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EASTER SEALS PEORIA -BLOOMINGTON ■ SUMMER Edition 2009

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2009 Easter Seals Telethon

Through the generosity of donors in central Illinois, the 2009 Easter Seals Telethon went off the air with \$2,003,384 in donations. The five hour show, broadcast live on WMBD 31, showcased hundreds of volunteers, who committed to raising \$500 prior to the Telethon, answering phones in both Peoria and Bloomington-Normal.



Bloomington Junior High School Volleyball Team presents a check on the Telethon for their event.

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Thanks to the generosity of these sponsors, all funds raised go directly to the Easter Seals family assistance fund.



Dr. Andrew Morgan and the young artists from the Penguin Project.

Featured Easter Seals families discussed services they receive for cerebral palsy, autism, which included, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and feeding therapy and other developmental delays.

extraordinary events that took place and what they netted:

- ~ **Black & Blue Ball** - \$132,641
- ~ **Coins for Kids** - \$30,361
- ~ **Passage to India** - \$43,000
- ~ **Elmwood High School Blackout** - \$12,628
- ~ **Shoot to Stay on Target** - \$8,936
- ~ **Three Little Pigs Pig Roast** - \$25,000

Congratulations to these groups and all the rest of the volunteers for an outstanding Telethon VIP Campaign.



Auxiliary members Incoming President Tami Zachman, Outgoing President Jackie Colgan and Secretary Lisa Pfohl.

A special thank you to our generous underwriting sponsors:

Telethon Sponsors

CORE Construction, Otto Baum Company, Inc., Walgreens, Ameren, WMBD 31 and Heart Technologies.

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Congratulations to the Easter Seals Auxiliary for raising \$45,000 at their annual fashion show in March to benefit the children and families served by Easter Seals in central Illinois. Also thanks to Bergner's Grand Prairie for providing all the fashions for the event.



The students at Limestone High School present their check for \$33,000 at the Easter Seals Telethon.

Many Telethon VIP Campaign special events were highlighted throughout the evening. Here are just a few of the



Families, staff and volunteers celebrate the final total at the 2009 Easter Seals Telethon.

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Grants & Governmental Affairs

The Autism Insurance Reform Act is now law and applies to most families living with autism in Illinois. The Habilitative Service Act was signed by Governor Quinn and is effective January 1, 2010. Rules governing implementation are being prepared and will be updated as they become available. To determine if these laws will impact your health insurance coverage, please speak with your health plan administrator. Thanks to all our local state legislators who supported these bills!

Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) has introduced the Autism Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009. This is the most comprehensive autism federal legislation introduced to date.

Efforts continue to encourage state legislators and the governor to support full funding at the \$10.2 million level for

Limestone High School wins Children's Hospital of Illinois' Group Advocacy Award

The students and faculty at Limestone High School were awarded with the Children's Hospital of Illinois' Group Advocacy Award for their outstanding support of Easter Seals.

Limestone High School has supported Easter Seals for 33 years. During two weeks each year the school raises funds for Easter Seals through a fashion show, food fair, battle of the sexes, candy and t-shirt sales and much more. To date, Limestone has raised \$483,000 for the children and families served at Easter Seals in central Illinois.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois gives Easter Seals Grant Award



Participants left to right: Kelli Flahaven, Ciarra Kohn, Bob Dobski, President, all from R.J. Just, Inc (dba McDonald's); Joey Kinder, Libi Arnold, Tommy Knudsen, Erin Rogers.

our mission. Easter Seals provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities and their families have equal opportunity to **live, learn, work** and **play** in their communities.

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The Autism Program Service Network for FY2010. Due to the state's extremely poor fiscal condition, additional cuts are threatened to TAP funding and other grant programs assisting persons with developmental disabilities. The current state budget deficit of nearly \$13 billion may necessitate revenue increases in order to avoid additional cuts.

Recent Grant Awards:

- ~ Community Foundation of Central Illinois - Audiology
- ~ Peoria Medical Society Alliance - Audiology
- ~ Illinois Prairie Community Foundation - Center for Autism Resources and Education-Bloomington Center
- ~ Ronald McDonald House Charities - Diagnostic and Evaluation Tools
- ~ Heart of Illinois United Way - Autism Early Diagnostic Clinic, Service Coordination and Medical Care

Congratulations! This is a much deserved award!



The Limestone Community High School Student Council.

Local representatives of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois and Ronald McDonald House Charities Global (RMHC) recently presented Easter Seals a 2009 grant award of \$9,126. This award will be used to update diagnostic and evaluation tools used at the Peoria and Bloomington service centers.

