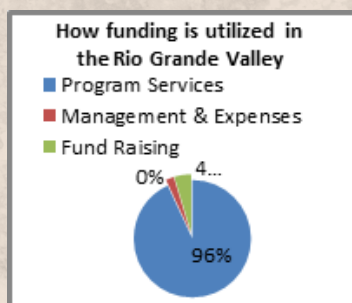


Message from the CEO

2019 was a significant year for Easterseals as our network celebrated 100 years of services. Easterseals began as one man's dream to create a world where no child would suffer due to the lack of medical services. Inspired by the tragic loss of his own son, Edgar Allen, a Rotarian, founded the National Society for Crippled Children, in 1919. In 1967, the organization was renamed "Easter Seals" due to the overwhelming public support of the annual Easter "seals" campaigns. In the 1970's and 80's Easter Seals was a leading advocate for disability rights and played a key role in helping craft what became the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Today Easterseals offers indispensable resources to more than a million people and families living with a disability. Our passion for our work is inspired by the life-changing results that our services have for individual lives, for families, and for the positive economic impact in the community. When young children with disabilities or children who are at risk for developmental delays, receive the early identification and early intervention that gives them the chance to succeed, they thrive. When adults with disabilities have the opportunity to receive critically needed therapy, they regain independence and the ability to return to their lives with dignity.

Easterseals Rio Grande Valley has core services to meet the needs of children and families in our community. Through our Texas Home Visiting Programs, families and their children are getting early support to have the skills needed to start school ready to learn. Our comprehensive HOPES program is helping families get the help needed to achieve Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support. Our volunteer Board Members, donors and business partners who support and invest in what we do, have an enormous impact on our capacity to serve. These are the people inspired by the spirit of philanthropy to improve the lives of children and adults living with disabilities. Together, we are committed to implement new and innovative approaches to meet the needs of people living with disabilities in our community. We thank our friends, donors, volunteers, community partners and staff for their extraordinary efforts that contribute to our growth and ability to serve the next generation.



When you make a gift to Easterseals Rio Grande Valley, your generosity helps Easterseals provide help, hope and answers to families in our community who need support. We ensure your gift supports the highest quality programs and services for children and adults. By giving to Easterseals, you join a special partnership with the staff, volunteers, friends and families who help make ability happen for so many children and adults here in our Rio Grande Valley community. Easterseals Rio Grande Valley benefits from being part of a national network that provides expertise through program research, advocacy support to

improve legislation and policy for people living with disabilities and technical support through program training opportunities.

At the heart of Easterseals, programs and services are focused to help individuals address life's challenges and achieve independence. Programs include Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) for infants and toddlers, Pediatric Rehabilitation, Inclusive Child Care, Home Visiting programs, and Adult services for rehabilitation.

With Warm Regards,

Pattie Rosenlund
Executive Director

