives of individuals and families. "I love supporting organizations with such deep roots in



advocacy for members of our communities with disabilities. Easterseals doesn't just provide services, it empowers and inspires. Its impact is reflected in the faces and energy of the people I've met and witnessed at Easterseals events. We're grateful to have an ongoing partnership with an organization so committed to raising the bar of excellence."



Company, Alta Dena Certified
Dairy, are long-term supporters of
Easterseals Southern California,
having helped sponsor the
Easterseals Retail Supplier
Partnership Golf Tournament,
hosted by CVS, for the past five
years. This annual tournament
brings CVS vendors together



from across the country to support Easterseals programs and services. In addition to supporting the golf tournament, Alta Dena hosts a booth at Easterseals' annual Strides for Disability Walk to give free samples of TruMoo to all of the 1300+ participants. "I support Easterseals because of the hard work and dedication the group puts forward to provide services to people with disability," said Jesus Zambrano, Alta Dena Sales Specialist.

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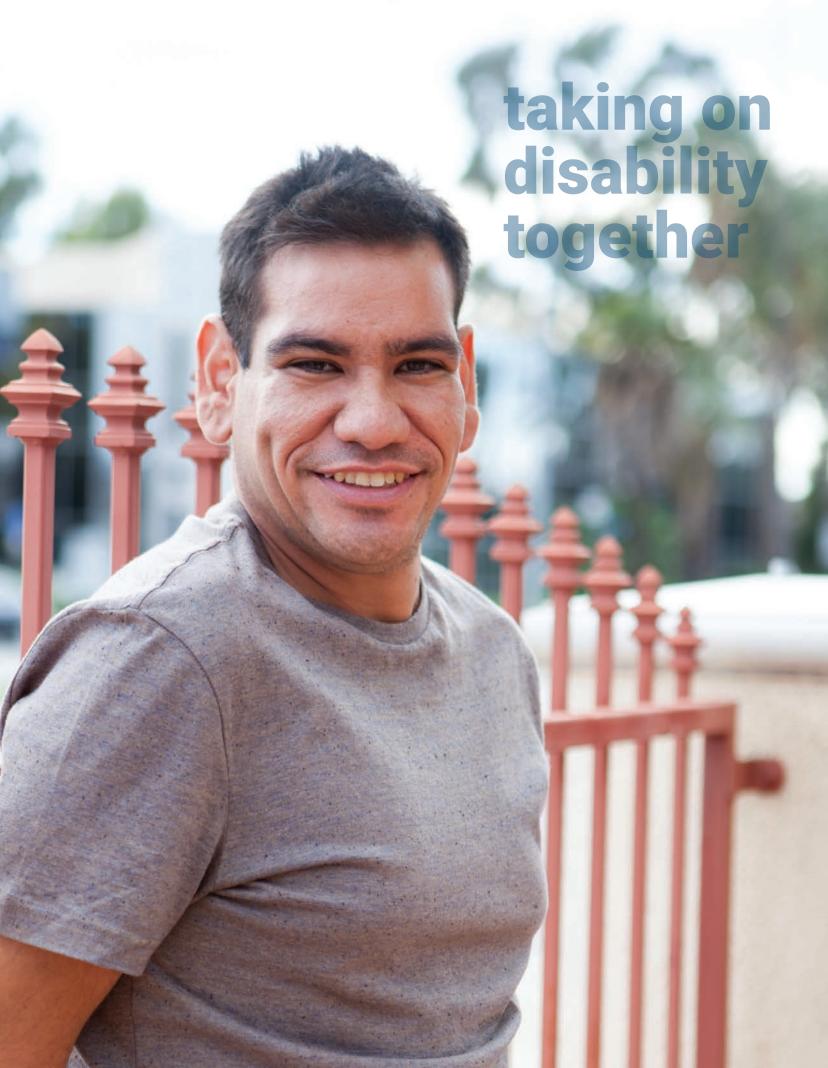
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