



July 7, 2020

Mrs. Gwendolyn Hahn

Dear Gwen,

Recently, I was informed of your stepping down from the Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut Board of Directors. In learning of your accomplishments through the years, it is clear that you are a passionate advocate for our Easterseals affiliate. As President and CEO of Easterseals, Inc., I therefore wanted to offer these words of appreciation.

I am heartened to hear of the many ways in which you distinguished yourself as a talented and energetic volunteer; from introducing multiple local sponsors to Easterseals and securing investment in our mission, and programs. You championed the Easterseals Veterans Rally Point Program – the first operation of its kind in Connecticut to establish comprehensive supports for veterans and military families. This long-awaited buildout of an 18,000 square foot comprehensive, one stop service center for Connecticut veterans will be a model for others to follow. You consistently shared this impactful program and all Easterseals programs with potential partners.

Easterseals' impact in our great nation can only be realized with the success of each one of our affiliates. Your many contributions to drive growth and create impactful change is appreciated. We truly appreciate your devotion to continuous improvement around culture, programs, events, and processes at Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern CT.

I understand from your Board Chair, Vanessa Williams, that the hope is that you may return to the Easterseals family when the time is right for you. I echo that sentiment and would welcome your talent, experience and insights from a National perspective as well.

Mission-driven work that impacts people drives me each and every day, and so I might conclude that we have much in common. Let me therefore simply close by thanking you for 12 years of volunteer service to create a world of inclusion, empowerment, and access – indeed, thank you for helping people of all ages and disabilities reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela F. Williams".

Angela F. Williams
President and CEO