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One Step at a Time for Brendan and His Family



When Shannon and John found out their son's rare bone disorder meant his chances of surviving were small, they were devastated. Doctors told them Brendan would not survive long past birth. They never imagined that he would prove them all wrong and at age three, he would be walking, talking and going to preschool with his peers, thanks to the loving support of his family and the help of the therapists at Easter Seals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

"Easter Seals looked at him from every angle to figure out a therapy plan. They gave him more confidence and gave us the extra support we needed to keep going," Shannon says. "Easter Seals is amazing. We cannot thank them enough."

Because Brendan's bones are soft, his parents must take precautions to keep him safe. Easter Seals was there to help by teaching Brendan how to balance, climb stairs and kick a ball. They also taught him how to handle other kids running into him, which is a huge fear for his parents since his bones can break so easily.

Easter Seals specializes in treating children ages birth through eighteen years with a variety of challenges, including developmental delay, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, speech and language delay, feeding and swallowing difficulties and others. Easter Seals meets the needs of children and their families through creative, playful activities that go beyond traditional services.

Easter Seals offers a range of services, including children's therapies, assistive technology, recreational camping, day programs for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities and respite services for caregivers. To learn more about how Easter Seals helps children and adults with disabilities, call 1-800-677-3800 or visit www.de.easterseals.com.

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