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Save the Date for Veterans Rally Point Ribbon Cutting in Norwich ***\$2.5M state-of-the-art veterans service center officially opens Nov. 11, Veterans Day***

WINDSOR, Conn., October 21, 2021 – Bravery. Sacrifice. Heroism. This Veterans Day takes on a particularly special meaning locally as Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut opens the doors to its \$2.5M Veterans Rally Point, 24 Stott Road in Norwich. **A formal program with local, state and regional leaders, along with the partners who made this project a reality, kicks off at 3:30 p.m. followed by a reception and celebration at 4 p.m.**

“This project highlights the role of Easterseals in the community, and the many partnerships that make this kind of initiative a reality,” says Ron Welch, BG (Ret) U.S. Army and Vice President of Military Services & Economic Development, Easterseals. “This is a center of excellence that not only serves a major need for all military, veterans and their families but can also serve as a model for similar types of facilities across the country.”

The 18,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility serves military, veterans and their families with a variety of innovative services under one roof, including:

- VA Benefits Consultation
- Behavioral Health
- Employment and resume assistance
- Computer Center
- Educational & Job Skill Training
- Emergency Financial Assessments, and Financial Coaching
- Clothing Closet & Food Pantry
- Caregiver Training & Support
- Case Management
- Transitional Housing
- Peer to Peer Support Groups

Adds Easterseals President & CEO, Robin Sharp, “With this one-of-a-kind facility, all military, veterans and their families are one step away from getting the services they need with personalized case management. These veterans have offered us the ultimate sacrifice – serving our country. Now, we can offer them the necessary services needed in one place to build their quality of life and do all that we can to support them during and after their service.”

About Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut

Overview of our life-changing 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization: For more than 70 years, award-winning and CARF-accredited Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut has been serving children, seniors, veterans and adults with disability and other special needs. Through its unique Veterans Rally Point services as well as its other services including Medical & Vocational Rehabilitation, Neuropsychology, Dementia Clinic, Supported Education, Adult Day Support and Social Enterprise Businesses, Easterseals rebuilds minds, bodies, and lives every day. Our mission is to provide exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities. All Abilities. Limitless Possibilities.

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For more than 100 years, Easterseals has been the indispensable resource for individuals with disabilities, veterans, seniors and their families. Together, our 68 Affiliates in communities nationwide serve 1.5 million people annually through high-quality programs including autism services, early intervention, workforce development, adult day care and more. In schools, workplaces and communities, we are fostering environments where everyone is included and valued —making a real and positive impact on us all. Join us in ensuring that everyone – regardless of age or ability – is 100% included and 100% empowered. Learn more at www.easterseals.com