



Our mission: To change the way our community defines and views disability by making profound, positive differences in local people's lives every day.

Serving individuals with disabilities and their families from Southwestern Indiana, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### Winter 2018

## Tune in to WEHT Local for our Telethon Sunday, April 8! See how *your* support makes a *life-changing* difference in our community.

See how the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center changes lives—and how *your* support makes that possible—by watching the all-local 2018 Easterseals Telethon. **Tune in to WEHT Local Sunday, April 8, 12 noon-6 p.m.!**

For the 41st consecutive year, WEHT Local is donating 100% of production and air time for the Telethon. This exceptional commitment allows all pledges to fund *life-changing* therapy services!

The pediatric therapy gym at our 3701 Bellemeade Avenue location will become a TV studio for the live show. Viewers will meet local people with disabilities who are achieving goals for independence. Join us to watch in person and see the hosts from Eyewitness News in action!

Outside from noon to 4 p.m., enjoy the E'ville Iron Street Rod Club's "Cruise-In" plus games and food when you donate at the fishbowl.

Last year's Telethon raised \$1,052,132. ***This year's goal is a record \$1,055,000 for therapy.*** Local businesses will match ALL pledges made during the show! Help us *change lives* for approximately 5,500 tri-state kids and adults with disabilities. Make your pledge during the 2018 Easterseals Telethon on WEHT Local! ●

### Generous "Golf Gives Back" Impact Grant will fund new art enrichment program for young children of all abilities! See page 2.



The Telethon will feature hosts from Eyewitness News with our local Easterseals Ambassadors. (Front l. to r.) host Alexandra Johnson, Ambassadors Walker Vaught & Tim Bowling, & host Jake Boswell. (Back l. to r.) Hosts Wayne Hart, Ron Rhodes, Brad Byrd, Shelley Kirk, Amy Mangold, & Randall Parmley. (Photo: Erik Photographic Studio)

### Here's how you can give to the Telethon!

Area businesses will match ALL pledges made during the Telethon on April 8, 12-6 p.m.!

Tune in to the live broadcast and call our special pledge numbers!

OR give online ANY TIME at [www.eastersealsrehabcenter.com](http://www.eastersealsrehabcenter.com)

OR pledge by phone in advance of the Telethon by calling Caylee Elpers at 812.437.2607!



Take a swing at winning \$50,000, \$25,000 or \$10,000!

There's still time to enter the Home Run Sweeps! See Page 4.

# Golf Gives Back awards \$50,000 Impact Grant to Easterseals Rehabilitation Center for inclusive art enrichment program.

## United Leasing & Finance Championship proceeds benefit local nonprofits.

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is honored to be selected as the very first recipient of the United Leasing & Finance Championship “Golf Gives Back” Impact Grant.

The extremely generous \$50,000 award was announced on Jan. 16 with a press conference at our 621 S. Cullen Ave. location, home of the Easterseals Milestones early care and education program.

Thanks to Golf Gives Back, that location will also be the home of a wide-ranging arts program for children of all abilities. It will be centered around the Golf Gives Back Enrichment Studio, which will be created from existing classroom space.

Kelly Schneider, President/CEO of the Easterseals Rehabilitation

**“Art is a universal language that opens doors to learning.”**

**-Kelly Schneider**



*Golf Gives Back grant announcement participants included (l. to r.) from the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center: President/CEO Kelly Schneider, Child Ambassador family members Dirk & Walker Vaught, VP of Early Childhood Services Laurie Seals, Director of Marketing & Community Relations Pam Kirk. From Golf Gives Back: Board Chairman Jack Pate, United Leasing & Finance President/CEO Ron Romain, Board Members Carol McClintock, Bob Jones, Evan Beck, and Derrick Stewart.*

Center, said, “It is a great honor to receive the first Impact Grant from Golf Gives Back. Art is a universal language that opens doors to learning. This grant will help us create a brighter future for children of differing abilities—those with disabilities and delays, as well as typically developing children—in a truly inclusive environment.”

Golf Gives Back, Inc., is a Board of Directors that oversees all aspects

of the United Leasing & Finance Championship. The professional golf event at Victoria National was recently named Web.com’s Tournament of the Year.

In its first six years, ULFC has donated more than \$1.2 million to more than 100 area charities.

The 2018 United Leasing & Finance Championship is scheduled for April 23-29. For details, visit [ulfcgolf.com](http://ulfcgolf.com). ●

### Register by June 15 for July 9-13 “iCan Bike”

Children and adults with disabilities can learn to ride a bicycle at Easterseals’ “iCan Bike” day camp, thanks to generous support from John Oldenburg Bike Fund and other donors.

