



# Easter Seals Massachusetts Quarterly Newsletter

## SUMMER EDITION



Greetings!

As summer officially arrives, we are excited to announce several new programs and upcoming events! First, we have the return of swim! What was once one of our most popular programs is back this summer in Worcester! We have a new Assistive Technology Regional Center being built out as I type here in our Worcester office. And, thanks to Comcast NBC Universal, launched our innovative new AT On-Demand program.

It's going to be a busy summer for sure, but I am incredibly proud of all we have going on here at Easter Seals MA.

Paul Medeiros, President & CEO

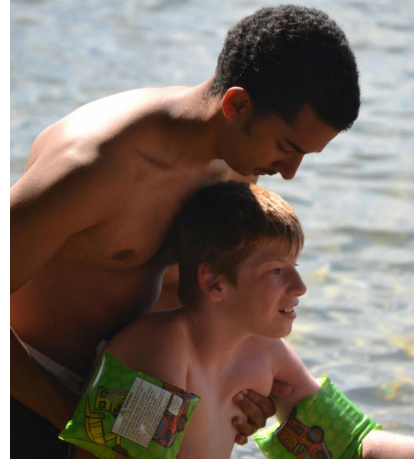
### Swim is Back!

In partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Universal Access Program, Easter Seals MA will be offering a free, adapted recreational swim program this summer at DCR's Bennett Field Pool in Worcester. Lead by an aquatics instructor, the group will do water activities, including games, that will maximize independence skills in the water. The pool and changing areas are fully accessible and

volunteers will be in the water to support the fun!  
Non-independent must provide their own 1:1  
aides.

The program will be held on Tuesday mornings  
for six weeks: July 11-August 15 2017. Registration  
is currently open for children and adults.

[Click here to learn more about Easter Seals  
MA Swim Programs!](#)



## **New Assistive Technology Center Opening in Worcester!**

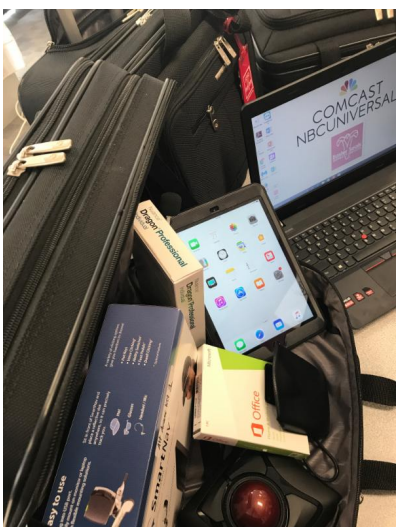
Easter Seals Massachusetts was recently awarded a state contract through MassMatch to open a new Assistive Technology Regional Center (ATRC) in Worcester. We are currently in the process of renovating the Fuller Classroom in the Brazelton Center at our Worcester office which will be the new home for the ATRC- Worcester, and we expect to open in fall 2017.

ATRCs provide free assistive device demonstrations to adults, elders and educators on equipment that help with visual, hearing, communication, learning and cognitive challenges so they can make educated purchasing decisions about AT solutions to use at home, school or in the workplace. The centers also provide free short-term device loans so users can try out the devices for up to 30 days. The ATRC in Boston, also managed by Easter Seals MA, loaned out more than 630 devices in FY '16.

For more information please contact Robert Bilotta:

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## **Easter Seals MA Launches New Program: AT On-Demand**



Easter Seals Massachusetts, with generous grant support from Comcast NBC Universal, is offering an innovative *AT On-Demand* program that provides free, specially designed kits of essential assistive technology (AT) to people in Massachusetts who have severe, urgent needs for devices to help regain independence. These new, reusable *AT On-Demand* kits are essential to helping individuals communicate with family and caregivers, and return safely home.

[Click here for more information about our  
new AT On-Demand Program.](#)

## **Microsoft Donates Nearly \$1,000,000 in Products!**

Thanks to Board Member, Anissa Battaglino,

Northeast Business Operations & Citizenship Manager at Microsoft, Easter Seals MA was the recipient of an incredibly generous donation of nearly \$1,000,000 in Microsoft products. Products that allow our therapists and specialists to stay at the forefront of technology while continuing to provide exceptional programs and services remotely and in a wide range of settings across Massachusetts.



