



Making a difference for individuals with disabilities and their families from Southwestern Indiana, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky

taking on disability together

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Winter 2017

Tune in to our Telethon Sunday, April 9 on WEHT Local!

See how your support makes a life-changing difference every single day.

Watch the all-local 2017 Easterseals Telethon and see how the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is changing lives—with *your* help!

The annual broadcast airs live on WEHT Local Sunday, April 9, 12 noon-6 p.m. All the action happens at our 3701 Bellemeade Avenue location. Tune in to see our recently renovated pediatric therapy gym. Meet local children and adults who are working hard to achieve goals for independence. Find out how *your* support makes a difference in their lives every single day!

For the 40th consecutive year, WEHT Local is donating all production and air time for the show. This exceptional commitment allows all pledges to go directly to fund therapy services!

Inside the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, join the audience and hosts from Eyewitness News. Outside, enjoy the E'ville Iron Street Rod Club's "Cruise-In" of street rods, classic cars, and street machines. Enjoy games and food when you donate at the fishbowl.

Last year's Telethon raised \$1,047,592. *This year's goal is a record \$1,050,000 to underwrite therapy.* Local businesses will match all pledges made during the show! Help us change lives for more than 5,500 tri-staters with disabilities. **Make your pledge during the Telethon!**



Learn more about local Easterseals Ambassadors Miah Dillingham and Andy Imlay on page 5.



The April 9th Telethon on WEHT Local will feature Easterseals Ambassadors (front) Miah Dillingham and Andy Imlay with the Eyewitness News team (back, l. to r.): Jake Boswell, Alexandra Johnson, Wayne Hart, Ron Rhodes, Brad Byrd, Shelley Kirk, and Randall Parmley. (Photo: Erik Photographic Studio)

How to give on Telethon Sunday, April 9, 12-6 p.m.

Call our special pledge numbers, valid **ONLY** during the show!

From local calling area: 812-491-9191

Outside our local area: 877-929-2929

OR

Give securely online using our "Donate" button!
On our Facebook page: EastersealsRehabCenter
On our web site: eastersealsrehabcenter.com

Take a swing at \$50,000!

There's still time to get in on the Home Run Sweeps!

You could win \$50,000, \$25,000 or \$10,000. See page 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TELETHON SPECIAL EVENTS

Shop, eat, play, and help Easterseals!

● **"Fired Up for Easterseals"** was at Fired Up! paint-your-own-pottery studio, 2121 N. Green River Rd., Evansville, Feb. 24-26. Participants decorated pottery pieces, and Fired Up! donated all firing fees to Easterseals.

● **Shine On Express Car Wash** helps Easterseals! Shine On Express will donate a portion of February and March sales! Hours: Mon.-Sat. 7am-9pm and Sun. 8am-8pm. Located just off Burkhardt Road next to Culver's and Lowe's.

● **SnickerDoodle Kids Art Give Back Day**, 1:00 p.m. March 22 at SnickerDoodle Kids, 2025 W. Franklin St., Evansville. Reserve your spot online at www.snickerdoodlekidsart.com or call 812-459-1992 for more information.

● **"Music Makes a Difference"** 9 p.m.-3 a.m. March 4 at Lamasco Bar & Grill, 1331 W Franklin Street, featuring local bands Isaac Tieman with Chris Armstong, DJ Zaedo, Paul Blake & The Pall Bearers, The Honey Vines, and Calabash. \$5 per person. For more information, call Lamasco Bar & Grill, 812-437-0171.

● **Easterseals Night with the Evansville Thunderbolts**, March 11, 7:15 p.m. at The Ford Center. Purchase tickets IN ADVANCE for \$15, and \$5 will be given back to Easterseals! In order for Easterseals to get a donation, tickets must be purchased in advance at the Easterseals Rehab Center or by calling Alexandra Jarvis at 812-474-2348.

● **Dine Out with Easterseals** Wednesday, March 15. See page 3 for a complete list of participating establishments!

● **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament**, March 18, 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 200. Cost is \$30 per player, \$5 per entry fee goes to the Easterseals Rehab Center!

● **Painting with a Twist** will donate 70% of proceeds on Dec. 2 to the Easterseals Rehab Center. Join us 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Call 812-437-2607 to reserve your spot!

● **Guns N Hoses** - Sat., April 22, 7 p.m. at the Ford Center, Evansville. Tickets on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets. Watch local police officers & firefighters battle it out for charity! Ticket prices are TBD.

