



Easterseals of the Birmingham Area Newsletter

JUNE

Easterseals of the Birmingham Area had the pleasure of hosting C’Naya as an intern in our Administrative office. C’Naya is legally blind due to a brain tumor she had as a young child. C’Naya is now a high school graduate and thriving despite the circumstances she has faced. C’Naya used her Braille Typewriter to translate our Easterseals Consumer Handbook, brochures, flyers for Easterseals and even typed our mission statement in braille for us to utilize. C’Naya was a huge help around our office and was a bright addition to our team this summer.



As you may have seen, we have been featured on ABC 33/40 10:00 nightly news many times this summer. One story, in particular, was of Charesa Chandler who overcame a huge hurdle while working with Easterseals. Charesa was in a car accident that left her disabled. One of our Employment Specialists, Harold Reynolds was able to place Charesa in a work-from-home job that met her needs. We are so proud of Charesa’s story and how she is able to provide for herself and her family. You can watch her story here: [Charesa Chandler’s Video](#)



JULY

Easterseals’ staff stayed busy this summer and so did our Paid Summer

Work Program Interns! Our high school students were able to learn the ins and outs of local businesses this year ranging from bakeries to libraries! These students learned the importance of communicating with customers, dealing with upset summer camp kids, and keeping a neat and tidy store. Easterseals staff is very proud of these Birmingham area students and the time and effort they put in this summer!



We were so glad to have the Journey of Hope - The Ability Experience Bikers stop by our Pediatric Clinic this summer. These college men ride their bikes cross-country 12,000 miles during the summer to test their limits, spread awareness, and celebrate the abilities of all people. We were so glad to offer our clinic as a place to eat dinner and sleep for two nights. Thank you to the men of Pi Kappa Phi for embarking on this incredible journey.



AUGUST

Easterseals of the Birmingham Area is always thankful for the many volunteers that come through our doors. We were thankful to have Josie from John Carroll Catholic High School volunteer at our offices this summer to complete her Community Service Hours. Josie is a Senior at John Carroll Catholic High School and organized many of our closets. Josie was a joy to work with and we so appreciated her using her talent of organizing to help us sort through our supplies. If you have a student who needs community service hours, contact Katelyn Bruhn, KBruhn@eastersealsbham.org , we



would love to be a resource!

We ended the summer on a grand note, Thank You to LeaderOne Financial - Alabama who donated \$500 to us!! LeaderOne Financial - Alabama and Lending a Hand - Leader1 Alabama offer their clients a chance to donate to a non-profit of their choice. We were so excited to receive this \$500 donation that will go a long way to support our organization.



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