## Another Successful Year for Walk With Me Worcester & Boston



Many thanks to all of the sponsors, participants, and volunteers who made Walk With Me-Worcester & Boston this year so incredibly successful.

Together we raised more than \$200,000. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

## Raffle: WIN Two Turkish Airline Tickets!

Are you dreaming of a nice vacation? A romantic getaway? A ski trip vacation or perhaps a vacation where you're lounging on the beach? Your dream could become a reality with the purchase of a raffle ticket!



There are only 1,000 raffle tickets available so you better act fast!

\$25.00 a raffle ticket

**Grand Prize:** Two Business Class Round Trip Airline tickets to any of Turkish Airlines 298+ destinations worldwide – value of \$20,000

**First Prize:** Two Economy Class Round Trip Airline tickets to any of Turkish Airlines 298+ destinations worldwide – value of \$10,000

To purchase, please contact Ann Donah at [adonah@eastersealsma.org](mailto:adonah@eastersealsma.org) or Jen Bowman at [jbowman@eastersealsma.org](mailto:jbowman@eastersealsma.org)

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### 2017 Softball is Right Around the Corner, Sign Up Today!

Our 2017 softball games will be taking place from August 12- 26 and sites will include: Cambridge, Stoughton, Worcester, and Billerica.

Team captains who raise \$2,000 or more will receive 10 tickets to a Red Sox regular season game so be sure to sign up today and start fundraising!

[Click here for more information on the 2017 Easter Seals MA softball games.](#)



## Fall Fest Tickets Are Already Going Fast. Get Yours Today!



This year's Fall Fest at Cavaleiro's Restaurant in Lowell, MA will be held on September 21, 2017 from 6:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m. Attendees will be treated to dinner, raffles and entertainment!

[Purchase your tickets today by clicking here!](#)

## Splash of Color Adding a Timed 5k!

The 2017 Splash of Color 5k and Family Fun Run will take place on Sunday, September 24th this year.

Grab your friends and family and join us for some colorful fun while supporting a great cause. All registered runners will once again receive a Splash of Color t-shirt (with registrations on or before 8/21/17), sunglasses, and lunch. Post-race festivities will include fun kid's activities, photo booth, Peterson Productions DJ'ing our music, and Fort Hill Brewery beer tastings for our 21+ crowd.

[To register for the Splash of Color 5k or Family Fun Run click here!](#)



## 9th annual Mark J. Clair "Living the Dream" Memorial Golf Tournament

Please join us for our 9th annual Mark J. Clair "Living the Dream" Memorial Golf Tournament benefiting Easter Seals Massachusetts on Tuesday, October 16th at Franklin Country Club.



Registration begins at 11 a.m. with boxed lunches provided before the 12 p.m. shotgun start. Golfers will also be treated to a gift bag, dinner, raffles, and auction! [Click here for more information on the golf tournament.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW? We Have a Therapeutic Riding Program in Canton



Easter Seals MA, in collaboration with the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, offers a Therapeutic Riding program that provides gentle, rhythmic, therapeutic movement for individuals with physical and mental disabilities.

Lessons are individually designed to suit each rider's needs and abilities, including horse-drawn carriage driving lessons with a wheelchair accessible cart.

Lessons are conducted year round using indoor and outdoor areas, nature trails and sensory trails to create a safe, effective and fun environment for riders.

For more information, pricing, references or to sign up please contact Erin Fitzgerald: 781-830-8753 or [Erin.M.Fitzgerald@State.MA.US](mailto:Erin.M.Fitzgerald@State.MA.US)

## Looking For a Few Good Mentors & Volunteers!

Easter Seals MA has several on-going volunteer opportunities available from helping out at our new Adpated Swim Program or Accessible Martial Arts Program to career mentoring. Click to see all the volunteer positions currently open.

If you are interested please [click here](#) or contact Patrick Remy, Youth Services Coordinator: [PRemy@EasterSealsMA.org](mailto:PRemy@EasterSealsMA.org) or (508) 751-6417 for more information.

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