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Trenton – Senate President Steve Sweeney received the Good Samaritan award from Easterseals New Jersey at their 49th annual awards dinner in Edison. Senator Sweeney was given the award for his steadfast commitment to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities.

“I ran for public office because I believe everyone deserves to live a fulfilling life. I came in to politics because I saw that the intellectual and developmental disabilities community was being woefully underserved. While I have pursued policies and legislation to provide opportunities for this community, groups like Easterseals New Jersey have been doing the hard work on the ground supporting people with special needs every single day,” said Senator Sweeney (D-Gloucester/Salem/Cumberland). “I’m honored to have received this award, but there is still a lot of work yet to be done. I look forward to working with the Easterseals organization in the years to come so that together we can provide even greater opportunities for New Jerseyans living with disabilities to live full, productive and self-sufficient lives.”

Easterseals is a nonprofit organization that helps children and adults with disabilities and special needs live better lives for nearly a century. Founded in 1948, they have worked to enrich the lives of people living with disabilities and special needs and those who care about them by providing opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

“We are incredibly grateful to have Senate President Sweeney as an ally in the Legislature working for individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This state and our community owe him a debt of gratitude for all the work he has done to advance the lives of persons with special needs,” said Angela Mack, Easterseals’ Director of Employment

Development. “We cannot thank the Senate President enough for all the work he has done, and we expect to work alongside him for years to come.”

Easterseals NJ annually provides services to about 9,000 individuals with disabilities in New Jersey.

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