● **"Hot Tubbin' for Easterseals"**- Phi Gamma Delta Hot Tub Marathon, Friday, April 7 at 5 p.m. to Saturday, April 8 at 5 a.m. at the University of Evansville Fiji house, 227 S. Lincoln Park Dr., Evansville. Enjoy entertainment and concessions, cheer on the fraternity brothers and make pledges to the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center. To get in the hot tub, donate \$10 to Easterseals!

Making a Difference is published for friends of the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center. If you have questions or comments, contact Pam Kirk, 812-437-2626 or pkirk@evansvillerehab.com. Also follow EastersealsRehabCtr on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates on events, services & success stories!

SAVE *the* DATE

JOIN US AT THE JUNE 7
TRIBUTE DINNER HONORING
THE TROCKMAN FAMILY

The annual Easterseals Tribute Dinner will be Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the Crescent Room at Easterseals Milestones. This year's honorees are our exceptional supporters Wayne, Jill, Ben and Josh Trockman. For years, the family has very generously supported many programs and events as Presidents' Council members. They also secured the lead gift for our recent "Ensure the Future" capital campaign. Ben Trockman serves on the Easterseals Board of Directors, has been a PaceSetter, and was Client Advocate for our capital campaign. Ben was our 2010 local Adult Ambassador and 2012 National Easterseals Ambassador. Co-emcees for the Easterseals Tribute will be Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and Jim Sandgren, President and CEO of Old National Bancorp. For details, call Laura Terhune at 812-437-2627.

● **Dialin' & Duelin' for Dollars pledge contest**, Sunday, April 9, noon-6 p.m., the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center: Businesses and civic groups compete for the most pledges during one-hour contests on the live Easterseals Telethon broadcast on WEHT Local! Sign up by calling 812-437-2607.

● **The 22nd annual LemonAid Stand for Easterseals:** Friday, June 16, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center. Join Owen George and his family for burgers, hot dogs, BBQ, ice cream, a silent auction and of course, lemonade!

● Join **Schnucks' eScrip Program** and up to 3% of your grocery bill will be donated to Easterseals. Pick up a card at any Schnucks location or call Alexandra Jarvis, Special Events Coordinator, at 812-474-2348. Register your card by phone or online at <http://www.schnucks.com>.

● **Zeidler's "Helping Hands" Program:** Zeidler's Flowers, Garden & Gifts donates \$2 to Easterseals when you order online at www.zeidlers.com, select the "Helping Hands" pull down menu & choose Easterseals. OR just mention "Code ESRC" when ordering in person or at 812-421-1234.

● **Amazon Smile**, will donate 0.5% of your purchase when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/35-10875269. The site is nearly identical to amazon.com, but with the added benefit of supporting our local Easterseals!

Disability Awareness Month



March is Disability Awareness Month!
Follow **EastersealsRehabCtr** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn about events and activities!

Volunteer at the Telethon Phone-A-Thon

- March 13-16, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center
- A light dinner will be provided.
- Work the evening of your choice, calling people who pledged to last year's Telethon.

We also need help with clerical and mailing preparation.

Contact Kandace Encarnacion at 812-437-2609 or kencarnacion@evansvillerehab.com.

"iCan Bike" registration due May 26

Children and youth with special needs can learn to ride a bicycle at Easterseals' "iCan Bike" day camp, presented with generous support from John Oldenburg Bike Fund and other donors.

"Bike camp" is set for June 19-23 at Evansville's National Guard Armory. Registration deadline is May 26 or when a limit of 35 participants is reached. Participants must be at least 8 years old and must have some type of disability or disabling condition.

Scholarships are available in various amounts, and no child will be turned away due to inability to pay. To register by May 26, for more details or to volunteer, contact Patty Balbach at 812-479-1411, ext. 268, or pbalbach@evansvillerehab.com.

Easterseals Milestones Child Development Center serves On My Way Pre-K Families

On My Way Pre-K applications are now available through the State of Indiana for grants to provide pre-k for eligible children who will be 4 years old, but not yet 5 years old on August 1, 2017, and will be attending kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year. These grants will be good for pre-K programs starting in August 2017.

Families must be living in Vanderburgh County and must meet state income eligibility guidelines.

Applications must be completed online or received by the local intake office (not Milestones) no later than 4 p.m. Evansville time on March 31, 2017.

Parents are encouraged to set up tours of Easterseals Milestones as soon as possible after applying for On My Way Pre-K. Contact Laura Lukens at 812-474-2244 or llukens@evansvillerehab.com to schedule a time.

Applications can be found at <https://prek.carefinderindiana.org/StateLottery/default.aspx>.

DINE OUT *with* easterseals Rehabilitation Center

WED., MARCH 15

These participating restaurants will donate a portion of sales to fund therapy for tri-state kids & adults with disabilities at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center!

