

**PUSH AMERICA LENDS A HELPING HAND**

Push America, a non-profit organization founded by members of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, was created to serve people with disabilities and to instill a foundation for lifelong service in their members. One of the ways they are working to accomplish these goals is by providing hands-on help through a program called Build America. Easter Seals Wisconsin's Camp Wawbeek has been lucky enough to benefit from their generosity.

The Build America team is comprised of 19 young men who have made a commitment to spend the summer traveling, doing construction projects at camps that specialize in services for people with disabilities. Along with hammering, digging, swatting mosquitoes and singing along with the campers around the campfire, each young man also commits to personally raising a minimum of \$3,500. This money is used to cover the costs of the trip and to allow Build

America to give \$5,000 to each camp they visit over the summer.

Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek matched that \$5000, and the pooled money was used to purchase building materials for Build America's construction projects.

The young men accomplished a lot more than their original project, which was to build a deck onto the Arts & Crafts building. They also set posts, cut wood, moved a cast-iron

furnace, hauled gravel, trimmed trails, painted ceilings, and built a ramp on the west end of the female dorm.

Although the days were long and the work hard, the contributions the Build America team members made to Camp Wawbeek gave them a lot of satisfaction. Spending time with the campers, though, was the most rewarding part of their stay. This summer the Build America team ate every meal with the campers. As the days passed, they began

to join in the camp activities more and more. They participated in a Fourth of July parade, attended the "Hat Dance" and went canoeing with the kids.

"I can think of no better way to spend the summer than traveling around to wonderful camps like Camp Wawbeek and getting to hang out with the campers," Jason Howard said. Build America teammate Jason Zickafoose added, "I knew it would be difficult to leave, but I never realized it would be so hard to say goodbye to the kids."

Over the past several years, PUSH America has raised thousands of dollars for Easter Seals' projects and programs, and has donated uncounted man-hours to renovate facilities to better serve people with disabilities. Easter Seals is grateful for their generosity and hard work and looks forward to working with them again in the future!



The PUSH America team members proudly pose at the front entrance of Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek.



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### EASTER SEALS BLAZES NEW TRAILS

Enrollment goals were surpassed, a new segment of the population was reached and everyone involved had a great time. The launch of Easter Seals Wisconsin's newest program, *Trail Blazers*, is an official success! Easter Seals Wisconsin has been serving children and adults with physical disabilities for more than 75 years, but the creation of *Trail Blazers* enables us to reach a new group – young men and women between the ages of 16 and 30 with mild to moderate cognitive delays.

"This program was so successful because this is an underserved population. There just aren't a lot of organized leisure opportunities that are appropriate for this population," said Stu Mace, Vice President of Camping and Respite Programs for Easter Seals Wisconsin.

The inaugural *Trail Blazers* session served 42 campers, most of who had never participated in Easter Seals programming before. Ben Heier, who lives at Bethany Homes in Frederic, had so much fun that he talked about his experience for days afterward. "I really liked the bow and arrow and swimming," Ben said. Ben's caregiver, Kathy Bennett, was looking for a program where Ben could be among individuals who have the same abilities and interests that he does.

"We have a pool table [at Bethany] and we go bowling and do crafts, but I wanted to send Ben somewhere where he could have some experiences that he can't have at home." Kathy also noted that the 2 campers to each counselor ratio was very good. She said Ben is excited to be a Trail Blazer again next year!

Dallas Teufel had attended Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek in the past, but found a better fit in *Trail Blazers*. "He loved it!" said Dallas' mother Kathy Teufel, "This is the best thing that ever could have happened for him." Kathy explained that her son was able to try new things and become more independent because of the energetic atmosphere in the group. She also felt that Dallas 'fit in' more. "It is awesome for him to have a life outside of our home. He will definitely go again next year!" Kathy went on to explain how pleased she was with Easter Seals' counselors. "Dallas really liked his counselors. They were really hip and treated him like a pal."

The Trail Blazers had plenty of chances to spend time with their new friends during a week of activities and adventures that used Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek as a home base. Along with such traditional camping activities as campfire sing-a-longs, hockey, obstacle course and arts & crafts, the Trail Blazers set out on a number of day trips. Shopping on Madison's State Street (often an adventure in itself) was combined with a trip to Vilas Zoo and a tour of Wisconsin's beautiful State Capitol Building. Tommy Bartlett, Inc. embraced the new program by offering free admission, as well as round trip transportation, to their Exploratory and to the afternoon performance of their world famous water ski show. "The Trail Blazers loved discovering in the Exploratory and they really liked the ski show," said Christine Hollar, Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek Director, who oversaw the first *Trail Blazers* session. "It was a terrific opportunity for them to share these experiences with their peers."

