

HIGH FIVES HAPPEN HERE!



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Dear Friend,

Sometimes words aren't enough.

Scarlett crossed the monkey bars. Owen played a game with his big sister. Maggie took her first steps. Words aren't enough for moments this meaningful. There are clapped hands and tight hugs, joyful tears and *high fives*. These reactions emphasize the achievements made possible with your support.

I recently learned that the earliest high five ever documented was between two professional baseball players after a significant home run. They didn't plan to slap their hands, and they didn't expect notoriety or recognition. *The high five was a spontaneous response to the overwhelming pride one teammate felt for the other.*

At Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley, we feel that same sense of pride when a child accomplishes something new. Every milestone is significant, and we celebrate with family members, friends, therapists, and donors like you.

Make a donation that makes an impact.

2,796 families depend on services at Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley and they also depend on your support. **Contributions make it possible to serve families who don't have insurance and help fill the reimbursement gap for those who do.** We are here to provide developmental screenings to our community, and individualized support that shapes a child's most formative years. *Your donation will fund critical therapy services at a crucial time.*

Ethan navigated a flight of stairs. Rayyan joined a soccer team. Your generosity uplifts our organization and makes high five moments happen for thousands of families each year. Please ensure that children with disabilities are empowered by making a gift today.

With gratitude,

Theresa

Theresa Forthofer
President & CEO

P.S. Every dollar makes a difference!

Our holiday campaign kicks off on Giving Tuesday, November 29.

Show your support on this global day of giving, or any time before December 31.

eastersealsdvr.org/donate

Owen,

I am SO proud of you when you use your words. I love playing games with you.

Love your sissy, Olivia



Ethan,

You have been working so hard on going up & down & up & down the stairs. I'm so proud of you!

Your Physical Therapist, Kayla

Rayyan,

You have worked so hard and come so far. Keep up all the great work and reach for the stars.

Love, Mom and Dad



Scarlett,

It makes me so happy to see you swinging on the monkey bars. You are so strong, determined and tenacious. I love playing at the park with you.

Love, Dad

Maggie,

I am so proud of all the progress you have made, but especially your new ability to walk all on your own!!!

Love, Your Momma



REASONS TO GIVE

1

Every child deserves to thrive in an inclusive community.

Since 1942, we have advocated for people with disabilities, and are leading the way to full equity.

2

54% of children have missed milestones.

Developmental disabilities among children were already on the rise before the pandemic. Now, our services are expanding to keep up with the increased need for support.

3

Services can't wait.

Our free screenings help identify delays as early as possible and connect babies and toddlers to therapies.

4

Donations support every hour of therapy.

Gifts provide financial assistance to families, and help us fill the reimbursement gap from Medicaid and insurance

5

Families find answers here.

Whether they are navigating a mild delay or a complex disability, we support more than 2,700 families across 162 communities.

We believe every child deserves to thrive in an inclusive community.

Our comprehensive services include occupational, physical, and speech-language therapies, mental health, assistive technology, medical nutrition, audiology, autism services, and inclusive childcare. We specialize in the early identification of developmental delays and provide evaluations to every child who needs us.

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