Be sure to mention you are dining for Easterseals!

Acropolis	El Charro Mexican Restaurant
Azzip (Newburgh, East, West)*	El Patron Mexican Restaurant
Baskin Robbins	Emge's Deli
Bits & Bytes	G.D. Ritzly's (East, North, West)
Carousel Family Dining	Great Harvest Bread Co.
Cavanaugh's	Jason's Deli*
Chuck E. Cheese	Kipplee's Restaurant
Chipotle	Pangea Kitchen
Cold Stone Creamery & Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory (East & West)	Salad World (Boonville New Harmony Rd.)
Dairy Queen (Mt. Vernon)	The Pacetre
	Western Ribeye

* These restaurants will participate on Tuesday, March 28.

For details, call 812-474-2348

Check for additional restaurants at EastersealsRehabCenter.com

Dine Out sponsor: Townsquare Media

Getting to know us a little better

Special thanks to some special friends...

- Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana
- Louis Berman Trust
- City of Evansville Endowment Fund
- City of Evansville Youth Sports Grant
- Downtown Optimist Club
- James R. & Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation
- Henry F. Koch Charitable Foundation
- "Pete" (anonymous)
- Tri-State Woodcarvers
- Employees of AT&T
- Lester E. Yeager Trust

Who are we? What defines us?

Seeking to answer these questions, the staff of Easterseals Rehabilitation Center (ESRC) completed a strategic planning process in 2016 with the help of an independent facilitator.

This months-long process, one piece of ESRC's reflection as the organization celebrated its 70th anniversary, was open to all staff of the organization. Through a series of meetings and discussions, goals and strategies were established to articulate and better communicate these values that have been the core of ESRC for the last 70 years and the continued priorities for the future.

- **Excellence** — ESRC employees strive to be their best through innovation and creativity. We're goal-oriented and exceed expectations, while holding coworkers to a higher standard.
- **Stewardship** — Our team is honest, ethical and responsible. We strive do the right thing every time.

- **Respect** — We're non-judgemental and fair, focused on abilities, value everyone and are empathetic and compassionate. We encourage growth and independence by empowering others.

- **Commitment** — We are committed to our mission, the clients and team members, the organization as a whole and to our community.

- **Teamwork** — We see the big picture. We know it's bigger than any one person. We work cooperatively while putting clients first. We stay positive and we're adaptable.

President Kelly Schneider said core values are important to remind us of the 70 years of positive impacts in this community. "It's who we've always been," she said, "and who we want to continue to be."

Easterseals
Rehabilitation Center
Core Values
Excellence
Stewardship
Respect
Commitment
Teamwork

Home Run Sweeps tickets available until March 14!

Tickets are still available for the 2017 **Home Run Sweeps ALL CA\$H Raffle!** Grand Prize is \$50,000; 2nd prize: \$25,000; 3rd prize: \$10,000.

Great odds of winning! A maximum of 3,000 raffle tickets will be sold at a cost of **\$100 each**.

The entry deadline is March 14 at noon. Tickets can be purchased Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, 3701 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville, and at Easterseals Milestones Child Development Center, 621 S. Cullen Ave., Evansville.

Tickets may also be purchased by mailing the entry form below to the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center by March 9. For each ticket purchased, you will be entered in a random drawing to WIN AN ADDITIONAL TICKET FREE!

Sponsors of the Home Run Sweeps ALL CA\$H Raffle are Kemper CPA Group, WEHT Local, Local 7 WTVW, 104.1 WIKY, 93.5 DUKE FM, HOT96, WABX 107.5, and Evansville Courier & Press.

Proceeds will help fund therapy for children and adults with disabilities. For more information, call 812-437-2607.



TO ENTER THE HOME RUN SWEEPS BY MAIL: Send this completed form with payment (\$100 per ticket) by March 9 to Easterseals, 3701 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville, IN 47714-0136. Must be at least 18 to enter. INDIANA LICENSE NO. 142609.

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail _____ (C) _____

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Meet our 2017 Easterseals Ambassadors

Andy Imlay doesn't recall a time when Easterseals wasn't a part of his life. Andy was born with cerebral palsy, and the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center helped him achieve goals from the very start.

First, Easterseals taught Andy how to walk with a walker. Next was crutches. As he grew, therapy in our gym and therapeutic pool helped Andy build strength, skills, and confidence to succeed in school.

When Andy started a career in the computer field, we helped him achieve his goal of living independently. Therapy taught him to accomplish everyday tasks like cooking and household chores on his own.

Now 37, Andy is experiencing changes in his muscles and joints, a common issue for adults with cerebral palsy. So, he's back at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center learning new ways to achieve his daily goals.