“Bike camp” will be **July 9-13** at Evansville’s National Guard Armory. Registration deadline is June 15 or when a limit of 35 individuals is reached. Participants must be at least 8 years old and must have some type of disabling condition.

Scholarships are available and no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. To sign up, for details or to volunteer, contact Patty Balbach, 812-479-1411, ext. 268, [pbalbach@evansvillerehab.com](mailto:pbalbach@evansvillerehab.com). ●

## SAVE *the* DATE

### Join us at the June 6 Tribute Dinner to honor Wayne & Beth Kinney and Ryan & Julie Burczyk.

The annual Easterseals Tribute Dinner will be Wednesday, June 6, 6 p.m. in the Crescent Room at Easterseals Milestones. This year’s honorees are exceptional friends of Easterseals: Wayne and Beth Kinney and Julie and Ryan Burczyk.

For years, this family has generously supported our programs as Presidents’ Council members, PaceSetters, and capital campaign donors. They have sponsored numerous events through their businesses Cold Stone Creamery & Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Innovative Consulting Group, and Tools 4 Teaching. Wayne serves on our Board of Directors and the entire family advocates for our mission.

Co-emcees for Easterseals Tribute will be Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and Ben Trockman, Easterseals Board Member and Old National Bank Diversity & Inclusion Outreach Specialist.

For details on Tribute Dinner sponsorships and reservations, call Laura Terhune, Easterseals V.P. of Development, at 812-437-2627. ●

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Shop, dine, play, and support the Easterseals Telethon by enjoying these special events!  
For details, updates and additions, follow our Facebook page @EastersealsRehabCtr

● **"Fired Up! for Easterseals"** was at Fired Up! paint-your-own-pottery studio, 2121 N. Green River, Feb. 16-18. Participants decorated pottery pieces & Fired Up! donated all firing fees.

● **Easterseals Night with the Evansville Thunderbolts** was Feb. 23. A portion of tickets purchased from Easterseals helped to fund therapy.

● **Shine On Express Car Wash** will donate a portion of February & March sales! Hours: Mon.-Sat. 7am-9pm & Sun. 8am-8pm. Just off Burkhardt Road next to Culver's & Lowe's.

● **"Music Makes a Difference"** 5:30 p.m.-3 a.m. March 3 at Lamasco Bar & Grill, 1331 W. Franklin Street, featuring Mike Mitchell, Lindsey Williams, Love Junkies, Zaedo, CasOne, & Jangle Sheep. \$10 per person donation requested. For more information, call Lamasco Bar & Grill, 812-437-0171.

● **Snickerdoodle Kids Art "Give-Back Day"** - Date TBD - 2025 W. Franklin St. Call 812-459-1992 for info & reserve your spot online at [www.snickerdoodlekidsart.com](http://www.snickerdoodlekidsart.com)

● **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament**, Date TBD, 7pm, American Legion Post 200. \$30 per player, \$5 of entry fee goes to the Easterseals Rehab Center!

● **Guns N Hoses** - Sat., April 7, 7 p.m. at Ford Center. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster outlets. Local police officers & firefighters battle it out for charity! Ticket prices TBD.

● **Fiji-A Tour for Easterseals** - Sat., April 21, noon-midnight, UE Phi Gamma Delta house, 227 S. Lincoln Park Dr. Come, play & eat at this day-long mini-golf event! \$10/person

● **Dialin' & Duelin' for Dollars pledge contest**, Sun., April 8, 12-6pm, Easterseals Rehab Center: Businesses & civic groups compete for pledges during one-hour contests during the Telethon on WEHT Local! Sign up at 812-437-2607.

● **23rd annual LemonAid Stand for Easterseals:** Friday, June 15, 11am-1pm, Easterseals Rehabilitation Center. Join Abby Wells & family for burgers, hot dogs, BBQ, ice cream, a silent auction & of course, lemonade!

● **Amazon Smile** donates 0.5% of your purchases to the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center every time you shop online at [smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1087526!](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1087526!)

● **Join Schnucks' eScrip Program** & up to 3% of your grocery bill will be donated to Easterseals. Pick up a card at any Schnucks or call Alexandra Jarvis, 812-474-2348. Register your card by phone or at <http://www.schnucks.com>.

● **The Diamond Galleria "5+5=Love" Program:** Show your special card from Easterseals each time you shop at The Diamond Galleria, 6245 Vogel Rd. You receive 5% off & Easterseals gets a 5% donation! To get your free card, visit the Easterseals Rehab Center 8am-5pm M-F or call Alexandra Jarvis, 812-474-2348.

● **Zeidler's "Helping Hands" Program:** Zeidler's Flowers, Garden & Gifts donates \$2 to Easterseals when you order online at [www.zeidlers.com](http://www.zeidlers.com), select the "Helping Hands" pull-down menu & choose Easterseals. OR just mention "Code ESRC" when ordering in person or at 812-421-1234.

