

Community Impact NEWS

Annual Golf Classic Held in Memory of Barry Lerman Raises Over \$100,000 for Easterseals

On September 13, 2022, Easterseals held its Annual Golf Classic. The tournament was held as a special tribute to Barry S. Lerman, a long-time, dedicated past board chairman for Easterseals of Greater Waterbury who passed away unexpectedly in February of 2022. Barry served on Easterseals board of directors for over 18 years, serving as board Chairman from 2008-2013. He was a caring and generous person, who touched many lives, personally and professionally.

The outpouring of support from sponsors, family and friends who joined us to honor Barry and support Easterseals was exceptional. The Tournament raised over \$105,000 to help individuals and families in our community facing disability. Easterseals was honored to hold the 2022 Annual Golf Classic in remembrance and celebration of Barry; a special friend, father, partner and all-around great guy.

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Pictured left to right, Maura Chilson, Brian Lerman, Lewis Lerman, and Adam Lerman. Front row, Jackson Lerman.

Meet Len Cipollone, Easterseals President & CEO

Easterseals is proud to introduce Leonard (Len) Cipollone, Easterseals President and CEO, who joined the organization in July of 2022 following the retirement of former President and CEO, Loraine Shea.

Len joins Easterseals with an extensive background in human services and began his career as a direct support worker for adults with intellectual disabilities at the State of Connecticut's Department of Developmental Services. Over the course of a career that spanned 5 decades, Len held positions with increasing degrees of responsibility;



quality oversight, budget review, and program oversight. He played an integral role in expanding opportunities, resources, and programs for individuals served in Connecticut. Len closed out his time with the public sector in a leadership role as the Director of Service Development and Support for the Department of Developmental Services South Region.

It's under Len's leadership and guidance that Easterseals will continue to grow and evolve to serve as an essential resource and support system for individuals and families in the community facing disability.

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**SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, September 12, 2023 Easterseals 2023 Annual Golf Classic
Watertown Golf Club, 246 Guernseytown Rd., Watertown, CT**

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Click Bond Gives Back to Easterseals

Click Bond, Inc.'s community outreach committee and employees held a fundraiser and raised \$290 to benefit a non-profit organization in the community. The company matched the funds the employees raised, allowing Click Bond to present a check for \$580 to help Easterseals vital programs! Thank you Click Bond for choosing Easterseals to benefit from this wonderful gift and for supporting your local community.

Pictured left to right, Andy Voghel, Click Bond Employee, Liz Szymanoski, Easterseals Director of Development, and Al Guerrera and Steve Santos of Click Bond, Inc.



Rotary Club of Watertown Generously Supports Easterseals

Thank you to the **Watertown Rotary Club** for making a generous \$500 donation to Easterseals of Greater Waterbury. We were honored to give a presentation to the club and share about the services that Easterseals provides in the community. We appreciate the Rotary Club of Watertown's gift to support Easterseals programs!

Pictured left to right, Liz Szymanoski, Easterseals Director of Development and Ron Pleasant, Rotary Club of Watertown, Vice President.



Support Easterseals with a Gift from a Donor Advised Fund

Donor support is critical to helping Easterseals address the gaps in quality healthcare, education, employment and community engagement that can directly affect the health and livelihood of people with disabilities and their families.

Consider supporting Easterseals through a donor advised fund. A donor advised fund (DAF), is like a charitable savings account, which gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to Easterseals of Greater Waterbury and other qualified charities. You can recommend a grant or recurring grants now to make an immediate impact or use your fund as a tool for future charitable gifts.

Talk to your financial or legal advisor about creating or using your donor advised fund to support Easterseals of Greater Waterbury and our mission.

Please visit: <https://www.easterseals.com/waterburyct/ways-to-give/> to learn about other ways that your legacy can positively impact children and adults with disabilities.



Easterseals Participates in Meriden's Annual Silver City Wine Tasting & Brew Fest



Easterseals was honored to serve as the benefitting non-profit organization for the 2022 Silver City Wine Tasting and Brew Fest which took place on September 30, 2022 at the YMCA Mountain Mist Outdoor Center. The Rotary Club of Meriden carries on the tradition of the brew fest, and after a two-year hiatus, the evening was spectacular with over 250 attendees. Thank you to the generous sponsors, breweries, distilleries and restaurants for their support and contributions and to everyone that attended.

The 2022 Silver City Wine Tasting and Brew Fest raised over \$11,000 in total, with half of the proceeds raised supporting Easterseals programs and services.



Top left: Jesse Revicki, left, Easterseals Brew Fest volunteer, and Jeff Raboin, right, Easterseals Facilities Manager and Brew Fest volunteer.

Top right: Seen pictured receiving a check for \$5,750 from the Rotary Club of Meriden is Liz Szymanoski and Kristie Balisciano of Easterseals, and Yvonne deAngeli-Fontanez, Rotary Club of Meriden member and Brew Fest event lead.

Bottom right: Lost Tourist Brewing President, Gary Krock.

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