Andy keeps moving ahead and giving back to Easterseals and the community. He's a mentor for young people with disabilities and is chairman of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Advisory Council on Disability Services. He's also looking forward to the next chapter in his life — Andy is getting married in June! ●



At 6 years old, Miah Dillingham is a non-stop bundle of energy! She rarely stops moving and nothing seems to slow her down — not even the fact that she happens to have disabilities.

Miah was born in China with a neuromuscular condition, hip dysplasia and club feet. When Jara and JT Dillingham adopted

Miah, she was almost 2 years old and wasn't walking. Soon after bringing her home to Newburgh, IN, the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center became an integral part of their lives.

Easterseals therapy helped Miah learn to walk for the first time. Since then, she's worked hard to build her strength, balance, and range of motion.

Miah's condition requires periodic surgeries on her hips and legs. After those procedures, her Easterseals therapist always helps Miah get back on her feet and regain her ability to walk.

Miah isn't satisfied with just walking! She has learned some dance moves, she likes riding horses, and she's even trying out gymnastics!

There are many more surgeries, goals and achievements in Miah's future. With your support, the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center will be here for Miah and her family every step of the way. ●

Young artists of all abilities can "Gogh for It!"

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center was recently awarded a grant from the Arts Council of Southwestern Indianato fund the new "Gogh for It!" art workshops for local children and youth of all abilities.

More information will be available in the coming months. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more!

To volunteer or participate, contact Julie Martin at 812-479-1411, ext. 223.

• In its final year, Easterseals Safe Halloween raised approximately \$34,000 to help fund up to 689 therapy sessions. This brings the 32-year total to approximately \$1,397,098! Thank you St. Mary's Hospital for Women & Children, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #73, 104.1 WIKY, 93.5 DUKE FM, HOT 96, and 107.5 WABX.

• The Diamond Galleria presents "Passion for Fashion" raised over \$43,000, helping to fund more than 786 sessions of therapy. We appreciate the exceptional support of our title sponsor, The Diamond Galleria, and benefactors Kelly Coe, Kim Hermann, and one "grateful grandmother." Special thanks to The Graceful Lady & Graceful Lady GLAM, Shelley Kirk, Holiday Inn Airport and committee members. Mark your calendar for the 2017 event on Thursday, Nov. 9.

• Ritzzy's Fantasy of Lights raised an estimated \$148,593, helping to provide up to 3,095 therapy sessions. This brings the event's 23-year total to \$3,140,736! Thank you Ritzzy's, IBEW Local 16, NECA, Electrical JATC, Teamsters Local 215, WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW, Evansville Courier & Press, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, 104.1 WIKY, HOT 96, 93.5 DUKE FM, Security Enforcement Division of Comaier Services and volunteers! We also thank everyone who attended and gave donations.

The call of the sea

**Mark yer calendar
for the Band 'o
Pirates 'n Mermaids
Party fer kids of all
abilities! The shindig
will be held
Saturday, Oct. 7.
More details
to come, maties!**

Call Caylee Elpers at 812-437-2607
for opportunites to participate in
the Pirates and Mermaids Party!

Board Members help Easterseals change lives

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is governed by a volunteer board of directors representing all facets of our community. Board members generously lend their time, expertise and guidance to help Easterseals achieve its mission. While it's a big commitment, their involvement makes a huge difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

Board chairman for 2017 is Brant Kennedy (Harding Shymanski & Co.). **Members of the Executive**

Committee are Ashley Babcock (Vectren), Brian Hape (United Leasing), Randy Hobson (Pangea Kitchen),

Wayne Kinney (Innovative Consulting Group), Donna Neufelder (St. Mary's Health/Easterseals Posey County advisory council), Denny Quinn (Skanska), John Raisor (Fifth Third Bank), Jim Sandgren (Old National Bank), Matt Theby (Lensing Building Specialties), and John Schroeder, Director Emeritus (Wabash/Crescent Plastics).

Other board members are: Rob Bingham (German American), Todd Chamberlain (Republic Services), Paul Green (IBEW), Jeff Helfrich (Kahn, Dees, Donovan, & Kahn), Carol Hull (community volunteer), Shelley Kirk (WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW), Steve Link (Gibbs Die Casting), Alzie Malone (Berry Plastics), Carlene Oliver (Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center), Dan Parod (St. Mary's Health), Laura Roop (community volunteer), Scott Schroeder (Wabash Plastics), Ken Smith (Breck Logistics), Ted Thompson (Working Distributors), and Ben Trockman (Old National Bank).



Easterseals board members volunteer to take calls from donors during the annual Telethon.