

The Quarterly newsletter from Easter Seals Central Alabama

Spring 2017

EVENTS

Call 334.288.0240

May:

15th-19th: Employment Bootcamp

21st—Autism and Disability Day with the Biscuits! Riverwalk Stadium. 2:05 game.

30th-C.N.A. classes to

June:

26-30th: College Prep

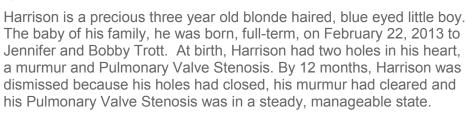
July:

10th-C.N.A. classes to start

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Meet ESCA Ambassador, Harrison!

By: Jennifer Trott, Harrison's mother





At two years old, Harrison began battling pneumonia and breathing difficulties. He had multiple hospital stays and had a special team of doctors in Birmingham to try and understand his medical situation. Harrison's pneumonia kept returning and strangely, wasn't moving from the same spot. After an exploratory surgery by three surgeons, the doctors found no malformation in his anatomy causing the repeat pneumonia.

Harrison was diagnosed with aspiration pneumonia and asthma. His aspiration was causing fluids to go into his lungs keeping him sick. With breathing treatments and a thickening gel in all liquid intake, Harrison gained strength over the next year and stayed out of the hospital and carried on running, playing, laughing, growing and learning!

At three, we felt it was time for Harrison to see a speech therapist. Because of his sickness, Harrison was behind a touch and we felt he needed some help to "break the seal" with his speech. With prayer and the guidance of friends, we were led to Easter Seals to meet Kathy Welch. Kathy was a Godsend. She was ready to help Harrison and was so encouraging that we could get him on the right path. Within two months, Harrison's speech had blossomed and his confidence in talking was noted by any and all around him.

As parents and a family of Easter Seals, our hearts are forever grateful for the hard work, patience, kindness and love these sweet children are shown. Kathy and all of the therapists here are working hard but most importantly, outpouring love to these children. We are so proud of Harrison and how far he has come. We know we could not have done this without Easter Seals. We are forever grateful to Kathy Welch and the precious people here.

Come see Harrison throw the first pitch at the

Autism and Disability-Friendly Night at Riverwalk Stadium!

ESCA has partnered once again with the Montgomery Biscuits to bring the River Region a game EVERYBODY can enjoy! Reduced noise, reduced visual effects, no t-shirt cannon, "Big Mo" allows you to come to him instead...and more!



Additional articles on back.

ESCA's Annual Report, 2015-2016

ESCA publishes an annual report for our consumers and supporters in an effort to show transparency to those we serve.

REVENUE	
Special Events and Fundraising	\$39,771
Contributed Income	\$48,996
Government Grants and Fees	\$3,595,572
Program Service Fees	\$\$571,801
Sales to the Public	\$109,137
Rent Income	\$83,692
In-Kind Donations (donations of goods/supplies)	\$212,720
United Way Income	\$144,918
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,558
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,812,165

INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY PROGRAM

Employment Services: 330 Vocational Evaluation: 227 Certified Nurse Aide: ASD Clinic*: 8 Rotary Work Center: 18 Speech Therapy: 478 **Interpreter Services:** 165 SCSEP: 204 Learning Disabilities Eval: 59 Care Project: 238



ESCA has created a strategic plan? Want to see? Contact Varina @ 334.387.3256!

To make a difference in the lives of children and adults living right here in the River Region, we need your help.

Your \$25 donation provides a speech screening for a child. Your \$100 gift provides a week of speech therapy for a child or an adult. Your \$500 gift provides a vocational evaluation to determine a career path for a person with a disability. Your \$1000 donation provides training for an individual with a disability to become a certified C.N.A. Every dollar counts! Mail your donation to the info below!

EXPENSES

*Due to staffing change

Program Expenses:

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Employment Services	\$843,224
Autism and Speech Services	\$449,384
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	\$1,152,476
American Sign Language (ASL) Program Services	\$228,157
Other Direct Services	\$1,645,922
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$4,319,163
Fundraising and Management Expenses:	
Fundraising	\$37,900
Management and General Expenses	\$386,083
TOTAL FUNDRAISING/MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	\$423,983

We would like to highlight some of our partnerships! Community support is the only way ESCA is able to serve more. THANK YOU!