Easter Seals hopes to serve 50 young adults in the Trail Blazers program next year. We received a lot of positive feedback and the 2004 trailblazers are already recruiting their peers and friends!



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Meet Kayla!



Hi my name is Kayla. I am 14 years old and was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy when I was about 16 months old. Some of the things that I like to do in my free time include: shopping, writing, reading, collecting CDs, magazines, and books, 4x4 jet skiing, and spending time with my family or just hanging out with my friends. I like going to school and being with my friends. I always work hard and I get pretty good grades.

When I grow up I want to go to college so that I can work with children with special needs at a hospital.

When school is out for the summer, one of the things I look forward to is going to Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek. I have been going to Camp Wawbeek for 3 years. I love going to this camp which is designed for kids with special needs. I have made tons of friends and have a chance to get away from home which I love even more. At camp I have had a chance to meet kids just like me. I also get to go to dances or do fun activities that I could never do at home. When I'm at Camp Wawbeek I'm with people

ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER AT CAMP WAWBEEK

We had another exciting summer at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek, with over 400 hundred campers attending 12 different sessions! One of the new sessions, Transition Teens, was a big hit for campers ages 18-25 who have physical disabilities. Many of the older teens and young adults who attend this session, are anticipating, or already making, the difficult transition from school or other structured environments to a more independent stage of their lives. Teen Transitions provides a special place for participants to enjoy and learn from their peers by participating in group discussions and outdoor adventure-based activities.

The Transition Teens session took place during a typical adult Camp Wawbeek session. However, this group participated in more active programming that was consistent with their interests. Many times it is a large leap for campers to transition from the active youth session to the more laid-back social atmosphere that the older adults enjoy. The active young adults climbed the tower, went on hikes, and participated in many group activities. The time together gave them opportunities to share with their peers their worries



EASTER SEALS THANKS OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

All of the wonderful programming and new facilities at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek would not be possible if we did not have the wonderful community support that we do. Many dedicated volunteer groups spent countless hours at camp painting, cleaning, hauling, and planning. We would like to specifically thank the Milkman Corporation, Boy Scout River Fall Troop 459, Randolph Reformed Church, and Reedsburg High School for their time and personal commitment.

Easter Seals also recognizes the Wisconsin Dells Art Association for their \$2,000 gift (pictured right) and the WWAAC for their donation of \$4,000 to purchase mosquito-eater



Submit YOUR Story!

We love to hear about your experiences at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek, Trail Blazers, or Respite Camp! Tell us about your craziest adventure, or the biggest fear you overcame. We might even publish it on our web site or in the next issue of Network News!

Email your stories to [info@wi.easterseals.com](mailto:info@wi.easterseals.com) or mail them to Easter Seals Wisconsin (address on back page).

EASTER SEALS WISCONSIN LAUNCHES GROUND-BREAKING ACCESSIBLE WEB SITE

Easter Seals Wisconsin is proud to announce the launch of its new web site ([www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com)), an innovative, accessible online resource for clients, donors, referrers and educators.

As the Internet replaces traditional sources of information and interaction, accessible Web sites will offer unprecedented access to information for the 20 percent of Americans with disabilities.

"We are committed to ensuring that our clients, donors and volunteers can access Easter Seals Wisconsin's resources online," said Easter Seals President/CEO Christine Fessler. "Removing barriers is part of Easter Seals' legacy - we are excited and honored to lead this new technical era for people with

disabilities, and hope that other organizations and corporations will follow suit."

Online accessibility issues affect millions of Americans nationwide who have disabilities, particularly those whose disabilities affect their ability to see, hear, move or process information. Easter Seals Wisconsin's Web site is highly-accessible, making it possible to share information about services and resources, despite differences in Internet users' ability. Accessibility issues may include the ability to use a keyboard or mouse, or use of a text-only screen, a small screen (handheld computers and wireless telephones) or a slow Internet connection. Users also can register for Easter Seals' e-newsletter, make secure donations, apply for job and volunteer opportunities, and register for events.



Please note our new website, [www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com) and email addresses and visit us online today!

