

## IMPACT ON CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST OHIO

Spring 2017

### Making a Difference in their Community

#### Chillicothe Adult Day Program Volunteers

Individuals in our Adult Day Program in Ross County have been volunteering in the Chillicothe area and making a difference in their local community.

##### **Community Partnerships**

In partnership with the Ross County Park District and the Ross County Humane Society, eight individuals in our Adult Day Program have been volunteering in the Chillicothe community.

For the Humane Society, individuals worked together at our Adult Day Center to make puppy outfits for the dogs at the shelter. They also held a dog food drive and delivered the handmade outfits and food to the Humane Society.

Individuals also volunteered for the Ross County Park District by cleaning up the Coppel Soccer Complex in Chillicothe. They worked together to pick up trash and make the park look nice for all who enjoy the green space.

Nicole Davis, Adult Day Program Coordinator of Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio, says, "Our individuals really enjoy getting out into the community and volunteering. It makes them feel good to give back and is also beneficial to building their social and recreational skills."

The Adult Day program is planning more volunteer opportunities, including the installation of a Little Free Library. For the Library, they will hold book drives and also work together to ensure that books are always available to other members of the community.

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If you would like to donate books or partner with the Adult Day Program on a volunteer project, please contact Nicole Davis at 740-773-1273.



*Individuals from our Adult Day Program in Chillicothe volunteering at the Coppel Soccer Complex.*

## Early Intervention Hosts Family Day

### Families Enjoyed a Day in the Classroom with their Children

Interaction with family, friends, and loved ones is vital to a child's development, especially for children with special needs. Knowing how important this is, our Early Intervention program hosted a Family Day and invited parents and loved ones into the classroom for a day of fun and activities together.

#### Family Fun

To keep a strong connection with children's families, the Early Intervention program offers Family Day twice a year – in the spring and in the fall.

The day is structured to give families an idea of what a typical day is like in their child's classroom. Teachers set up stations for the families to work through activities with their child.

Each station has a written explanation of what the activity is and what developmental area it works on. A goal of the Early Intervention program is to provide parents with the tools they need to mimic activities in the classroom at home. This allows parents to get involved in their child's development and help their child grow and become more independent.

Family Day is also the program staffs way of saying thank you to the families for their support. The special day gives them an opportunity to enjoy time with their child and meet other families and children in the program too.

Having the support of teachers, and meeting other



*Violet and her parents making a craft together on Family Day.*

families facing similar challenges can make a big difference in the families lives and ultimately, the child's life as well. Next school year, the program will offer an additional opportunity for family interaction at our Milk & Masterpieces Open House on Sept. 7 from 4-6pm. The community is welcome to join us.



*Lucas and his Mom having fun painting together on Family Day.*

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**“Raising a child with special needs does not take a special family. It makes a family special.”**

# Easterseals Employees Display Dedication to the Organization

## A Note from our CEO on the Dedication of our Team Members

Each day, as I travel to our varying service sites, I am always impressed with the hard work and dedication our Easterseals staff members put into their work. Whether it is the staff working directly with an individual in their home or the janitorial staff keeping our buildings clean, they clearly have one vision in mind – to make a positive impact on the lives of the individuals and families we serve. They do so completely giving their heart and soul into the task of their job.

### **Making a Difference**

With over 130 employees across our 4 offices located in Hilliard, Mt. Vernon, Chillicothe, and South Point, and across the 28 counties we serve, our team members are making a difference in the lives of children and adults who face physical, mental, and emotional challenges each day. These families see one or more of our employees on a

daily basis and many times, our team members, like our In-home staff, are part of their family, as they work in their home assisting their loved one with daily care and tasks such as grocery shopping and showering.

Our Early Intervention teachers also make frequent home visits to each child's home to teach parents how to mimic methods that have been successful in the classroom with their child.

Individuals in our Adult Day Programs in Mt. Vernon, Chillicothe, and South Point attend the program daily and rely on the great care and support of those staff members each day. There are also those employees behind the scenes who help us make the services we provide a success.

In addition to their gift of time, our team also gives generously through our employee giving program and

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donates \$12,000 a year to our organization.

Our team strives to make every individual we serve, and their family, feel part of the Easterseals family and ensure we deliver on making a difference in the lives of those we serve. I am not only thankful but very proud to work alongside our Easterseals staff members. Together, we make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families every day!

## **One Team. One Vision. One Goal.**



## Ways to Make an Impact

### Ways to get involved and show your support

#### Ways to Give

**Donate:** make a contribution online, over the phone, or mail us a check:

Attn: Development Department  
3830 Trueman Ct.  
Hilliard, OH 43026

Your support stays local within the 28 counties we serve!

**Shop at Kroger:** Register your Kroger Plus Card in the Community Rewards program in support of Easterseals. Our ID is 80979.

[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

**Shop on Amazon:** Shop on Smile.Amazon.com and designate Easterseals as your Amazon Smile charity.

#### Volunteer

**At an event:**

**Clays for a Cause** – assist with registration, raffle, and set-up.

**Bag Stuffing:** Help us stuff race goody bags throughout the year for Ultrafit-USA races.

**Office:** Assist with large mailings, filing, etc.



#### Join us at an Event

**Wing Extravaganza** – August 9, 2017

Enjoy a night of family fun at our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Century 21 Wing Extravaganza at Rule 3 in Pickerington, Ohio. Includes a wing-eating competition, live music, cornhole tournament, bouncy houses, raffles and more.

**Clays for a Cause** – September 29, 2017

Take aim at our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual sporting clay event at Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, Ohio.

**Turkey Trot** – November 23, 2017

Join us Thanksgiving morning for a 5 mile run or 2 mile walk through Ohio State campus and Upper Arlington.



*Jump right in and volunteer with us!*

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**Easterseals changes the way the world defines and views disability by making profound, positive differences in people's lives everyday.**

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