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**New Nature Learning Center Opens at Easter Seals Camp Stand By Me
*Ribbon Cutting Celebration this Sunday, December 8th***

SEATTLE, December 6, 2013— Easter Seals Washington, (www.wa.easterseals.com), a nonprofit organization that provides services to help people with disabilities and families in need, is holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the new Nature Learning Center at Camp Stand By Me this Sunday, December 8th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

For more than 35 years, Camp Stand By Me has offered accessible recreation and respite camps at its universally designed, fully accredited 17-acre campus. Campers have an opportunity to participate in such activities as archery, boating, arts and crafts, horseback riding and much more. Families and caregivers benefit knowing their campers are safe and enjoying life to the fullest.

"Our camp is an extraordinary place," said Cathy Bisailon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Easter Seals Washington. "We're excited to add this new Nature Learning Center to expand our programming and provide a richer experience for the hundreds of children and adults who count on us each year."

Easter Seals Washington thanks the many corporations, foundations and individual supporters who made this project possible. Special recognition goes to Safeway Corporation, The Russell Family Foundation, Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and Harbor Covenant Church in nearby Gig Harbor. Many individuals, including campers and their families, have contributed to the building of this new Nature Learning Center. We also acknowledge several people who took this vision and made it a reality: Dick Day, RJD & Associates; Doyle Lewellen and James Higgins, Green Bridge Incorporated; and Greg Fairley and Steve Hamilton, Spectrum Electric.

"Our campers enjoy being in nature," said Joshua Mayer, Camp Director, Easter Seals Washington. "Now they will be able to experience nature through touch, smell, sight, sound, and taste in an indoor, accessible environment!"

Join us this Sunday, December 8th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Camp Stand By Me located at 17809 S. Vaughn Road KP N, Vaughn, WA 98394. Everyone is invited to see our unique Nature Learning Center and enjoy the natural splendor of Vaughn Bay, hearty refreshments and more!