WE NEED YOUR SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND YOUR USABLE CLOTHES

Easter Seals Pick-Up Service Expands to the Northwestern Part of the State.

The Easter Seals Pick-Up Service, which picks up clothing and household goods for resale is now available in Eau Claire and surrounding communities. The Pick-Up Service has been operating in southern Wisconsin since 1997, providing a service to area residents by sending trucks into local communities to pick up used goods that would otherwise be discarded and end up in landfills.

Easter Seals has expanded this program and is now picking up items in northwestern Wisconsin. These items are sold to Savers Thrift Stores (Madison & Eau Claire) and proceeds are used to support Easter Seals services for children and adults with disabilities. "With this expansion, we are able to nearly double the amount of goods that we divert from landfills and our customers are thrilled to have us come to their door to pick up their items," said Jo Warren, Easter Seals Pick-Up Service Manager. Residents are notified by mail of the pick-up date in their neighborhood and are asked to place their donated items at the curb. An Easter Seals driver then scans the streets looking for items that residents have left out.

"The expansion of the Pick-Up Service means that we are not only able to meet a community need in over 41 new communities but also that we will have additional funds to expand Easter Seals services to people with disabilities throughout Wisconsin," said Christine Fessler, President/CEO of Easter Seals Wisconsin. "We have a wonderful partner in Savers Thrift Stores and both our organizations are thrilled to have this opportunity to serve others."

To learn more about communities in which this service is available or for information on contacting the Pick-Up Ser-



**SNOWMOBILERS JOIN FORCES**

This year the weather cooperated for the annual Blizzard Blast sponsored by the Dane County Council of Snowmobile Clubs. The Hawk's Nest was filled with club members and their families enjoying games, food, raffles and live music. Over \$10,000 was raised to support the programs offered by Easter Seals Wisconsin to children and adults with disabilities. A special thank you to the Whippoorwill/Hawk's Nest, John Flint and Tammy Lee from WJJO and Wisconsin Distributors.



Brandon & Bridget Buell of Cottage Grove pose in the Mardi Gras Photo Booth.

**WINES AROUND THE WORLD**

The 3rd Annual Wines Around the World event to benefit Easter Seals Wisconsin was held on February 24th at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites on Madison's west side. Guests "traveled" to different countries, sampling delicious wines and hors d'oeuvres. The last stop on the trip was New Orleans for a Mardi Gras celebration that featured fabulous desserts and dessert wines and live entertainment provided by the Ed Anders Quartet, caricature artist Bernie Tennis, tarot card reader Brian Babbitts, and The Lakeside School of Massage. The nearly \$15,000 raised in this event helps Easter Seals to serve children and adults with disabilities throughout Wisconsin. This event was made possible by our sponsors: Carlson Wagonlit Travel-Monona & Target East, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Bretl's Wine & Spirits, Capital Newspapers Inc., Edgewater Greenhouse, George's Chophouse, Madison's Wine & Cigar Room, Nedrebo's Formal Wear, The Widget Source, Whole Foods Market, and WOLX/Triple M

**EASTER SEALS DANCE AND RAFFLE IN WAUSAU**

Easter Seals Benefit Dance & Raffle took place on March 13 at Schmidt's Ballroom in Wausau. The purchase of \$50 raffle tickets gave participants the opportunity to win exciting cash prizes and enjoy an afternoon of free food and drink. Evening activities were open to the public and included additional raffles, door prizes and dancing to the band SouthBound. Thanks to the support of area residents and businesses, over \$7,000 was raised to support Easter Seals programs and services. A special thank you to S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Schmidt's Ballroom, Marathon County Tavern League Restaurants and Members, Greenheck Fan Corp., United Structures Inc., Marathon Wood Shavings Supply Inc., Waraksa Excavating and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**SPRING FLING**

The 1st Annual Spring Fling on March 28th was a success despite the inclement weather. About 100 people attended, including families from Easter Seals Respite program and from the community and surrounding area. They had a great time playing games, visiting with the Easter Bunny, and searching for Easter eggs. The Spring Fling raised just over \$2,000, which will fund programs at the Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp in Wisconsin Dells for people with severe disabilities. The grand prize raffle winner of a child's battery powered car donated by Glacier Valley Ford-Mercury was Ros Lyness from Wisconsin Dells. The first place winner of a 20" TV donated by Cookies Nook was Linda Outhouse of Oregon

Congratulations! Thank you also to the following sponsors: Portage Pick -n- Save, Davis Duehr Dean, Capps Food Stores,



These two young boys found all kinds of goodies on the Spring Fling Easter Egg & Treasure Hunt.

