

IMPACT ON CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST OHIO

Fall 2017

Take a Book, Return a Book

Providing Free Books to the Community through Little Free Libraries

Easterseals is providing free books to the community through several Little Free Libraries throughout Central and Southeast Ohio.

Literacy and Development

At Easterseals, we know how important literacy is to a child's development and how vital it is to continue reading throughout the lifespan.

That's why we've installed Little Free Libraries in several locations including Hilliard, Chillicothe, South Point, and Mt. Vernon.

All of these locations are cities in which we have offices, making it easy for our staff to incorporate maintaining the libraries into our program activities. The concept is "take a book, return a book". There are thousands of libraries across the world and millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages, background, and ability.

Through these libraries, Easterseals is not only providing access to books in the community, but also providing a fun and educational activity for our Adult Day programs in Mt. Vernon, Chillicothe, and South Point. At each of these locations, individuals in our Adult Day programs assist with weekly maintenance of the libraries. They label books with information about Easterseals, make sure the library is stocked with books, and hold book drives when books are needed to fill the library.

The libraries have also enabled Easterseals to form partnerships with other community organizations. In Chillicothe, our Little Free Library is located at the YMCA of Ross County and our library in South Point is located at South Point Elementary School. In Hilliard and Mt. Vernon, our libraries are located at our office building.

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Individuals from our Adult Day Program in South Point checking in on their Little Free Library at South Point Elementary.

Summer Camp

Preventing the Summer Slump

Another summer has come and gone but this summer was like none other at our Summer Camp in Hilliard and Offsite Summer Camp in Grove City.

Summer Learning Loss

At Easterseals we know how to have fun during the summer but also how to prevent the “summer slump” when kids sometimes find themselves forgetting the school routine and losing academic skills and knowledge they learned during the school year.

Our Summer Camp strives to prevent this from happening by structuring the day to be similar to a school schedule, but in smaller time increments. We also strive to help children retain what they learned during the school year by including

academic skills such as math, science, and reading into camp activities.

These skills are incorporated into weekly themes such as super hero week, carnival week and more. This way, the academic activities are fun but still help children retain the knowledge they learned during the school year.

Our camp days are filled with other fun activities like arts and crafts, hands-on learning, group games, outdoor play, and self-directed play time. This structured setting is designed to make sure that campers don't lose the progress they've made in school the previous year.

Weekly themes give campers the chance to learn about the world around them and to explore through creative



One of our youngest campers playing dress-up.

play. Our camp is provided to children with and without special needs at our office in Hilliard and at a school in the Southwestern City School district. The camp is funded by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and Department of Job and Family Services.



Our campers enjoyed a field trip to Aprons n Easels to paint their own emoji's.

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Working Together to Help Individuals Gain Independence

Two Programs Partnering Together to Transition an Individual Back into the Community

Imagine being stuck in a nursing home and feeling as if you didn't belong there. Imagine longing to get your independence back and not knowing who to turn to. Unfortunately, many individuals experience this, including Aida Patterson.

Unfortunate Circumstances

In 2014, at just 34 years old, Aida was involved in a major car accident that caused her to sustain a traumatic brain injury and unfortunately the loss of her leg. Needing assistance, Aida was admitted into a nursing home.

During her time at the nursing home, Aida developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and fell into a state of despair. She was also given a guardian to oversee her affairs, which increased her despair and feelings of hopelessness.

A Cry for Help

Not satisfied with her guardian, disappointed in the nursing home food and activities, and increasingly feeling like she did not belong in the nursing home, Aida called the Region 6 Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which is sponsored by Easterseals.

As mandated by the federal Older Americans Act, and Ohio law, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program advocates for excellence in long-term services and advocates for the rights of individuals living in those facilities.

Gaining Independence

After speaking with Aida, our Ombudsman staff launched an investigation of the nursing home. For two years, they worked diligently in negotiating with Aida's guardian, re-assessing her therapies and implementing her person-centered care plan. Working with our Ohio Home



Aida, with our Long-Term Care Ombudsman Manager, Dennis Gullick.

Choice program, our Ombudsman staff was able to help Aida have her guardianship revoked and assist her with transitioning to a less restrictive environment. Aida now lives in her very own apartment which has given her the independence and self-confidence she needed to become a vital member of her community.

If you or a loved one need help filing a nursing home complaint, or need more information, contact our Ombudsman at 1-800-536-5891.



Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

A family tradition for over 30 years!

Join us Thanksgiving Day for the Original Columbus Turkey Trot. Choose from a 5 mile run or a 2 mile walk. Every participant receives a pumpkin pie! Use code "EASTERSEALS" and receive \$5 off your registration.

Register at www.ColumbusTurkeyTrot.com

Ways to Make an Impact

Ways to Get Involved and Show Your Support

Ways to Give

Donate: make a contribution online, over the phone, or mail us a check:

Attn: Development Department
3830 Trueman Ct.
Hilliard, OH 43026

Donations made to this address stay 100% local here in our community.

Shop at Kroger: Register your Kroger Plus Card in the Community Rewards program in support of Easterseals. Our ID is 80979.

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Shop on Amazon: Shop on smile.amazon.com and designate Easterseals as your Amazon Smile charity. Easterseals will receive a portion of the purchases you make on Amazon.

Volunteer

At an event:

Romancing the Grape – assist with set-up, silent auction, and wine pouring.

Clays for a Cause – assist with registration, raffle, and set-up.

Bag Stuffing: Help us stuff race goody bags throughout the year for Ultrafit-USA races.

Office: Assist with mailings, filing, etc.

Join us at an Event

Clays for a Cause – September 29, 2017

Take aim at our 3rd annual Clays for a Cause at Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, Ohio.

Register: www.EastersealsCentralOhio.org

Turkey Trot – November 23, 2017

Join us Thanksgiving morning for a 5 mile run or 2 mile walk through Ohio State campus and Upper Arlington.

Register: www.ColumbusTurkeyTrot.com

Romancing the Grape – April 28, 2018

Enjoy fine wines and culinary delights from Columbus' finest restaurants in the exclusive Huntington Club of Ohio Stadium.

Purchase Tickets: www.RomancingtheGrape.org



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