

EASTER SEALS DELAWARE & MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE

SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER



*Solutions for Independence.
All ages. All abilities.*



EASTER SEALS EARNS HIGHEST ACCREDITATION

Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore earned the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) in a recent survey of services. CARF International is an independent accrediting organization which focuses on advancing the highest quality services for the best possible outcomes.

"Easter Seals is extremely proud to be awarded a three-year accreditation from CARF, based on a rigorous examination of our services for people with disabilities," said Cynthia Morgan, Chair of the Easter Seals Board of Directors. "It is very gratifying to be recognized by the premier accreditor in our service industry. It truly underscores the dedication and commitment that Easter Seals has for improving the quality of life for the people we serve."

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From the Volleyball Court to Camp!

Jon, the 2013 CAI/ Easter Seals Volleyball Challenge Ambassador, likes to be on the go. Hopefully, you had the chance to meet Jon at the volleyball event. If you did, you were surely met with an enthusiastic smile. Jon first came to Easter Seals when he was only 18-months-old when he began receiving speech, occupational and physical therapies.



Two years ago Jon's mother, Carla, nervously decided to send him to Camp Fairlee Manor. Although the family was reluctant when they dropped him off, they soon figured out Camp Fairlee was

a great fit. Now Jon repeats "camp" and counts down to fun-filled days spent swimming, fishing and horseback riding with new friends.

While Jon is at camp, Carla and her family receive a much needed break from caregiving. "I enjoy the time to myself which I really don't get any other time of the year," Carla says. "My other sons and I can spend time together doing things we can't do with Jon. Respite is so important for people who deal with a child with a disability day in and day out.

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EASTER SEALS DELAWARE

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Lost and Loved
BILL ADAMI

TRIBUTE ON PAGE 9

Adult Day Care is the Solution for Many Families with Aging Loved Ones, like Mary.



Until she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis 21 years ago, Mary led a very busy life, working first for the Delaware Hospital and then for the State Board of Education. After her diagnosis, Mary tried to stay active in the community, but that was a challenge until she found the adult day care program at Easter Seals.

“I don’t know what my life would be like without Easter Seals. It just wouldn’t be the same,” says Mary, who just turned 77-years-old this year. “Easter Seals is my second home and favorite place to go. We are one big happy family.”

Mary tried a senior center before coming to Easter Seals, but they could not accommodate all of her needs.

“Easter Seals was the right fit for Mary,” says her husband, Ed. “It is the right place for Mary to go, and she likes it. They show a real interest in people and keeping them motivated. I see real progress with the people there.”

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Easter Seals In-Home Services Put Families Minds at Ease



When her 90-year-old father fell, Eileen knew

it was time for her to take action. She decided it best that he come to live with her and her husband, but she soon realized full-time caregiving can be overwhelming. Luckily she found Easter Seals In-Home Services at the perfect time in her life.

“Easter Seals came just when I needed it and was just what I was looking for,” Eileen says. “In-Home Services is an excellent program that puts customer satisfaction first. I feel confident when I leave my house and know someone trustworthy is with my father.”

Easter Seals provides services in New Castle and Kent Counties to persons who are elderly, may have dementia/

Alzheimer’s disease or persons with disabilities who need assistance to remain in their homes. In-Home Services serves families who need companionship or assistance with meal planning and preparation, light housekeeping, personal hygiene and more.

Easter Seals offers a free and confidential in-home evaluation involving all concerned family members. This meeting establishes an individual plan of care in addition to addressing daily routines, health needs and cost of services. A suitable “caring partner” will be selected based on the needs of the person. As employees of Easter Seals, all caring partners undergo thorough background screenings, are bonded and insured, and have current First Aid/CPR training.

Easter Seals offers a wide range of services, including children’s therapies, assistive technology, day programs for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities and respite services for caregivers. To learn more about how Easter Seals helps children and adults with disabilities, call 1-800-677-3800 or visit www.de.easterseals.com.



Easter Seals In-Home Services offers non-medical, stay-at-home support. We can help you maintain your independence in the comfort of your home.

www.de.easterseals.com/inhome

EALS SERVES SENIORS

Easter Seals Serves Veterans and their Families

Easter Seals has been supporting military service members, veterans, their families and families of the fallen since World War II.



We're serving veterans like Larry, who comes to Easter Seals adult day program three days a week. Having served in the Navy during World War II, 94-year-old Larry says the effects of military service can be far reaching. When he hears news

reports about the difficulties military service members are facing as they return from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, he can relate.