This is the second consecutive Ronald McDonald House Charities grant award to Easter Seals.

Thank you!

touch of nature

A message from Camp Director, Mark Holstein.

As the summer season begins I recall my first summer as a camp counselor 30 years ago. Like many who work as counselors for the first time, I was excited and terrified at the same time in thinking about the arrival of my campers; excited as I had heard many amazing stories about the extraordinary people that I would be working with at camp and could not wait to meet; terrified as I knew that these campers with special needs were going to require much more of me than I had ever given in order to make sure they had a great time and were properly taken care of in a fun and safe environment.



A group of counselors and campers gearing up for a boat ride around Lake Bloomington.

What I came away with after my first summer at camp was that as demanding as the job was, no matter how much I gave, I was given back so much more in return. I never met a group of people who were as understanding, patient, appreciative, and trusting of me as my campers at camp. They taught me to allow people to know me on a deeper level, as they opened their hearts and their lives in allowing me to know them and trusted that I would be there for them in every circumstance at camp, even before I had proven that I deserved their confidence and trust. They taught me to be myself, to go beyond my abilities and comfort level, to share

my talents and discover hidden talents, and appreciate what I had been given. Prior to my first summer at camp, I would never have imagined that campers with disabilities would make the world so much more accessible to me rather than the other way around.

Although there were times during my first week of camp orientation that I thought I might not make it through that first week, the experience in fact changed my life forever. In my early years at camp I served in virtually every position at camp and gained a lifetime of experiences. I am a better person because of those experiences; in particular the experiences I had in my first few years at camp serving as a camp counselor and head counselor. I am a better father, a better husband, a better friend, a better son because I was a camp counselor at a camp for children and adults with special needs.

As you plan for your child to go to camp this summer, please know that we take very seriously our responsibility to make sure that your camper not only has a great time at camp with plenty of learning



Everyone gathers around the bonfire after a day at camp.

opportunities, but also will receive the very best of care in a very safe environment. Please know also that we consider it a privilege and thank you for trusting us with the care of your camper for one or more weeks at camp this summer. I know that for our camp counselors, especially those that are new to this type of experience, will come away from this summer having given a great deal, but will gain so much more in return.

If you have yet to sign up for camp, please take a look at our schedule for

the summer ahead. We still have openings in all of our scheduled camp weeks but our spots are filling up quickly. All the information you need for camp is on the website at www.ci.easterseals.com.



Campers having lunch in the shade at Timber Pointe Outdoor Center.

2009 Summer Camp Schedule

- ~ **June 4 -7, 2009:** LIFE Camp
- ~ **June 7 -12, 2009:** Wilderness Endeavor
- ~ **June 14 -19, 2009:** Camp Limerlost
- ~ **June 21 -26, 2009:** MDA Session I
- ~ **June 22 -26, 2009:** Autism Day Camp
- ~ **June 28 - July 3, 2009:** MDA Session 2
- ~ **June 28-July 3, 2009:** Easter Seals 1 - An Easter Seals residential camp session catering to children ages 6 to 17 with physical disabilities. Children who are new to residential camping and/or new to Easter Seals are all welcome. Staff to camper ratio will be between 1:2 and 1:3.
- ~ **July 5 -10, 2009:** Easter Seals 2 - This Easter Seals camp session will be open to adults ages 18 and older with any disability: developmental or physical. Staff to camper ratio will be between 1:2 and 1:3.
- ~ **July 12-17, 2009:** Camp COCO
- ~ **July 19-24, 2009:** Camp Horizon
- ~ **July 26-31, 2009:** Camp Warren Jyrch
- ~ **August 2- 7, 2009:** Easter Seals 3 - This Easter Seals camp will be available to children ages 6 to 17 with developmental disabilities or similar syndromes such as ADHD, Autism spectrum disorders, mental retardation, Down syndrome, and others. Staff to camper ratio will be between 1:2 and 1:4.
- ~ **August 7-11, 2009:** Camp Funzone
- ~ **August 7-11, 2009:** Easter Seals 4 - This Easter Seals session will be a unique, attention-focused, small camp. This camp is especially for new or returning campers of all ages that require and thrive with a 1:1 staff to camper ratio.
- ~ **August 13-16, 2009:** Red Ribbon Trails

For more information, contact Timber Pointe Outdoor Center at 309.365.8021.

2009-2010 Respite Camps

- ~ **October 23-25, 2009**
- ~ **November 20-22, 2009**
- ~ **March 26-28, 2010**
- ~ **April 23-25, 2010**

For more information contact Cindy Sawyer at 309.365.8021.

