

## EASTERSEALS FOUNDATION

Q. How is the money used that ESA donates to Easterseals?

A. Easterseals provides exceptional services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities.

Q. Can you give me a brief history of Easterseals?

A. The name “Easter Seals” derived from an earlier fundraising program: beginning in 1934, colorful adhesive seals, the size of postage stamps, were sold around Easter; purchasers stuck these on mailed envelopes to demonstrate their support for the organization. They have since changed their name to “Easterseals.”

Q. Who qualifies for help?

A. Children and adults with autism, development disabilities, physical and mental disabilities and other special needs may apply to Easterseals for help.

Q. What kind of services does Easterseals provide?

A. They provide autism services, children’s services, adults services, senior services, military and veterans services, employment and training, medical rehabilitation, and camping and recreation.

Q. Does Easterseals income come solely from contributions?

A. Easterseals receives funding from a variety of sources, including private insurers, government agencies and fee-for-service. To make our services accessible to as many people as possible Easterseals also relies on public contributions. 90% of funds raised go to Easterseals disability services across the nation.

Q. How can I help Easterseals?

A. Become a volunteer, give financial support, recognize and speak out on the rights of people with disabilities. Hold a Chapter or District project for the agency to help ESA become more visible in your community as a corporate sponsor.

If you need a program for your chapter meeting, pick up the phone and call (800) 221-6827 or [info@esmw.org](mailto:info@esmw.org). The staff is anxious to share the story of their agency with others.

Please contact the current State Easterseals Chairman if you are interested in participating in any project that is sponsored by ESA of Kansas. She will also assist you in planning a special event for Easterseals in your chapter or District.

### **Donations and Reports:**

State awards are based on donations between April 1 and March 31. Send all reports to the State Easterseals Director no later than April 1 of the current year.