"When I came back, it was real tough for me," he says, adding that he has talked with some younger veterans in recent years and is glad Easter Seals is helping military families get the

services and support they need and deserve.

Easter Seals also serves military families

like Timothy's. Eighteen-month-old Timothy, who was born with a rare chromosomal disorder, receives speech and physical therapy at Easter Seals in Dover. He lives with his mom, three siblings and his dad who is under deployment. While his dad is away Timothy's mom, Pam, appreciates the support she receives from Easter Seals.

"We appreciate all of their hard work and patience with our son," Pam says. "They have been really great to our family."

Military service members, veterans and their families can take part in all of our service offerings—from medical

VETERANS CONT'D ► 10

EASTER SEALS COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM SUPPORTS FAMILIES

Caring for an aging parent can be daunting, especially if you are taking on the task alone, like Hope. Hope cares for her 72-year-old mother who is no longer able to leave the house. Ever since Hope found the many programs within the Easter Seals Community Outreach Program (COP) she no longer feels she is facing the challenges alone.

"Easter Seals is my 'go to' place for help, like Amazon is for shopping," Hope says.

"I get more help from Easter Seals than any other agency I've called."

Like many others, Hope has taken advantage of caregiver and assistive technology services through the outreach program. Partially funded through the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, Easter Seals has a Case Manager on-site every day to provide information, resources and support

to family caregivers across all ages and all disabilities.

Hope has also benefited from the Delaware Lifespan Respite Care Network, which provides funds to support family caregivers providing care to a person of any age or disability.

One of the more unique aspects about the Easter Seals Resource Center is the

OUTREACH CONT'D ► 10

There when you need us.
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**Easter Seals
In-Home
Services**

CAI / EASTER SEALS VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

2ND ANNUAL EASTER SEALS VOLLEYBALL CORPORATE CHALLENGE



The second annual Easter Seals Volleyball Corporate Challenge was a rematch of the original face-off last year. Barclays emerged victorious on the court this year over Capital One 360, but the true winners were the people served by Easter Seals who will benefit from the funds raised. 🌸



FROM THE SIDELINES

(Top) The annual Democrats v. Republicans Volleyball Challenge was fiercely contested again; but in the end, the Republicans took the victory. Pictured above left to right are: Easter Seals Board Member and CAI Managing Director, Ernie Dianastasis; Delaware Congressman John Carney; Democrat Team Captains Reps. Pete Schwartzkopf and Valerie Longhust; Republican Team Captain Senator Greg Lavelle; Easter Seals Board Member and Event Chair, Julie Master; and Easter Seals Board Chair Cynthia Morgan.

The 2013 CAI / Easter Seals Volleyball Challenge was dedicated in memory of our late President/CEO, Bill Adami, who passed away just prior to the event. (See a tribute to Bill on page 9). Bill's wife and family participated in the opening ceremony where t-shirts with "We Remember Bill Adami" on the left sleeve were unveiled. Pictured above are Bill's wife, Anne, and son, Drew; with Matt, an Easter Seals participant and volleyball enthusiast.



WALK WITH ME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Walk to Change the Lives of Children



REACHES \$342,000!



**CAI / EASTER SEALS
VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE**

The 2013 CAI / Easter Seals Volleyball Challenge raised over \$342,000 to provide services to children and adults with disabilities right here in our local area! Easter Seals thanks all the incredible people who make this event possible, including our Volleyball Committee, fantastic sponsors, team captains, players, volunteers and especially our title sponsor, CAI, and founding sponsor, Canada Dry.

TOP HONORS

TOP TEAM FUNDRAISERS:

Net Assets, Captain Deanna Huntowski, of Wilmington
Barclays CRES/HR, Captain Joe Frushon, of Wilmington
Matt's Mad Calla-Hoot-n-Hanies, Captains Kate Antisavage
and Jen Tozer, both of New Castle

TOP INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS

Simon Martinez, of New Castle (Net Assets)
Lisa Guariano, of Wilmington (Marissa's Idols)
Heather McGhie, of Wilmington (Spiked Punch)

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 190

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS: 1,200

Republican Team Captain Senator Greg Lavelle celebrates a Republican victory in the annual face-off of Democrats v. Republicans Volleyball Challenge.