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Wines & Polo on the Prairie

Presented by:

Maui Jim Sunglasses & Mangieri Companies

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Weaver Angus Farm

Don't miss your chance to win a wonderful prize in the Wines & Polo Grand Raffle. \$100 per ticket.

Prizes include:

~ **Grand Prize:** Trip for 2 to Maui courtesy of Maui Jim Sunglasses (A 6-day, 5-night trip at a resort in Kaanapali, Maui. The trip for two includes rental car, coach airfare from Peoria, and a two hour excursion on the Maui Jim yacht. Dates subject to availability.)

Additional prizes include:

- ~ Hearts on Fire Jewelry courtesy of Bremer Jewelry
- ~ Two foursomes and dinner for eight courtesy of WeaverRidge Golf Club
- ~ Cooking class for eight courtesy of Echo Valley Catering and Hearth Patio
- ~ Dinner and massage for two courtesy of Your Secret Chef
- ~ Two roundtrip tickets to Las Vegas courtesy of Allegiant Air
- ~ Backyard BBQ for 30 courtesy of Echo Valley Catering
- ~ Two NASCAR tickets for Joliet Speedway Weekend in July and access to CAT Hospitality tent courtesy of Altorfer Power Systems and Caterpillar Inc.

Disability Awareness Night

Sponsored by MassMutual

Thursday, July 23, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Peoria Chiefs Game

■ Easter Seals Ambassador Jason Riggs.



Easter Seals Golf & Tennis Classic

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Golf - WeaverRidge Golf Club

Tennis - Clubs at River City

Both events will combine for dinner at WeaverRidge Clubhouse.

Burt Mercier Memorial Claybird Classic

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Oak Ridge Sportsman's Club, Mackinaw

Lyle Finch Memorial Claybird Classic

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Oak Ridge Sportsman's Club, Mackinaw

Run the Woods

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Timber Pointe Outdoor Center, Hudson

A family walk has been added to the event this year!

Grape Soiree

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Bloomington Country Club, Bloomington

For information about events contact Jolie Alois at 309.686.7755 x 2321 or jalois@ci.easterseals.com for Peoria events and Kersten Wilson at 309.663.8275 x 218 or kwilson@ci.easterseals.com for Bloomington events. All Easter Seals events are on our website at www.ci.easterseals.com.

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Be An Angel of Change

Your tax deductible gift will make a real difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities in central Illinois. Please take a moment to fill out the information below and mail it with your donation.

Please send me more information about:

- Wills, life insurance, and gift annuity giving
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Presidents' Council
- Special events
- Volunteering
- Easter Seals representative speaking at my business/organization

I would like to help the local children and adults with disabilities with a gift of: _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other

Please charge my gift to the following card:

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Here are a few ways your donation can support our children and adults with disabilities:

~ **\$65** 6-week Warm Water Splashercize Class

~ **\$150** 10-weeks of Warm Water Pool Program

~ **\$220** One hour of therapy (PT, Speech, OT)

~ **\$300** One hour of Feeding Therapy

~ **\$620** Send a Kid to Camp for a Week

~ **\$2,220** Evaluation at the Autism Early Diagnostic Clinic

~ **\$3,500** 1-year home based treatment program for child with autism

Thank you for your generous support!

Send your tax-deductible contribution to:

Easter Seals, 507 E. Armstrong, Peoria, IL 61603

touch of fun

Lose the Training Wheels

The Lose the Training Wheels bike riding program is designed to provide children with special needs, ages 7 and older, an opportunity to lose the training wheels and ride a bike. The program utilizes specialized equipment as well as coaching and encouragement.



Lose the Training Wheels participant Gab and volunteer Josh.

July 13-17, 2009

Eastside Center, East Peoria

Cost is \$75

Times vary throughout the day.

Penguin Project Coming to Bloomington

The Penguin Project, founded by Easter Seals Medical Director Dr. Andrew Morgan, is expanding to Bloomington. Penguin Project is a live community theater production that gives children with disabilities an opportunity to perform in community theater.

Easter Seals Ambassador Jordan Brix is going to state in the Special Olympics

Easter Seals Ambassador Jordan Brix participated in the Special Olympics for the first time this year and won the gold medal in the 50 yard dash, which qualifies him for state.

Jordan will compete at the State Special Olympics Summer Games June 12-14 at Illinois State University.

Jordan also won the silver medal in the 4 x 100 relay.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK JORDAN!



Lose the Training Wheels participant Kaitlin.

