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Easterseals Washington Receives \$20,000 Assistive Technology Grant from Comcast to Open Technology Achievement Centers in King and Kitsap Counties

New Funding Helps Easterseals Washington Provide Support and Services to Hundreds of Adults and Seniors with Limited Mobility, Memory Challenges and Intellectual Disabilities

SEATTLE, August 15, 2018 – Today, Easterseals Washington announced that it has received a \$20,000 grant from the Comcast Foundation as part of the Comcast NBCUniversal Assistive Technology Grant Fund. This support will expand the service providers Technology Achievement Center (TAC) initiatives for adults and older adults with disabilities, including autism and Alzheimer’s disease. Easterseals Washington will open two new TAC’s in Bremerton and Des Moines, which will provide support and services to hundreds of adults and seniors with limited mobility, memory challenges and intellectual disabilities.

Easterseals Washington is one of ten Easterseals affiliates across the country selected to receive a grant from the Comcast Foundation as part of the Comcast NBCUniversal Assistive Technology Grant Fund. Established in 2011, this fund supports technology programs and services that benefit children and adults, including veterans, living with disabilities. These technologies can vary from braille-equipped handheld computer systems to augmentative communication devices and everything in between. The chosen affiliates excel in programs that provide support and services for people with disabilities.

“Easterseals Washington improves the lives of our local residents with limited mobility, member challenges and intellectual disabilities,” said Amy Lynch, Regional Senior Vice President of Comcast Washington. “We appreciate the opportunity to continue our relationship with Easterseals Washington through these new centers serving residents in King and Kitsap Counties.”

“We thank Comcast NBCUniversal for its continued support of Easterseals and people with disabilities and their investment in assistive technology solutions,” said Cathy Bisailon, Easterseals Washington President & CEO. “This grant fund gives Easterseals the ability to offer additional creative and innovative solutions to individuals and families living with disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play in their communities.”

Since 2011, the Comcast NBCUniversal Assistive Technology Grant Fund has empowered an estimated 50,000 Americans living with disabilities by providing expanded assistive technology training and services. The grants that can help people like Anne. “Thank you Comcast for your generous support of the Technology Achievement Center at our Eastside Adult Services center in Bellevue. This is a real step forward for the young adult program there,” shared Lanse Richardson, Easterseals Washington Board Member and participant parent. “My daughter, Anne, is 47 years old and a participant at the Gateway Adult Service center in Bremerton. Her ongoing progress is a testament to Easterseals Washington’s commitment to empowering people with disabilities to reach their full potential every day. It will be a real pleasure to see how the recent announcement of adding technology tools to that center as well, will expand the activities and impact on Anne and her friends at that center. I am sincerely grateful for



your investment.” To date, Comcast NBCUniversal has provided nearly \$35 million in cash and in-kind support to help Easterseals and to advance assistive technology solutions nationwide.

About Easterseals Washington

Easterseals Washington has been helping individuals with disabilities and their families, live better lives for 70 years. Whether helping someone simply gain greater independence for everyday living or secure employment, Easterseals Washington offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals. Our purpose is to change the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day. Easterseals Washington serves more than 4,100 adults and children with disabilities and their families annually through eleven offices and program sites. Find more information about how we are challenging America to recognize the new face of disability by redefining disability for the 21st century at <http://www.easterseals.com/washington/>.

About the Comcast Foundation

The Comcast Foundation was founded by Comcast Corporation in June 1999 to provide charitable support to qualified non-profit organizations. The Foundation's primary mission is to empower communities to thrive by providing access to technology, relevant digital skills and training, and inspiring volunteerism, service and leadership. The Foundation invests in programs intended to have a positive, sustainable impact on the communities we serve. Since its inception, the Comcast Foundation has donated \$220 million to organizations in the communities nationwide that Comcast serves. More information about how Comcast supports the communities it serves is available at www.comcast.com/community.

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