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Introducing the new ...



Our new bright, modern brand reaffirms our commitment to remaining a vital resource for people with disabilities, families and caregivers. It represents our single focus on making a **major, positive, life-changing** difference in the lives of people with disabilities and their families as they **live, learn, work** and **play** in the community. We are an organization driven to achieve. We are steadfast partners on your journey, no matter what disability you may face. This is our promise to you.

MISSION: Easterseals Eastern PA creates life-changing solutions for individuals with disabilities and their families in their community by increasing independence, maximizing opportunities, minimizing barriers and enhancing quality of life.

VISION: Easterseals Eastern PA builds communities where people with disabilities realize their goals, dreams and aspirations.



Nancy Knoebel, CEO, models the new polo with two LEAP participants.



Wing-eaters send kids to camp!



Our most successful Wing Competition in 25 years raised a record \$11,155 to provide camperships to Camp Lily-Berks.



Thank you M&T Bank, our primary sponsor, and California Bar & Grill for being our fabulous host again this year.



Here are the winning team results. Each team consists of three people and the number of wings eaten is combined for the team total.



SUICIDE CATEGORY

1. Pink Flamingos – 155 wings (4 years of winning)
2. Suicide Squad – 112 wings

HOT CATEGORY

1. Tyler's Trio – 226 wings (7 years of winning)
2. EthoSource 1 – 224 wings

MEDIUM CATEGORY

1. Perma Bullzz – 208 wings
2. Glass & Sons 1 – 203 wings

Thank you to everyone who participated and came out to support us! Our campers are having a wonderful time!



AIR PRODUCTS is 2017 Camp Champion for Camp Lily-Lehigh Valley.

A grant from the Air Products Foundation has provided significant support to Camp Lily-Lehigh Valley, and helped kids and young adults with disabilities have a fun and rewarding summer camp experience.

HIGHMARK WALK

Participants raise \$22,652!

Easterseals participants took part in this year's walk on June 3rd, and despite rainy weather, had a wonderful time. Because Highmark underwrites the cost of the entire event, 100% of the money we raised goes directly to Easterseals Eastern PA to help local families.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

Pacesetter Sponsor \$2,500

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Grants enabled the expansion of Make the First Five Count.

Make the First Five Count is a free, early-screening program to determine if children under the age of five are meeting developmental milestones.

- The Harry C. Trexler Trust awarded \$20,000 over two years to support increasing the delivery of services within the Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone (NIZ).
- The Century Fund granted \$2,500 to support the program in Allentown.
- The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 Community partnership Grant to further expand services in Northampton and Lehigh Counties.

With the support of these grants, we anticipate conducting 400 free screenings with follow-up support along with a classes for parents and training of child-care staff.



Advertising in bus shelters throughout the Allentown NIZ.



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Meet Lauren

Lauren has been attending Camp Growing Green for the past six summers, a testament to how much she loves it. Her favorite thing to do at camp is working in the organic garden, where she has the opportunity to get her hands dirty while tending the plants. She loves the fact that the herbs and vegetables she grows are used in the meals served in the dining room. She also enjoys getting to spend the entire day outside, but more than anything, she values the friendships she makes and the enormous sense of independence she gets from being away from home. Attending camp is the only time Lauren spends the night away from home and she cherishes the freedom it provides. This also means Lauren's grandmother, her primary caregiver, receives a much needed and well-deserved break to reenergize. In fact, it is the only respite she gets in the year. She says she can truly enjoy it because she is confident that Lauren is well cared for and happy at camp.

Lauren is over age 21 and many programs end at that age. But that's not the case at Easterseals. Our camping, recreation and respite programs do not stop at age 21. This allows young women like Lauren to continue with programs she knows and loves, and her family trusts. Having Lauren's overall quality of life enhanced by her time spent at camp is something both Lauren and her grandmother will cherish forever.

