

SPAULDING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TO BE HONORED

Easter Seals will honor Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital with its Empowerment Award on June 18 for the hospital's work with some of the most severely injured Boston Marathon bombing survivors.

The award reflects Easter Seals' mission of ensuring that children and adults with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. Spaulding, one of the nation's top rehabilitation hospitals, was singled out to receive the Empowerment Award in the "Live" category.

"As colleagues, Easter Seals and Spaulding work toward a common goal – empowering people with disabilities to reach their full potential," Easter Seals President Kirk Joslin said in announcing the award. "Spaulding also has been a generous Easter Seals supporter and works side-by-side with us in advocating for people with disabilities."

Spaulding also was cited for its community-based programs, which foster inclusion of people with disabilities and awareness, while improving the quality of their lives.

"We are so honored by this recognition from an organization whose mission and goals are so aligned with our own," said Oz Mondejar, senior vice president of Mission and Advocacy at Spaulding. "While no one could have imagined the tragic events surrounding the Marathon, at Spaulding we have always been committed to helping people recover to find the highest quality of life possible. It was our honor to once again be there in a time of great need and we will continue to join with great partners like Easter Seals to ensure that for people with disabilities nothing limits them from pursuing their dreams."

The Empowerment Awards are being presented for the first time this year at the annual Easter Seals "Evening of Empowerment." The event will be held at the State Room in Boston.