The children who do best in the program possess the following abilities:

- ~ Ambulatory
- ~ Ability to pedal with training wheels or a 3-wheeler
- ~ Ability to balance briefly
- ~ Ability to use arms and legs for active movement
- ~ Have adequate vision to see and avoid obstacles
- ~ Ability to participate in activities in a social setting
- ~ Ability to follow 1-2 step direction
- ~ Most importantly, have the desire to lose the training wheels

For more information contact Jessica Brack at 309.686.7755 x 2301 or jbrack@ci.easterseals.com.

Join us for the 2009 production:

"Annie Jr."

June 19-21, 2009

Central Catholic High School, Bloomington

For more information or tickets contact Kersten Wilson at 309.663.8275 x 218.



Jordan Brix with his medal at the Special Olympics meet at Wilder Field at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Volunteers Still Needed

We still need volunteers for Lose the Training Wheels in Peoria. No experience on teaching how to ride a bike is necessary. An instructor and special bikes for the kids are provided. Volunteers will get paired up with a child and will run/walk along side them as they ride. (Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes).

This program will not be possible without the help of volunteers. Come and be apart of a child's life and watch them learn to ride a bike!

Volunteers must be high school age or older. Sessions are as follows:

SESSION 1—8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

SESSION 2—10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

SESSION 3—11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

SESSION 4—1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you have questions or to volunteer contact Jessica Brack 309.686.7755 x2301 or jbrack@ci.easterseals.com.

Lose the Training Wheels has moved to Bloomington as well this summer and hosted sessions June 6-12th at Kingsley Jr. High. The program is already a huge success with 30 children participating. Thank you to all those involved for making this program possible.

touching lives

A charitable gift annuity is a gift to a charity that also provides you a lifetime income. Since part of the annuity payment is a tax-free return of principal, the gift annuity may provide you with a very substantial income.

Benefits of a gift annuity:

- ~ The satisfaction of helping children and adults with disabilities served by Easter Seals.
- ~ Tax saving from a current income tax deduction for part of the value transferred.
- ~ Some non-taxable return of one's original contribution for a period of years.
- ~ A guaranteed flow of payments without management responsibilities or market risk.
- ~ A reduction of the estate tax when the gift reduces the value of a taxable estate.

For more information on how a gift annuity can work for you, please contact Steve Thompson at 309.686.1177 or sthompson@ci.easterseals.com.

Thank you for your support of Easter Seals. Your generosity allows Easter Seals to continue to fulfill our mission of helping children and adults with disabilities in central Illinois. Pledges, Gifts or In-Kind Donations of \$500 or more, received between January 27, 2009 and May 27, 2009 are listed. We have made every effort to ensure that this list is accurate and complete. We apologize for any omissions or errors.

BECOME A PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEMBER - The Presidents' Council is the principal giving club of Easter Seals nationwide, honoring those who support our families through annual gifts of \$1,000 or more. Please contact Joette Blakesley at 309.686.7755 x 2286 for more information.

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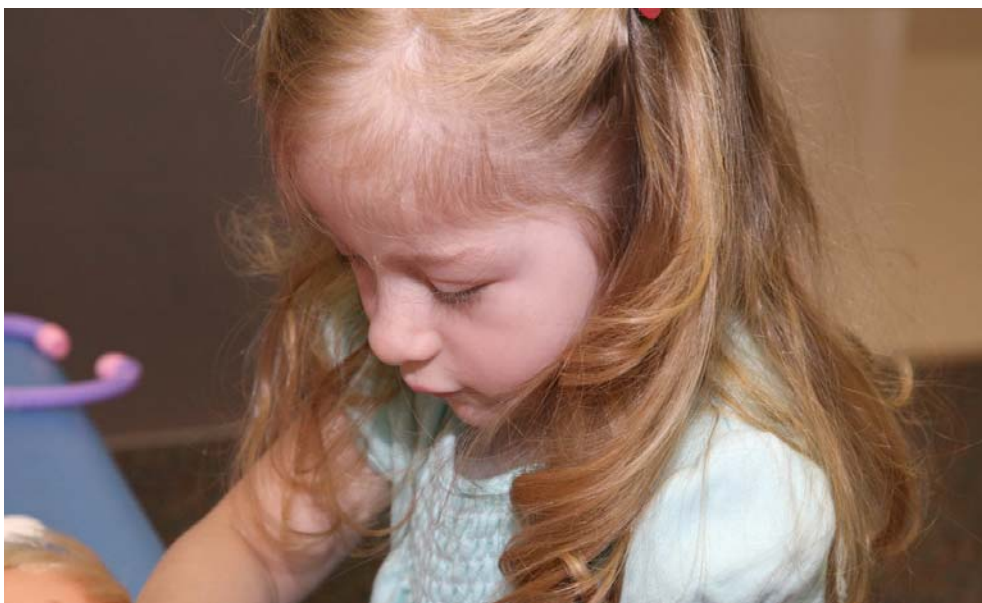
Audiology Services at Easter Seals

In addition to providing comprehensive hearing evaluations through the Early Intervention system, Easter Seals is expanding services to include the assessment of children age three years and above.

