

# THANK YOU FOR CHANGING LIVES!



*Thanks for making a real difference in the lives of local people with disabilities every single day!*

With your help, the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center changes lives for **more than 5,500 children and adults with disabilities** from a 30-county area! **One out of every four local families** will eventually need our services, and **no one is denied therapy because they can't afford it.** Your generosity helps to fund services for **95% of our therapy clients**, enabling them to achieve their dreams of independence!

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## Miah and Andy keep moving forward with hard work, determination, and the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center!

Six-year-old Miah Dillingham is a nonstop bundle of energy! She rarely stops moving and nothing slows her down—especially not the fact that she happens to have disabilities.



Miah was born in China with a neuromuscular condition, hip dysplasia and club feet. When Jara and JT Dillingham adopted Miah, she was almost 2 years old and wasn't walking. Soon after bringing her home to Newburgh, IN, the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center became a part of their lives.

Easterseals therapy helped Miah learn to walk for the first time. Since then, she's worked hard to build her strength, balance, and range of motion.

Miah's condition requires periodic surgeries on her hips and legs. After those procedures, her Easterseals therapist always helps Miah get back on her feet and regain her ability to walk.

Miah isn't satisfied with just walking! She has learned some dance moves, she likes riding horses, and now she's even trying gymnastics!

There are many more surgeries, goals and achievements in Miah's future. With support from people like you, the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center will be here for Miah and her family every step of the way! ■

Andy Imlay doesn't recall a time when Easterseals wasn't a part of his life. Andy was born with cerebral palsy, and the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center helped him achieve goals from the very start.



First, Easterseals taught Andy how to walk with a walker and then with crutches. As he grew, therapy in our gym and therapeutic pool helped Andy build strength, skills, and confidence to succeed in school.

When Andy started a career in the computer field, we helped him achieve his goal of living independently. Therapy taught him to accomplish everyday tasks like cooking and household chores on his own.

Now 37, Andy is experiencing changes in his muscles and joints, a common issue for adults with cerebral palsy. So he's back at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, learning new ways to achieve his daily goals.

Andy keeps moving ahead and giving back to Easterseals and the community. He's a mentor for young people with disabilities and serves on the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Advisory Council on Disability Services. He's also looking forward to the next chapter in his life—Andy's getting married! ■