



Empowering every learner: A true Center of Excellence.

Easterseals NH is embarking on building a new purpose-built school for its Manchester-based residential-education programs on its Zachary Road campus.

The new Gammon Academy School is specifically designed to meet the accessibility standards the students we serve deserve. A true center of excellence, the school will have larger classrooms, upgraded technology, wider hallways to accommodate students with mobility aids, student support rooms, and space where therapists can provide occupational, speech, and physical therapy sessions.

- Easterseals NH was awarded \$5M in Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery from the State of New Hampshire to design and build the school. Easterseals NH matched this funding with its own \$5M in funding.
- The new two-story, 27,340 square foot school will replace our existing two schools in Manchester both of which do not meet the needs of the population we serve as one was once a medical office building and the other was a nursing home with the average classroom size of 300 sq. feet. The enhancements will include:
 - 15 classrooms, each approximately 800 sq. feet. This allows for students of all abilities as well as their teachers and paraprofessionals to have ample space to learn and move about the classrooms.
 - 3 conference rooms for staff to meet together for training and professional development, for students to use for group activities and for families to participate in activities with their students. The current schools do not have space for such activities.
 - 8 rooms for speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy nursing, and other therapeutic care.
 - Increased ability to serve more students from the current capacity of 130 students to 150 students. This will allow Easterseals to serve day students from the community as well as their residential students.
 - Upgraded technology to include smart monitors in each classroom, individual devices for each student, and the ability for teachers to share curriculum with each student to their own device.
 - New accessible playground, where none exists now.

Timeline: Construction of the new school began in October 2023 with the estimated completion date of September 30, 2024.

Funding: Additional funds are needed to be raised to complete the school, purchase and implement the in-classroom and building technology, specifically designed furniture, and build a new accessible playground. Easterseals NH will reach out to corporations, foundations, and individuals to help fund the campus. Naming opportunities are available.



Our students deserve an accessible school that allows them the ability to learn and grow. Learn more about how YOU can make this a reality for them.

Easterseals NH is reaching out to the community to help support the construction, upgraded technology, and specifically designed furniture for the new purpose build school. We look forward to our conversations to share more about the focus of our school, the impact it has on our students, and the need for residential education as a whole right here in New Hampshire. We would love to have a conversation with you to learn more about how your interests may align with these opportunities. Donor naming opportunities for this new center of excellence start at \$2,500 up to \$250,000. Please note, we accept multiyear pledges.

There are nearly 50 naming opportunities from classrooms, meeting spaces, offices, medical spaces, accessible playground and more. We look forward to our conversation with you to ensure the best fit for you. Please reach out to Kathy Flynn, Vice President of Donor Relations, kaflynn@eastersealsnh.org or 603.621.3413.

Background: Our residential-education programs operate a residential and educational treatment program for youth ages 5 through 21 across three locations, two in Manchester, and one in Lancaster. The programs are licensed to serve up to 157 students from states throughout New England. We serve youth with an array of abilities. Our students have faced challenges in other learning environments due to their neurodivergence, difficulty with communication and other factors that impact their ability to function in the traditional school setting. Many of the students have experienced significant trauma in addition to their learning challenges. Our residential programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation and Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the highest level of quality assurance that a residential program can obtain. This is an administrative and programmatic accomplishment and speaks to the program's level of knowledge, professionalism, and ability to provide impactful services. Our schools are certified by the New Hampshire Department of Education as Non-Public Schools as well as approved Special Education Programs. Because of these successes, we are able to award a Gammon Academy high school diploma.