Early identification of hearing loss is essential to the prevention and minimization of adverse effects of auditory dysfunction on development, communication, health, education, and quality of life. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these services to the community.

It is also important that we remain mindful that hearing loss can occur at any age. Some children will remain at risk for development of hearing loss despite passing newborn hearing screening. And at least one high-risk indicator listed below should be regularly monitored for progressive congenital and/or acquired hearing loss. Also, a growing number of children are acquiring hearing loss as the result of excessive noise exposure. Noise-induced hearing loss is permanent and is almost always preventable. Please help us remind children and their parents to avoid excessive noise exposure by walking away from noise, turning down the volume, wearing ear protection in noisy environments (e.g., concerts, auto races) and avoiding noisy toys.

■ Easter Seals Ambassador Faith Shepherd is having fun playing with her doll during her Physical Therapy session at Easter Seals.



Easter Seals Speech/Feeding Therapist Kristin Faulkner and Easter Seals Ambassador Trekker Ralph.

High-risk Indicators for Childhood Hearing Loss

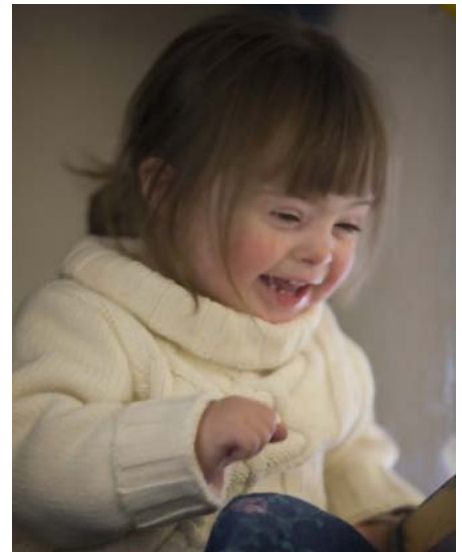
Age: Newborn

Indicator:

- ~ Family history of Sensorineural Hearing Loss (SNHL), presumably congenital
- ~ In utero infection associated with SNHL (e.g., toxoplasmosis, rubella, CMV, herpes, syphilis)
- ~ Ear and other craniofacial anomalies
- ~ Hyperbilirubinemia at levels requiring exchange transfusion
- ~ Low birth weight (<1500 g)
- ~ Bacterial meningitis
- ~ Low Apgar scores: 0-3 at 5 minutes, 0-6 at 10 minutes
- ~ Respiratory distress (e.g., meconium aspiration)
- ~ Prolonged mechanical ventilation (>10 days)
- ~ Ototoxic medications (e.g., gentamicin) longer than 5 days or in combination with loop diuretics
- ~ Physical features or other stigmata associated with a syndrome known to include SNHL (e.g., Down syndrome, Waardenburg's syndrome)

Age: Remainder of Childhood Indicator:

- ~ Parental/caregiver concern re: hearing, speech or language and/or developmental delay
- ~ Any of the newborn risk factors listed under newborn
- ~ Recurrent or persistent otitis media with effusion
- ~ Head trauma with fracture of the temporal bone
- ~ Childhood infectious diseases associated with SNHL (e.g., meningitis, mumps, measles)
- ~ Neurodegenerative disorders (e.g., Hunter syndrome) or demyelinating diseases (e.g., Friedreich's ataxia, Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome)



Easter Seals Ambassador Meg Hollis.

Childhood Noise Risks:

- ~ Noisy Toys (some in excess of 90 dB at typical use)
- ~ MP3 Players (in excess of 100 dB at full volume)
- ~ Concerts
- ~ Fireworks
- ~ Movie Theaters
- ~ Arcades
- ~ Motorbikes
- ~ Power Tools
- ~ Firearms
- ~ Farm Equipment
- ~ Band and Shop Classes
- ~ Sporting Events

If you, or a parent, have concern regarding the hearing sensitivity of a child, please do not hesitate to contact the Peoria Center at 309-686-1177. Audiology service appointments are available Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.