**REHABILITATION FOR FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Easter Seals FARM Program Makes Great Strides**

Since 1991, Easter Seals FARM Program has helped over 1,000 farmers and agricultural workers with all types of disabilities successfully accommodate their disability and either continue to farm, return to farming or develop an alternative agricultural occupation.

Last year, Easter Seals Wisconsin served 185 people through our FARM program and each farmer received, on average, more than 40 hours of service. This includes an on-farm assessment by a rural rehabilitation specialist, follow-up consultation and analysis to develop a work plan, identifying suitable assistive technology and getting multiple estimates, and case management to assure that the plan is successfully implemented.

An April 2004 survey of 67 farmers served in the past year indicated that as a result of Easter Seals services, 80% of farmers could farm more successfully, 69% could continue to farm, and 11% could live on their farm and pursue work elsewhere.

Agriculture is the largest industry in Wisconsin and contributes \$40 billion to Wisconsin's economy. There are over 78,000 farms and other agricultural and forestry operations in the state. Unfortunately, farming is also one of the most hazardous professions. In Wisconsin, over 4,000 disabling accidents occur annually on farms throughout the state. In addition, farmers are at high risk for disabling health conditions resulting from physical strain and hazardous exposures. The farm workforce overall is aging and is now predominantly over 40 years old. Not surprisingly, given the rigorous physical demands of farming and the aging of farmers, the two primary diagnoses for farmers with disabilities are orthopedic impairments (34%), mostly back and knee problems, and arthritis (11%). The next largest categories are amputations (10%) and spinal cord injuries (5%).



Employment rates for people with disabilities in Wisconsin are at about 27.8%, compared with 76.3% for the general population. For people with a "severe work disability," the rates are even more disturbing: the employment rate is 7.5% and 90.3% have dropped out of the labor force entirely.

Traditionally, the culture of farming is one of privacy and self-sufficiency. Farmers try to work things out by themselves. Additionally, it is difficult for farmers to seek help from outside agencies because they cannot leave the responsibilities of their farms unattended for very long. Milking, feeding and other chores cannot wait.

One reason Easter Seals FARM program has been so successful is that it focuses on helping the farmer continue to farm. The farmer is seeking help "for the farm," not him/herself. The other reason is that all of our FARM program staff have strong backgrounds in agriculture as well as in rehabilitation. They know and respect the culture of farming as well as farm work and can work around the farmer's schedule. Easter Seals continues to serve more farmers every day.

If you know of someone who may be able to benefit from our services,

Meet Jeff!



Hello, my name's Jeff. I was injured going to work one day. The guy's windows fogged up-he ran a stop sign and hit my truck. A couple of discs ruptured in my back. I had back surgery when I was 22, and then there was another rupture. Prior to my injury, I was working in construction. After the accident, they said my construction career was over.

At first I didn't believe them, because I was too young to be handicapped. It took six months of being off work to believe it. And then after that I said, "I guess I have to do something

I started looking into agriculture. That's when I found out about the Easter Seals FARM Program. If it wasn't for them, I'd be in the unemployment line, or welfare line, one of the two. They came out and assessed my situation and watched how I did a lot of things. They recommended changes in the way I did things and new equipment, so that I didn't have to use my back as much. Our business continues to grow. We currently have 550 calves, more than we can fit! Easter Seals FARM Program has been excellent and instrumental in our business.

I can't say enough about them.

**FOX VALLEY BUILDS FULLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND WITH MOTHER'S HELP**

**Memorial Park's Universal Playground Opened this Past Spring**

In late 2001, Lisa Nerenhausen became frustrated because she could not find an accessible place for her daughter Leah to play. Lisa contacted Easter Seals Disability HelpLine, a service in Outagamie County, and voiced her frustrations over the need for an accessible playground in the Fox Valley. Jill Gretzinger, Manager of the Disability HelpLine knew of another parent with similar concerns. Amy Perry was injured in a car accident as a young adult and uses a wheelchair. Amy couldn't take her children to area playgrounds. She was afraid that one of her children would be injured and she would not be able to reach them due to wood chips on the ground and other accessibility barriers.



