



**ANNUAL REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 2015-AUGUST 2016**

# MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

## 2015-2016 Year in Review

Tennis great, Arthur Ashe gave this advice when asked about achieving his dreams. **“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”** That quote accurately defined the activity of Easterseals Southern Georgia during the 2015-2016 year.

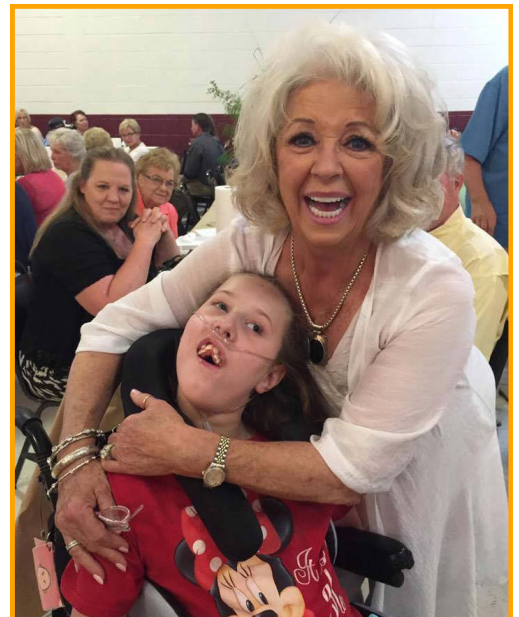
## Megan’s House Capital Campaign

We began the year with a dream to complete our “Megan’s House” capital campaign. To date over 72% of the needed funding has been raised, property purchased and both architectural and engineering firms engaged. While our campaign continues, board and staff are encouraged that the \$500,000 goal will be reached before years end...two years ahead of schedule, I might add, thanks to the generosity of many of you.



## “Ragin Cajun” Crawfish Boil

A new event entitled, “Ragin Cajun” Crawfish Boil, was introduced and with the help of celebrity chef, Paula Deen raised over \$12,000 for the campaign.



## YMCA Collaboration

Sometimes in order to realize a dream, one must find partners. No organization can do everything by themselves. Our dream to utilize the old physical therapy gym as a critically needed inclusive afterschool program found a partner in the YMCA this year. Space has been renovated; a partnership agreement executed and soon this unused space will house up to 50 children and serve as an off-site program for the YMCA. Thanks to Dan Gillan and his staff, a much needed resource for families will soon become a reality.



## Advocacy

Dreams become goals when action is taken towards their achievements. That was certainly the case with our new legislative endeavor. Staff members from all across the Easterseals family were tagged for this new activity. Training on advocacy and relevant issues was provided and a tour of the State Capitol was arranged. Contacts were made with over 30 legislators across our region. Critically needed funding for the statewide Easterseals Champions for Children program was obtained and the Easterseals message was successfully carried by our families, board and staff members during the Easterseals Day at the Capitol. A delegation from our Southern Georgia affiliate traveled to Washington, D.C. for the National Advocacy Summit. Visits were made to the members of the Georgia and North Florida delegations and our very own Thomas shared his success story along with the message of vital importance; funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Staff reached out to local government officials in key cities and counties across the territory and was able to share not only the services offered to constituents but the financial and economic impact of Easterseals in each community.





## Our Programs

All our programs flourished during the year.

The **Vocational** program underwent a major expansion from 3 to 8 offices and from 17 to 22 staff members. Two individuals were featured in two different videos that highlighted the accomplishments that can be made when the right job placement is made.



The **Family Support** program funded a record number of summer enrichment programs, again in partnership with a variety of community agencies and groups.



The **Adult Day** program made a special dream come true for a young woman in the Tifton program. A simple desire to be in a beauty pageant was not only realized, but stirred the imaginations of the community who became engaged, the volunteers who assisted and the families who watched their loved ones truly shine that day. That dream grew and now the Easterseals hallway is covered in dreams of many of our participants. Board members, community members, WALB-TV and so many other generous people have begun to make these dreams come to fruition. In the words of Walt Disney, "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."



