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Dear Friend,

Today, this letter is being read by people in 802 different communities. They all share a connection to Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley and our belief that every child deserves to thrive in an inclusive community. It's powerful to think about this common thread and what we can achieve together.

We count on the collective impact of our donors to ensure that children with disabilities and their families are empowered. Donations of any amount make a difference, so please give what you can today.

Nearly everyone will experience disability at some point in their life. For many children at Easterseals, this experience occurs in their most formative years. Pediatric therapies are crucial to their development, yet private insurance falls short and Medicaid leaves few options for families in need. **On average, donations cover 25% of every therapy session. It's why we're asking for your help.**

Jayden's experience started four months before his scheduled due date. Born prematurely at 1 lb. 10 oz., he spent 110 days in the hospital and was given less than a 50% chance of survival. He beat the odds. Now at age five, cerebral palsy impacts his ability to sit, stand, walk, and speak. Jayden has gained strength and improved his posture with the help of occupational, physical and aquatic therapies at Easterseals. His parents recognize the benefits and see progress week-to-week.



"It's nothing but positives since starting at Easterseals. We try never to miss an appointment because we know how beneficial it is for him. In every session, progress is being made."

– Andrew
(Jayden's Dad)

Jayden isn't the only one making progress. 98.6% of families share that Easterseals therapies have resulted in positive change for their child.* Our expert clinicians provide pediatric rehabilitation services to address mild delays, undiagnosed concerns and complex disabilities. A multi-discipline team of therapists and mental health professionals work together to strengthen families and improve outcomes. Jayden's parents join thousands of others who have become more confident caregivers with the help and resources at Easterseals.

Please show your support with a donation. Your generosity is a commitment to a future where every child is 100% included and 100% empowered.

All our thanks,



Theresa Forthofer
President & CEO

P.S. Can we count you in? Every gift sparks progress and moves a child closer to their goals. Please make a donation by August 31.

Disability impacts
16 out of every

100

children in our
communities

100+

children come
through our
doors each day

We treat
more than

100

different
diagnoses

Nearly

100%

of families are satisfied
with our services*

Actual: 98.13%