*Six year old Leah plays and discovers at the Universal Playground while her mother Lisa looks on.*

Jill introduced the two mothers and the team went to work. They formed a committee, held countless meetings, conducted research and raised funds all with one goal in mind-to build a fully accessible playground that accommodates children with disabilities, allowing both disabled and non-disabled children to play together.

Construction of Memorial Park's Universal Playground was completed in May of 2004. The unique design includes ramps and rubber turf to allow wheelchair access. The rubber surface permits positioning close to the equipment, allowing children to play without being taken out of a wheelchair. The teeter-totter and swings have backrests, seatbelts and restraints which provide spinal and neck support. These are just a few of the pieces of playground equipment you will find at the Universal Playground.

“The neatest thing is to see the smile on my daughter's face, because she can play there.”

“The neatest thing is to see the smile on my daughter's face, because she can play there,” Lisa said. “It makes it so much easier that I can strap Leah in and not have to sit with her and hold her...now she can

play on her own and be more independent.”

Several hundred volunteers joined together to construct the playground, and more than 350 donors contributed over \$325,000 in funding for the project. “This was very much a community effort,” said Jill. “In addition to Easter Seals Wisconsin, Options for Independent Living, local businesses, parents, community members and even school children were crucial to the project's success.”

The playground design integrates a variety of play experiences and challenges while providing for access and needs of persons with physical, sensory or developmental disabilities. Six year old Leah has Mitochondrial Myopathy and cannot stand, crawl or walk due to her low muscle tone. She is developmentally delayed and communicates through hand gestures and facial expressions.

“The universal playground is a wonderful place for non-disabled children to interact with children with disabilities because it teaches tolerance,” said Lisa. “Other children encourage Leah and she is able to better interact with her siblings and peers.”

For more information about Easter Seals Disability HelpLine for residents in Outagamie County, visit [www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com) or call Jill at the HelpLine at (920) 832-0344.

**GOLFERS AND CELEBRITIES TEE IT UP FOR KIDS**

**Golf Outing for Kids Raises over \$60,000**

The 9th Annual Pat O'Donahue Golf Outing for Kids! was held on June 29 at the beautiful Wilderness Woods Golf Club in Wisconsin Dells. It was a day filled with sunshine, friendship and fun. Thirty-four teams captained by celebrity athletes participated and raised over \$60,000 to support Easter Seals Wisconsin and our camp programs. Among the many celebrities joining us were former Green Bay Packers Bob Skoronski and Bob Long and past and present UW Badgers Mark Johnson, Jeff Sauer, Lisa Stone and Pat Richter. Brad Niebuhr from the Mortenson, Matzelle & Meldrum team left the course smiling after his hole-in-one shot earned him a Golf & Gamble Trip to Las Vegas. After golfing, everyone headed to Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek for a cookout and awards presentation. Celebrity athletes used the time before dinner to mingle with campers and sign autographs. WISC-TV anchorwoman Carleen Wild returned again this year and did a wonderful job as emcee for the program. The Pat O'Donahue Golf Outing for Kids has become one of Easter Seals' most successful special events. Diamond Sponsors: The Great Lakes Companies, Neuman Pools, Water Technology and Jack Waterman. Gold Sponsors: Kraemer Brothers, Mortenson, Matzelle & Meldrum, Inc., Stevens Construction, Wilderness Hotel & Golf Resort and Start Renting. Silver Sponsors: Meridian Laboratory, Ho-Chunk Hotel & Casino, Virchow Krause Capital, American Family Insurance and Cardinal FG-Portage. Visit [www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com) to see additional supporters.



*The Neuman Pools golf team was captained by former Green Bay Packers & Detroit Lions player Gary Ellerson.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**OCTOBER**

Hop-N-ing Kicks Off  
*Educational opportunity & fundraiser for young children (see page 6).*

**NOW - November 22**  
*Car Raffle Sponsored by Century 21-Affiliated.*  
Visit [www.21.com](http://www.21.com) for ticket information.