During July of this year, the board and management team adopted a new strategic plan...one that will guide the Easterseals organization through 2020. Remember, start where you are, use what you have and do what you can! Together, we will continue to change lives.

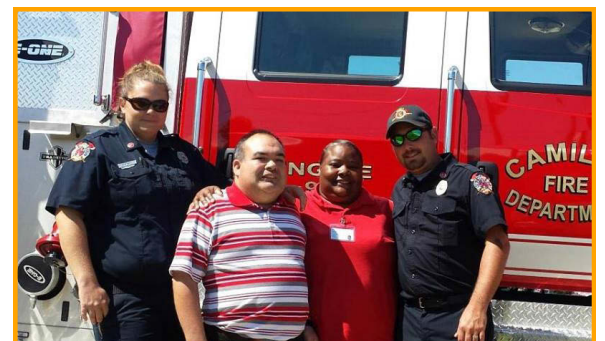


**Keri Middleton**  
**Board President 2015-2016**



# DREAMS COME TRUE

Everyone has a dream, even people with disabilities. This year we began a new campaign, "Dreams Come True" to help our participants fulfill their dreams. The hallway at Easterseals Southern Georgia is now covered with those dreams. Here are a few highlights of dreams that became a reality this past year.





# ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Easterseals Southern Georgia held its Annual Awards Dinner in September, 2016. Supporters, board members, program participants and Easterseals employees were recognized for their accomplishments, distinguished service and continuous support.

## 2016 Award Recipients

2015-2016 Past Presidents Award : Kari Middleton

President's Award: Julie Hall

Distinguished Service Awards: Mary Braswell, State Representative Ed Rynders, David Prisant, Marci Prisant, Junior League of Albany, Susan Greene, The Bag Lady Foundation, Lauren Watson, Kay Walden, Tina Harden, Albany Bass Club, Santy Solis

Consumer Achievement Award: Kelvin Carter, Cody Slusher

Community Achievement Awards: Sylvester Fire Department, T J Maxx, The Challenger League

Mrs. H.T. McCall Staff Member of the Year: Connie Hayes

Annette Bowling Advocate of the Year Award: Thomas Wimberly

Betty Nichols Volunteer of the Year Award: Lauren Watson

Bobbie Meyer von Bremen Award: Roy Rankin

Mildred Huie Leadership Award: Dawn Alford





# FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

## “Let’s Get Ready to Crumble” Gingerbread Family Festival



## 2015 Official City of Albany Christmas Ornament



## 40th Annual Bass Tournament



## Tyler Smith Memorial Shoot Out



## Heels And Wheels Duathlon & Triathlon





# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

September 2015-August 2016

## ASSETS

Cash	\$418,894
Restricted Cash	\$665,584
Endowment Account	\$42,930
Megan's House Building Fund	\$282,157
Accounts Receivable	\$1,008,835
Other Assets	\$188,039
Property & Equipment	\$1,323,798

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$3,930,237**

## INCOME

Donations-Cash	\$79,313
Donations-Non Cash	\$10,000
Donations-Building Fund	\$23,567
Special Events	\$52,325
United Way Allocations	\$24,993
Government Grants/Fees	\$5,356,284
Program Service Fees	\$6,704,517
Other Income	\$239,381

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$12,490,380**

## EXPENSES

Direct Services	\$11,449,735
Fund Raising	\$26,552
Management & General	\$488,419
National Membership Fees	\$41,923

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$12,426,955**

**TOTAL INCOME  
OVER EXPENSES** **\$63,425**

## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	\$1,379,603
Long Term Debt	\$341,667
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$247,762
Unrestricted Net Assets (Designated)	\$189,111
Unrestricted Net Assets (Undesignated)	\$1,850,764
Permanently Restricted Assets	\$42,100

**TOTAL LIABILITIES  
& NET ASSETS** **\$2,132,601**

# SUPPORTERS

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