Thank you!

walkwithme.org/delmarva

Children and Adults with Disabilities



WALK FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013



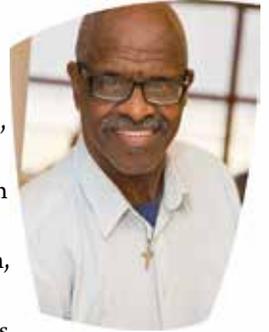
WALK WITH ME

WALK WITH JANENE



Despite being diagnosed with multiple disabilities, 3-year-old Janene is making great developmental strides. Through Easter Seals children's therapies Janene has learned to roll over, crawl and has developed critical-thinking skills that will help her learn when she starts going to school. Most recently, Janene has taken her first independent steps using a walker. "I cannot speak highly enough about Easter Seals therapists. They are consistent, knowledgeable and are willing to step back and look at the child's goals as a team," her father, Keith says. "I want people to know how important it is to support Easter Seals and the community they serve."

WALK WITH GRANFORD



Granford, a senior citizen with intellectual disabilities, enjoys his job working as a part of a custodial crew with the support of Easter Seals. In fact, he enjoys it so much, he has been doing it for more than 12 years. He likes the feeling of independence that comes through earning his own wages. Granford says that Easter Seals has improved the quality of his life through the many friends he has made and the activities that he is now able to participate in. "I think people are good at Easter Seals," he says.

JOIN EASTER SEALS FOR

KICKOFF

Easter Seals Walk With Me is an event to raise awareness and support for families living with disabilities. Every walk is a lifeline of funds that enables us to continue providing vital services and support to people with disabilities and their families in your local community like the families pictured above.

You can help Easter Seals continue to provide critical services to children and adults with disabilities in lower Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore by participating in our first "Walk With Me Delmarva"! Please consider helping us to meet our goal of having 200 walkers and raising \$10,000 for local services. Registration is now open for Walk With Me Delmarva which will be held on October 13, 2013 at the Baywood Greens, 32267 Clubhouse Way in Long Neck, Delaware. Visit www.walkwithme.org/delmarva to register a team, register as an individual or donate to a family.

ADMISSION

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REGISTER, DONATE OR LEARN MORE ABOUT "WALK WITH ME" AT
WWW.WALKWITHME.ORG/DELMARVA

WALK WITH SPENCER



Spencer and his twin sister were born four weeks prematurely. The weaker of the two, Spencer's chances for survival were slim, according to the doctors. And, if he did survive, the outlook was negative. Spencer beat all odds! Not only did he survive, but with physical and occupational therapies, along with working with an early childhood educator, Spencer made significant progress.

Now 13-years-old, he continues to prove the doctors wrong. His family is grateful for the services available to Spencer helping him make progress toward his goals. "The therapists were always so willing to accommodate his special needs," his mom, Sarah, says.

WALK WITH CINDY



Cindy, who was born with spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, felt isolated before attending Easter Seals adult day program. Now she is surrounded by friends and the support she needs. Through the help of physical and occupational therapy, she was able to accomplish her goal of walking short distances with the assistance of a custom made walker, something she had not done since age 5. "My life is completely different now. I am more independent and have come out of my shell since attending the adult day program at Easter Seals."

WALK WITH ME LUNCHEON

CARNIVAL THEME FUN & FARE

WEDNESDAY, JUL 24
NOON TO 1PM

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COME ALL

Your Support Counts!

Easter Seals depends on the generous support of people like you to help fund our programs. Point your browser to www.de.easterseals.com and click on "Donate Now."



MAKE THE FIRST FIVE COUNT

Looking for the "Perfect" Employee?



A full-time employee with benefits, Terrell has worked at Johnny Janosik's for eleven years, mastering several jobs including furniture assembly, cardboard baler and return lane assistant. He recently has been trained to assist drivers and help with deliveries.

Easter Seals Supported Employment services give adults with intellectual disabilities, including autism, the choice

to experience the community through individualized employment. The program matches participants with jobs in local businesses so they can earn competitive wages with the assistance of job coaching and training. Once trained in their position, participants work on their own in order to gain more independence. Ongoing supports are provided to help participants be successful in the job.

"Our goal is to give people with disabilities the self worth and sense of achievement they need to feel like they are part of the community," Kim Sgromo, Easter Seals Employment Specialist, says. "At the same time, we help employers understand that hiring a

person with a disability is a true benefit for the business and gives them access to employees who are reliable, hard-working and dedicated to their job."

"I understand some employers might have a slight apprehension to hire people who have certain disabilities," Norman says. "But I found that Easter Seals comes in and works with the employee to ensure that he or she understands the job perfectly and can perform to the standards the company needs."

Terrell is such a terrific employee, he was nominated for employee of the year through The Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD). This was a great accomplishment for both Terrell and for Johnny Janosik, Inc.