**NOVEMBER**

**Saturday, November 6**  
Eau Claire Dance & Raffle  
6-11 pm, Eagle's Club  
Hwy 63, Hallie  
*Purchase raffle tickets & dance to the band, Illusion. Buy tickets at any Eau Claire area Mega Pick-n-Save.*

**DECEMBER**

**December 27-30**  
Respite Holiday Session

**FEBRUARY**

**February 4-6**  
Teen Weekend at Camp Wawbeek

**Saturday, February 5**  
Blizzard Blast  
Time TBA, Nora's II  
*Raffle and dance conducted by the Dane County Council of Snowmobile Clubs.*

**MARCH**

IMPACT Campaign Kicks Off  
*Easter Seals state-wide annual fund-raising campaign (see page 7).*

**Saturday, March 19**  
Wausau Benefit Dance  
*Details TBA*

**APRIL**

La Crosse Radiothon  
*Details TBA*

**Sunday, April 3**

Spring Fling  
12:30-3:30, Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp

**April 29 - May 1**  
Respite Session in NW, WI  
*(see page 11)*

**Tuesday, May 3**  
Easter Seals Awards Banquet  
Nakoma Golf Club, Madison  
*Awards ceremony, key-note speaker and Easter Seals presentation.*

**May 6-8**

*For more information about any of these activities, log on to [www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com) or call 1-800-422-2324.*

## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF EASTER SEALS

Easter Seals Wisconsin's premier annual giving and recognition club, Friends of Easter Seals, is comprised of caring individuals who make an annual commitment based on their belief that everyone with a disability deserves access to quality, comprehensive and compassionate programs and services.

When you give to the Friends of Easter Seals, your gift is an investment that, combined with others, will enable people with disabilities to achieve their fullest independence, self-reliance, productivity and joy of life.

As a Friend, you help make a reality Easter Seals Wisconsin's mission to create solutions that change the lives of children and adults with disabilities and their families. Furthermore, your gift can be designated to support the Easter Seals



## GIFTS FROM FOUNDATIONS

Easter Seals Wisconsin thanks the following foundations from whom we have received grants this spring & summer:

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## EASTER SEALS WISCONSIN FINDS LONG-TERM FRIEND IN CENTURY 21 REALTY

### Local Realtors Raise Funds for Children and Adults with Disabilities in Their Communities.

Century 21 has been a supporter of Easter Seals nationwide since 1979, raising more funds than any other corporate partner.

**Century 21 Colleen Realty** in Kenosha has been holding a Porky-Pancake Breakfast to benefit Easter Seals services since 1992. This year's breakfast, held on February 22, raised \$3,600.

**Century 21 Affiliated Blowers** in Janesville holds a golf outing each summer. This year's event, held August 17, raised \$3,350.

**Century 21 Affiliated**, with 22 offices throughout Wisconsin, is selling raffle tickets through November 22. To learn more about this exciting opportunity to win a new VW Beetle Convertible or a Buick Rendezvous SUV, visit [www.21.com](http://www.21.com).

**Century 21 First Realty** in Appleton will hold a live radio auction on WHBY, from 4-6 pm on November 4, with great items and interviews with Easter Seals staff & clients.

### Help the environment and support Easter Seals.

Many Century 21 offices participate in Cartridges for Kids, an inkjet and laser printer cartridge recycling pro-

## KIDS HOP, SKIP AND JUMP FOR EASTER SEALS

Hundreds of children's groups around the state have held Hop-N-ings and rave about it. The program kicks off in October, and this year we'd like your group, or your child's group, to join in the fun!

Hop-N-ing is a disability awareness and fundraising program created by Easter Seals. The program has several goals: to teach young children about disabilities, to foster positive attitudes and help prevent fears and prejudices from forming, and to raise needed funds for Easter Seals programs. Kids enjoy the disability awareness lessons and love the event itself in which they hop, skip or jump to raise pledges. Teachers, day care providers, and group leaders find Hop-N-ing an easy and fun event to run. Groups such as preschools, day care centers and K-2 programs ranging in size from 2 - 200 have taken part with great results.

To learn more, to obtain materials to share with your child's teacher or day care provider, or to sign up your

## EASTER SEALS ANNUAL IMPACT CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

### Local Community Members Raised over \$150,000 to Support Easter Seals Wisconsin's Programs

Together, Easter Seals VIPs (Very Important Partners) have given generously of their time, raising over \$150,000 for Easter Seals Wisconsin during the 2004 IMPACT Campaign. The money raised will be used for Easter Seals programs that help create greater independence for people with disabilities. Easter Seals wholeheartedly thanks our VIPs for their time, creativity and generosity and the caring sponsors, businesses and individuals listed below for their

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 Providence, LLC  
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 Results Radio  
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 Mega Pick -n- Save  
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 Park Ridge Distributing  
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 Pepsi-Cola  
 Quality Inn  
 Royal Construction  
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