



Easterseals is Keeping Emory and Tish Together As a Family

Love is not just words said on your wedding day, but how one lives those words out each day. Emory and Otisia "Tish" did not know 37 years ago when they said the words "in sickness and in health" that sickness would come sooner than they thought. Though caregiving for Tish, who had her first stroke at 45, has not come without trials, it is Emory's great attitude, support from family and a team of caring professionals at an Easterseals Adult Day program, that has really made a huge impact in their lives.

"I don't think I knew what love was until Tish got sick. I had no idea I could handle it. I have to help her with everything," Emory says. "Easterseals has been a lifesaver. The staff takes great care of her. I know it's their job but they don't treat it like a job. She is well taken care of and safe."

Easterseals adult day services enable Emory, with the help of their granddaughter, to continue to care for Tish at home. It gives him the break he needs to re-energize, take care of his needs, and run errands. At Easterseals, Tish enjoys painting, ball toss and exercising. She also enjoys the camaraderie felt amongst the participants and staff in the program.

"As long as I can take care of her, I will take care of her here at home and thanks to Easterseals I can do that," Emory says. "I know Easterseals is great for her and truly great for me."

Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore 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 your local Easterseals helps children and adults with disabilities, call 1-800-677-3800 or visit www.de.easterseals.com.