Along with Supported Employment Easter Seals offers a range of services, including children's therapies, recreational camping, assistive technology, day programs for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities and respite services for caregivers. **To learn more about how Easter Seals helps children and adults with disabilities, call 1-800-677-3800 or visit www.de.easterseals.com.** 

Finding the perfect employee is hard to do. However, Johnny Janosik, Inc. in Laurel, found just that in Terrell, who has an intellectual disability and participates in Easter Seals job development and training program.

"I'd like to have five more like Terrell," Norman Norcisa, Director of Warehouse Operations for Johnny Janosik, Inc., says. "Terrell comes to work every day happy, ready to work and focused on what he needs to do even faster than some of his peers. I don't focus on Terrell's disability. I focus on his abilities and our ability to match them with the need we have. When we match these needs, it becomes a win-win situation."

A Tribute to James F. Kearns, Sr.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013 FOR

How's your child's development?
Go to www.makethefirstfivecount.org
for the online developmental screening.



'Honoring a Lost Leader' BILL ADAMI

A note from our Board Chair Cynthia Morgan

In January, Easter Seals and the disability community lost an exceptional leader when our President/CEO, Bill Adami, succumbed to cancer. Bill leaves a great void in our hearts. As National Easter Seals President/CEO Jim Williams said: "We have lost a good friend and a passionate champion for Easter Seals and the people we serve."

Easter Seals was fortunate to have benefited from Bill's vision and leadership for twenty-two years, during which he served in several capacities, including President and CEO since 2008. Bill was a Rotarian, and also was active with National Easter Seals headquarters, serving on key committees.

Anyone who met Bill soon became aware of his light-hearted humor, his compassion and integrity, and his absolute dedication to creating a better life for others, especially people with disabilities. In addition to being a devoted father and husband, Bill was a passionate advocate for people with disabilities, beginning at the

age of 14 when he volunteered at a State institution for individuals with significant intellectual disabilities. This experience impacted him deeply, shaping his career path and ultimately leading him to Easter Seals.

Bill's vision was for a community that believes that all people bring value to society and enrich each other's lives. His vision was for services and supports for people with disabilities which allow them the highest level of independence possible.

While filling Bill's shoes will be extremely difficult, the Easter Seals Board of Directors has undertaken a nationwide search for a new CEO. The entire recruitment process is expected to take between four and six months. During this interim period, Easter Seals' Senior Management Team, under the leadership of John Miller, Vice President of Finance & Administration, has remained focused on our mission while upholding high standards for programmatic excellence and fiscal responsibility. If you would like to make



Bill's leadership and vision for the highest quality services for people with disabilities led, in part, to a major expansion of Easter Seals New Castle facility. Bill (top) is pictured with Easter Seals participant and friend, Roger, at the 2008 groundbreaking.

a donation to honor Bill's legacy of advocacy, please send your donation to Easter Seals, 61 Corporate Circle, New Castle, DE 19720, attention: Sarah Driscoll or on-line at www.de.easterseals.com/giving. 



Join us as we celebrate a lifetime of dedicated service to Easter Seals and people with disabilities.

Contact Laura Becker at lbecker@esdel.org for details.

There are not a lot of services for that in our area.”

Easter Seals Camp Fairlee, outside of Chestertown, Maryland, is the only camp in our region that provides typical residential camp experiences for children and adults with disabilities year-round. Campers enjoy a fun, supportive camp environment while family members enjoy time off from continuous care giving.

Camp Fairlee offers week-long camp sessions throughout the summer, as well as a weekend respite program from September through May. Learn more about Camp Fairlee at www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee. 🌿

The Easter Seals adult day care program serves adults who have experienced an unexpected disease or injury such as Multiple Sclerosis, stroke, brain injury or bone injury. The program provides a break from caregiving for families or those who work and have other responsibilities.

To learn more about how Easter Seals can serve you or your loved ones, call 1-800-677-3800 or email at contact@esdel.org. 🌿

rehabilitation and autism services, to respite, camping and recreation, caregivers support and adult day programs.