## WED., MARCH 14



Many area restaurants will donate a portion of **March 14th** sales to fund therapy at the **Easterseals Rehabilitation Center!**

**Please mention that you're dining for Easterseals!**

Adding more locations daily! Check for additional restaurants on Facebook @EastersealsRehabCtr and at [www.EastersealsRehabCenter.com](http://www.EastersealsRehabCenter.com)

**For details, call 812-474-2348**

Confirmed for Mar. 14 before our print deadline:

Angelo's	Great Harvest Bread Co.
Archie & Clyde's	Mojo's Bone Yard
Cafe Arazu	Sports Bar & Grill
Chuck E. Cheese 3-9pm	Nachos Grill
Cold Stone Creamery	Orange Leaf
& Rocky Mountain	Pangea Kitchen
Chocolate Factory	The Pacetre
Emge's Deli	Zaxby's 5-8pm
G.D. Ritzzy's	

Dine Outs on other dates include:

Commonwealth Kitchen & Bar - Mon., Mar. 12!  
Azzip Pizza (Newburgh, East, West) - Mon., Mar. 19!

**Thanks to Dine Out sponsor Townsquare Media!**

## Connect with us!

[eastersealsrehabcenter.com](http://eastersealsrehabcenter.com)

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Text "ability" to 27126



## March is Disability Awareness Month!

Follow *EastersealsRehabCtr* on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more information and activities!



Disability Awareness Month themed materials and ideas from the State of Indiana are available at [indianadisabilityawareness.org](http://indianadisabilityawareness.org)

*It's always better to treat people the way you want to be treated. That's certainly true when interacting with friends, co-workers and others who live with disabilities. The 2018 Indiana Disability Awareness Month theme is "Be Cool. We Are." It's all about being comfortable in your own skin, always being yourself, and appreciating that everyone is unique!* ●

COME ONE,  
COME ALL!

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



Tools 4 Teaching presents...

## UNDER THE BIG TOP

Children's Adventure to benefit Easterseals

**SAT., OCT. 13, 2018, 11AM-1:30PM**

Crescent Room at Easterseals Milestones

Adults \$25 • Children \$20 • Adventure Angel \$20 to sponsor a child

Details to come at [eastersealsrehabcenter.com](http://eastersealsrehabcenter.com), on Facebook @EastersealsRehabCtr, or call Caylee Elpers, 812-437-2607

• *"Passion for Fashion"* raised over \$32,000, helping to fund more than 665 therapy sessions. Special thanks to The Graceful Lady & Graceful Lady GLAM, Lollipop Tree, Shelley Kirk, Holiday Inn Airport & committee members. The 2018 event is Nov. 15!

• *Ritzzy's Fantasy of Lights* raised approx. \$160,000, helping to fund up to 3,300 therapy sessions! Thank you Ritzzy's, IBEW Local 16, NECA, Electrical JATC, Teamsters Local 215, WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW, Lamar Outdoor, 104.1 WIKY, HOT 96, 93.5 DUKE FM, Security Enforcement Division of Comaier Services, volunteers & all who attended & donated! Join us again next season, Thanksgiving-New Year's Day!

## Enter Home Run Sweeps by March 15!

The Grand Prize is \$50,000; 2nd prize is \$25,000; and 3rd prize is \$10,000 in the 2018 Easterseals Home Run Sweeps ALL CA\$H Raffle to fund therapy services! Tickets are still available, and with a maximum of 3,000 chances to be sold, the odds of winning one of the three big prizes are great! **Entry deadline is March 15 at noon.**

Tickets can be purchased for \$100 each Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., by calling 812-437-2607 (using debit card or bank account information) or by visiting the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, 3701 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville (using cash, check, money order, debit card, or bank account information). Tickets are also available until the day before the drawing at Easterseals Posey County, 5525 Industrial Rd., Mt. Vernon IN (using cash, check, or money order). CREDIT CARDS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Tickets may also be purchased by mailing the entry form below with check or money order to Easterseals by March 8. For each ticket purchased, you will be entered in a random drawing to WIN AN ADDITIONAL TICKET FREE!

Sponsors of the Home Run Sweeps ALL CA\$H Raffle are Kemper CPA Group, WEHT Local, Local 7 WTVW, 104.1 WIKY, 93.5 DUKE FM, HOT96, and WABX 107.5. For more information, call Caylee Elpers, 812-437-2607. ●



**TO ENTER THE HOME RUN SWEEPS BY MAIL:** Send this completed form with check or money order (\$100 per ticket) by Mar. 8, 2018, to Easterseals, 3701 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville, IN 47714-0136. Must be 18. IN LICENSE #145727

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Meet our 2018 Easterseals Ambassadors!

