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OUR MISSION IS TO ENABLE INFANTS, CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR MAXIMUM INDEPENDENCE AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES WHO LOVE AND CARE FOR THEM.

Theresa Forthofer
PRESIDENT & CEO

Our role as advocates for children with disabilities proved especially important in fiscal year 2015. While the state of Illinois operated without a budget, Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley remained fiscally strong – as did our voices. Our consistent and dedicated focus on the importance of developmental screenings, early identification, and early intervention has strengthened our leadership role in the community. However, at our core, we remain committed to providing exceptional, life-changing therapy services for the 1,000 children we serve each week.

At the close of another year, our history is richer and our future is brighter.

The University Chicago and Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley aligned to open a Medical Diagnostic Clinic.

We introduced WalkAide technology to our Physical Therapy department.

We opened the doors to the first custom LEGO Room in the United States.

We launched a partnership to reach 27,000 daycare centers in DuPage County with the Ages & Stages developmental screening tool.

This year’s most notable highlights point to the expertise, partnerships, generosity and cutting-edge technology that enable us to build brighter futures for children with special needs. Thank you!

Theresa Forthofer

Photo by Rich Howe

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An exciting partnership between Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley and the University of Chicago brings one of Chicago’s leading developmental-behavioral pediatricians to Easter Seals, Villa Park.

The Medical Diagnostic Clinic, launched in March 2015, pairs Dr. Peter Smith with an interdisciplinary team of Easter Seals therapists to provide answers to families whose children face medical complications and delays, but do not have a formal diagnosis.

The clinic was developed in response to the lengthy wait lists for diagnostic clinics at area hospitals, and for the unique perspective the Easter Seals team offers. As the only medical diagnostic clinic to include a parent liaison, families leave equipped with the resources and support they need to address their newly found diagnosis. In addition, the clinic offers the expertise of a speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist and developmental therapist as well as a developmental-behavioral pediatrician.

By evaluating each child’s medical history and observing their abilities and challenges, the doctor and therapists identify a diagnosis as well as a treatment plan. Dr. Smith appreciates this multi-disciplinary approach.

“Working as an interdisciplinary team both improves our ‘product’ – the sum is greater than the simple addition of parts – and allows us to learn from each other’s unique skill set,” said Smith.

Peter J. Smith, MD
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

ANNUAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR 2015
WALKAIDE CLINIC

MAKING STRIDES WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY

The wide range of specialized clinics offered at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley grew this year to include the WalkAide Clinic.

The WalkAide is a revolutionary device that leverages electrical stimulation to improve a child’s gait. The expert physical therapists at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley apply this responsive new technology to children whose ability to lift their foot is hindered by brain or spinal cord trauma. The clinic evaluates and establishes the benefits for each individual, and allows for use of the equipment at home. Integrating the device into daily activities and therapy plans can improve outcomes.

The WalkAide Clinic is a commitment to engaging new technology that best meets the needs of children with cerebral palsy, stroke, spinal cord injury, spastic paraplegia and brain and neuron injuries.

Photo courtesy of WalkAide
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LEGOLAND TRANSFORMS PLAY SPACE

An eager group of children burst through a wall of soft LEGO blocks to unveil an incredible play space at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley.

Thanks to a generous partnership with LEGOLAND Discovery Center Chicago, the family play room at the Villa Park Center received a much needed renovation. Merlin Entertainments Group runs the LEGOLAND attractions, as well as the worldwide charity, Merlin’s Magic Wand. Having just launched their U.S. operation, Merlin’s Magic Wand identified Easter Seals as the site of their first American project.

Creative minds from LEGOLAND Discovery Center Chicago collaborated with Easter Seals therapists to design a fun, safe and colorful play room. Children who attended the room's opening celebration in March were the first to experience the custom wall decals, new carpeting, flat-screen television, sensory bubble toy and a large collection of LEGO and Duplo bricks. It is a welcoming room for children and families, and a great alternative space for rewarding therapy sessions.
MAKING THE FIRST FIVE COUNT

A PARTNERSHIP MADE POSSIBLE

BY THE

DUPAGE FOUNDATION

We are proud of our partnership with the YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral to provide developmental progress screenings to 27,000 children in daycare centers throughout DuPage County using the free and confidential online screening tool at AskEasterSeals.com.

The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) helps parents and caregivers determine if a child is meeting their milestones. This collaboration was made possible with funding from the Bright & Early DuPage Initiative of the DuPage Community Foundation, now known as the DuPage Foundation.

This collaboration educates childcare providers on proper use of the ASQ and arms them with a tool that will showcase milestones and identify delays. This partnership has increased awareness of the ASQ and promotes the importance of regular screenings for all young children ages 0 - 5. If delays are identified, the team at Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley provides the necessary support and resources so children enter school prepared for a lifetime of learning.
# Financial Summary & Comparison

## Statements of Financial Position 2015

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A complete donor list is available upon request.
REVENUES & EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 2015

REVENUES
- contributions & bequests: 73%
- service billing/miscellaneous: 25%
- program revenue: 2%

EXPENSES
- program services: 83%
- management & general: 13%
- fundraising: 4%
Our Services

Alternative Therapy
Aquatic Therapy
Assistive Technology
Audiology
Autism Diagnostic Clinic & Services
Community-Based Therapy
Developmental Therapy
Family Support Services
Feeding Clinic
Inclusive Child Care at The Lily Garden
Medical Diagnostic Clinic
Nutrition Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Speech-Language Therapy
Specialized Clinics
The Voice Box: A Motor Speech Lab

OUTSTANDING OUTCOMES
EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

CARF ACCREDITED
INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
TEACHING FACILITY
LEADING PROVIDER IN DUPage COUNTY & BEYOND

1,000 INDIVIDUALS ARE SERVED EACH WEEK BETWEEN CENTERS IN VILLA PARK, NAPERVILLE & ELGIN
98% OF FAMILIES REPORT PROGRESS

99% OF FAMILIES ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICES THEY RECEIVE
87 HIGHLY TRAINED & EXPERIENCED THERAPISTS & SPECIALISTS AVERAGING 19 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

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