

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2014



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Our vision is that all children receive the developmental services they need to live their best life.

From first screenings to specialized therapies, we are a resource for all. We provide a wide range of therapies and services that help children build the skills and confidence they need for a brighter future.

Letter from the CEO & President of the Board

As a fixture in our community for nearly 65 years, Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley maintains our place as a leader in pediatric outpatient rehabilitation by utilizing the latest technology and employing outstanding professionals.

In fiscal year 2014, we found new ways for children with disabilities to express themselves on their journey toward maximum independence.

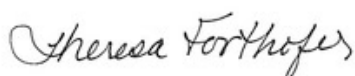
We opened the doors to The Voice Box: A Motor Speech Lab to help children overcome nasal and speech disorders and communicate effectively with their family and friends.

We introduced Tele-Therapy services to expand our reach and deepen our impact by providing virtual therapy sessions and informative webinars.

We empowered an inspirational young woman to help children with disabilities find a creative outlet on the Word Wizards Speech Team.

None of this would be possible without our volunteer leaders, donors and corporate partners, who invest in what we do. Your commitment to the mission of Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley propels us forward as we help build bright futures for all children. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Theresa Forthofer
President & CEO



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Fiscal Year 2014

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THE VOICE BOX A MOTOR SPEECH LAB



The Voice Box

New Motor Speech Lab is One-of-a-Kind

Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley kicked off the New Year with a ribbon cutting ceremony for The Voice Box: A Motor Speech Lab. This innovative addition to the Speech-Language department provides an all-inclusive approach to assessing and treating children with voice, resonance, oral motor and articulation disorders.

This high-tech lab uses cutting-edge equipment that provides visual and tactile feedback. The SmartPalate pairs a child's custom, molded mouthpiece with a computer program that reinforces positive speech patterns through fun and motivating games. One such game uses an animated frog to encourage louder speech, while another lights up to reward correct tongue placement.

Speech-language pathologists use their clinical expertise to review objective data and measure progress. These detailed results allow them to identify vocal pathologies and develop the best treatment plan for each child.

"These technologies help us stay at the forefront of therapeutic care as we respond to the changing needs of the children we serve," said Theresa Forthofer. "We are proud to offer the only speech motor resonance lab in the Chicago area and are grateful to the 2013 Benefit Gala paddle raise donors who made it possible."

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

The Tellabs Foundation

Tellabs Makes Tele-Therapy Possible

Thanks to a generous grant from the Tellabs Foundation, Speech-Language Therapy and Assistive Technology offerings have grown to include Tele-Therapy.

Therapy is conducted outside of the clinical setting through online communication. Therapists provide one-on-one services as they would in-person, but sessions are conducted using webcams and transmitted through a

secure internet connection. This opportunity gives more people access to expert therapists, and is a great alternative to families facing transportation challenges, medical issues or demanding schedules.

Tellabs' support also allowed for the purchase of three new pieces of assistive technology equipment and the production of informational webinars for families.





WORD WIZARDS SPEECH TEAM

Summer 2014 launched this partnership with Glenbard West High School Speech Team members as a creative and expressive outlet for children at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley.

Special thanks to Easter Seals client and high school senior, Abbey Burgess, for her leadership.

Word Wizards

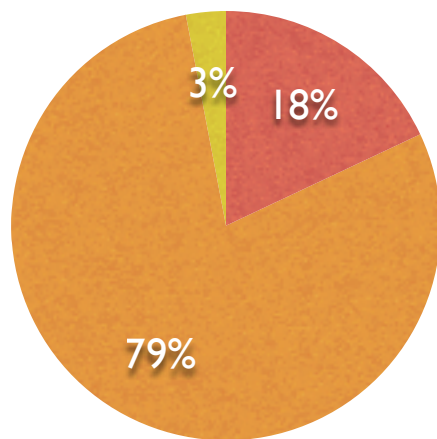
In July the inaugural Word Wizards Speech Team, for kids ages seven to 18-years-old, showcased their talents. The program was founded by Glenbard West High School senior, Abbey Burgess. Abbey is not only a member of her high school speech team but has attended Easter Seals since she was six-months-old. When she discussed the idea with their fellow speech teammates, her peers did not need much convincing.

"They were immediately all over it," Abbey said. "It was so cool for me to see how enthusiastic and excited they were."

The program included 10 children working with the Glenbard West students for six weeks. At the final showcase, children chose a poem, song or original speech to perform. Topics included everything from mythical creatures to sleepovers, fun and friendship.

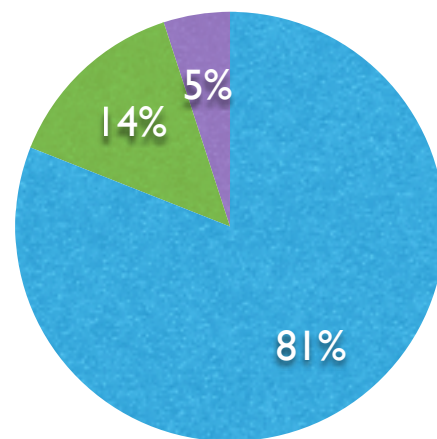
"This program helped boost my kids' self-confidence," said Kristine Humphrey, whose two children participated. "The boys would wake up every day and say, 'Is today the day that we're going to Word Wizards?'."

Revenues



- Contributions & Bequests
- Program Revenue
- Service Billing/Misc. Revenue

Expenses



- Program Services
- Management & General
- Fundraising

CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

2013 - 2014

99.16%

are satisfied with the services they receive.

99.76%

would recommend Easter Seals to others.

99.68%

report that services result in functional progress.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY & COMPARISON

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION 2014

2014 FISCAL YEAR

	2013	2014
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 102,462	\$ 188,624
Investments	791,500	897,592
Receivables, Net	828,372	711,466
Other Assets	107,404	128,159
Land, Building & Equipment, Net	1,510,008	1,417,985
Total Assets	\$ 3,339,746	\$ 3,343,826
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Liabilities	\$ 1,068,585	\$ 950,149
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,875,925	1,840,084
Temporarily Unrestricted	395,236	553,593
Total Net Assets	2,271,161	2,393,677
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 3,339,746	\$ 3,343,826

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2014

	2013	2014
REVENUES		
Contributions & Bequests	\$ 1,659,148	\$ 1,389,670
Program Revenue	5,957,797	5,960,026
Service Billing Revenue	196,633	187,719
Miscellaneous Revenue	24,597	18,701
Total Revenue	\$ 7,838,175	\$ 7,556,116
EXPENSES		
Program Services	6,411,075	6,105,042
Management & General	1,165,073	1,019,054
Fundraising	357,741	375,462
Total Expenses	\$ 7,933,889	\$ 7,499,558
Other Revenue (Expense)	58,054	65,958
Change in Net Assets	-37,660	122,516
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,308,821	2,271,161
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 2,271,161	\$ 2,393,677

This condensed financial summary has been prepared by Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley. Complete financial statements, including notes and the independent auditor's report of Pagliuco/Opalacz & Associates, P.C., are available upon request.



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