## Walker Vaught

Walker Vaught loves to run, jump, and have fun with his friends. That might not sound unusual for a 5-year-old. But when Walker was born, doctors didn't know if he would ever do those things—or if he would even learn to sit up or speak.

Walker was born without a cerebellum, a part of the brain that controls balance, coordination and learning. He's also been diagnosed with other disabilities. As a baby, Walker's special needs overwhelmed his day care provider. His parents, Dirk and Tina, both needed to work. They didn't know where to turn. Then they found Easterseals.

Walker has blossomed with Easterseals Rehabilitation Center therapy services, and he thrives with kids of all abilities at Easterseals Milestones. He's friendly and energetic and he loves his teachers and classmates.

Walker is working hard on skills he'll need to enter kindergarten next year. He will also need help reaching new goals in the future. Easterseals services will be here for Walker and his family every step of the way! ●



## Tim Bowling

As a child, Tim Bowling got a great start in life by attending the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center's therapeutic preschool. Tim has cerebral palsy and like thousands of other local kids, Easterseals is where he learned to reach important developmental goals.

Tim went on to succeed in school, become involved in youth ministry, run his own computer business, and raise a family. He never guessed that Easterseals would again become a big part of his life. But in 2013, Tim fell at work and received a severe concussion that caused long-term pain and cognitive issues. In 2014, he had two strokes, one followed by seizures, which affected his mobility, balance and coordination.

Now at age 47, Tim is back at the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center to regain the skills he lost. He receives therapy in the gym and the fully-accessible warm-water therapeutic pool to manage pain and build strength and endurance.

Tim is determined and is making great progress toward his goals, which include returning to work and volunteering with youth in our community. ●

## Young artists of all abilities can "Gogh for It!" March 22!



Register by Mar. 9 for this spring-themed workshop!

The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center will host its third "Gogh For It!" art workshop for kids of all abilities **Thur., March 22, 4:30-6:00pm**. Thanks to a grant from the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, the workshop and supplies are FREE for participants! This session will focus on SPRING! Kids will paint flower pots, add a plant, & make plant stakes with beads. Children PreK-high school are invited. **Registration deadline is Friday, March 9, or when 25 spots are filled.** Register online at [www.eastersealsrehabcenter.com](http://www.eastersealsrehabcenter.com), email [evansvillerehab.com](mailto:evansvillerehab.com), or call Jaclyn at 812-492-0685 to sign up or volunteer. ●

### Special thanks to some special friends!

- Evansville Downtown Optimist Club
- James R. & Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation
- Lester E. Yeager Charitable Trust
- Henry F. Koch Charitable Trust
- "Pete" (anonymous)
- The League at AT&T, AT&T Mobility, and AT&T Call Center employees
- Deaconess Case Management, Respiratory, Patient Care, Renal Care, Employee Wellness and Quality staff members



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## Board members from our community help Easterseals change local people's lives.

Did you know the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is a local, private nonprofit? All money raised stays local, and our organization is governed by an all-local volunteer Board of Directors. We sincerely appreciate our board members, who represent all facets of our community and generously give their time, expertise and guidance to help Easterseals achieve its mission.

**Board Chair** for 2018 is Ashley Babcock (Vectren). **Members of the Executive Committee** are Paul Green (IBEW Local 16), Brian Hape (United Leasing), Brant Kennedy (Harding Shymanski), Wayne Kinney (Innovative Consulting Group), Dan Parod (St. Vincent), John Raisor (Fifth Third Bank), Jim Sandgren (Old National Bank), Matt Theby (Lensing Building Specialties), John Schroeder, Director Emeritus (Wabash/Crescent Plastics), and Kim Steele (Easterseals Posey County advisory council).

**Also serving on the Board are:** Scott Albin (PCI Skanska, Inc.), Rob Bingham (German American), Scott Branam (Deaconess Cross Pointe), Todd Chamberlain (Republic Services), Jeff Helfrich (Kahn, Dees, Donovan, & Kahn), Carol Hull (community volunteer), Shelley Kirk (WEHT Local/Local 7 WTVW), Steve Link (Gibbs Die Casting), Sara Miller (Old National Bank), Carlene Oliver (Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center), Meghan Reffett (Berry Global), Scott Schroeder (Wabash Plastics), Ken Smith (Breck Logistics), Ben Trockman (Old National Bank), and Daniela Vidal (USI).



*The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is happy to join in Evansville's "e is for everyone" campaign! We created our own "e" featuring some of the individuals served by our many life-changing programs. Just like Evansville, the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center is for everyone!*