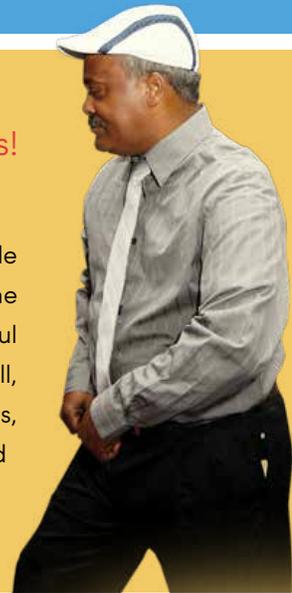
National Easter Seals also provides specific information, support and services to veterans through Easter Seals Community OneSource hotline, visit www.easterseals.com and click on ‘military and veterans’ under services or call 866-423-4931 or e-mail at veterans@easterseals.com. 🌿

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION CENTER AT WWW.DE.EASTERSEALS.COM/RESOURCES



It's a Red Carpet Affair at Easter Seals! Adult Day Program Fashion Show

The Easter Seals Adult Day Program in New Castle hosted “A Red Carpet Affair” Fashion Show with the support of Boscov’s Department Store and Paul Mitchell School. Delaware First Lady, Carla Markell, and Annie Coons, wife of U.S. Senator Chris Coons, were on hand as Easter Seals participants paraded the latest fashion.



focus for independence. In the Technology Demonstration Center, hundreds of pieces of assistive technology that promote independence and quality of life are on display. This gives individuals the opportunity to try out products prior to purchasing.

“I wish more people knew Easter Seals

is available for older people. I wish more people would realize you could just walk in. Sometimes I just drop by to see everything in the Resource Center that might be of help to me or my mother.”

Through the Alternative Financing program, Easter Seals assists Delawareans in securing lower-interest loans to purchase assistive technology or make modifications for accessibility.

The program is a partnership with Delaware’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and allows people with disabilities, or their caregivers, to purchase assistive technology.

For more information about the services provided through the Community Outreach Program, please contact Joyce Medkeff at (302) 221-2076 or resources@esdel.org. 🌿



Leave a Legacy Through a Planned Gift to Easter Seals

YOUR LEGACY IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR LIFE. IF YOU HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THE POSITIVE IMPACT THAT EASTER SEALS IS MAKING IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT INCLUDING EASTER SEALS AS PART OF YOUR PLANNED GIVING. THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY AND LEAVE A LASTING BENEFIT TO THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS SERVED BY EASTER SEALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SARAH DRISCOLL AT 302-324-4444 X2032.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE MILESTONES

Easter Seals Salutes Its Employees



Service milestones between June 1, 2012 and May 31, 2013.

5 Years:

Katherine Antisavage – Care Coordinator, New Castle
Tyra Christy – Sr. Program Assistant, New Castle
Susan Clarkson – Program Instructor, Dover
Stella Crabbe – Activity Assistant, New Castle
Katherine Delahanty – Speech Language Pathologist, New Castle
Kimberly DeShields – Sr. PAS Coordinator, New Castle
Leslie Gale – Community Relations Coordinator, Georgetown
Alison Mazzetti – Sr. Activity Assistant, New Castle
Susan McNeal – Program Instructor, Georgetown
Elizabeth “Betsy” Mistrik – Occupational Therapist, New Castle
Yushemya Moreno – Program Assistant, New Castle
Susan Roberts – Database Administrator, New Castle
Natalie Scott – Writer, New Castle
Lauren Shetzler – Employment Specialist, Pencader
Leslee Showers – Program Assistant, Dover
Latoya Sparrow – Billing Representative, New Castle
Donna Temple – Physical Therapist, Georgetown
Diana Walker – Sr. Program Assistant, Dover

10 Years:

Kelly Barnes – Speech Language Pathologist, New Castle
Kathleen Hartnett – Speech Language Pathologist, Georgetown
Edwena Jenkins – PAS Coordinator, Dover
Larry “Shawn” Jones – Sr. Community Assistant, Pencader
Dorothea Sanford – Administrative Coordinator, New Castle

15 Years:

Vonda Joseph – Senior PAS Coordinator, Georgetown
Ginger Nobles – Vice President of Human Resources, New Castle

25 Years:

Ray Brouillette – Director of Business Development, New Castle

MISSION STATEMENT

Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland’s Eastern Shore provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

Did you know?



Easter Seals has a Caregiver Resource Center with resources and information to help you care for a loved one with a disability or aging condition.



Easter Seals has a Resource and Technology Demonstration Center where you can try hundreds of assistive devices to find the right one to help you or a loved one maintain independence.



Easter Seals has a financing program to help you purchase an adapted vehicle or pay for home modifications or other assistive devices.

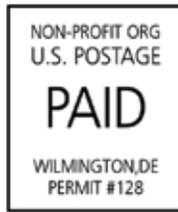
For more information on how these services can help you, call 1-800-677-3800 or email resources@esdel.org.





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