



Easterseals of the Birmingham Area Newsletter

MARCH

We are very excited to have been able to partner with Birmingham-Southern College and their Spanish for the Workplace Internship program. Birmingham-Southern places one of their Spanish for the Workplace students with us at our Pediatric Clinic as a Spanish Speaking Intern. Now our Spanish speaking families can easily communicate with our Therapist which is comforting to the families and creates a successful experience. This has been a great way for Easterseals to not only provide effective communication to our Spanish speaking families but also connect to a local college. We are excited to see where this partnership with Birmingham-Southern College takes us! Here is a photo of Devin who is one of our Adult Program Consumers. Devin worked within our Summer Intern Program for three summers and then completed our Job Readiness Class. Through the assistance and encouragement from our Employment Specialist, Harold Reynolds, Devin is a proud employee of Roebuck Golf Course and was named Employee of the Month in March!



APRIL

After the devastating tornadoes that hit our community, Easterseals of the Birmingham Area held a Tornado Relief Pediatric Donation Drive at our Pediatric Clinic in Pelham. This drive was to specifically assist our neighbors in Pelham. Thanks to donors like you, we were able to gather a multitude of supplies and offer relief to those we know who were affected in Pelham. Thank you also to the Pelham YMCA for being a distribution site. We were also able to hire Libby Groark who works as a Spanish Translator assisting our Pediatric Clinic and Adult Program. We



are very fortunate to be able to have Libby who allows our consumers to feel heard and at ease. Being able to offer a Spanish Translator here at Easterseals has added a new dimension we are proud of and thankful to offer! We are also excited to announce that our Pediatric Clinic Lobby is back open, we are happy to see and interact with parents more now that our lobby is back in action. Swing by and see our new donated TV that is displayed in our lobby! After a long year of our postponed social event, we were glad to have our Board and Junior Board Social at the Shunnarah Rooftop. If you are interested in joining our Board or Junior Board reach out to Katelyn Bruhn, Director, Corporate Development for more details, KBruhn@eastersealsbham.org.



MAY

As many of you know, due to COVID regulations and precautions we also had to postpone our Mardi Gras on the Mountain event in February. Therefore, we moved our event to May and held Mardi Gras Reclaimed where we reclaimed Mardi Gras for this year! We had a wonderful golf tournament on May 22nd at Highland Park Golf Course. There were 22 golf teams with 88 golfers along with several of our Virtual Runners who came out to enjoy the event. Mayor Randall Woodfin welcomed the crowd while everyone enjoyed live music from The BeatLads, an amazing silent auction and plenty of refreshments to go around. We are so thankful for our sponsors who are listed below for their donations which helped put on the event. A special Thank You to Old Forester, Redmont Vodka, Birmingham Budweiser, The Piggly Wiggly, Buds Best Cookies and Buffalo Rock who



provided beverages and snacks to all who attended our event. As well as Mercedes-Benz of the Birmingham Area who provided a chance to win a Mercedes-Benz with a hole in one. We also would like to recognize our Event Chair, Rachael P. Thomas and two Co-Chairs Sam Kniskern and Charles Perry, thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful event! Our golf team winners were: First Place, Brian's Flooring & Design, Second Place, Gorrie-Regan & Associates and Third Place, Team Perry. We are happy to tell you to save the date for February 19, 2022 for Mardi Gras on the Mountain at The Club!



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