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News & Stories

Welcoming Our New Chief Military and Veterans Services Officer

Army National Guardsman and former Manchester Police Chief Allen Aldenberg is Easterseals NH's first-ever Chief Military and Veterans Services Officer. His more than 30 years of military and law enforcement leadership experience makes him well-equipped to oversee our [Military & Veterans Campus](#) in Franklin, NH.

Allen is preparing for the opening of the Military & Veterans Campus in the summer of 2025. Construction is progressing and nearing completion on the Bernadine Herron Center—our hub of services and retreat center—and the two affordable housing buildings.

In his new role, Allen will work closely with veteran service partner organizations to support New Hampshire's military community.

Read Allen's bio to learn more about his law enforcement career and military service



Allen Aldenberg, Easterseals NH's Chief Military and Veterans Services Officer



Construction on the connector between the two affordable housing apartment buildings

Care Coordination: Impactful Support for a Resilient Mother

Samantha relocated her family of seven to Rutland, VT, after being evicted. She and her five children have Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia—a progressive condition causing muscle weakness—and their living situation made it difficult to attend her children’s medical appointments. That changed thanks to [Easterseals VT Care Coordination](#).



Samantha's children in their new Rutland home

Easterseals VT Family Engagement Specialist Kim Luther helped Samantha secure housing and

connected her to community resources to supplement her income and furnish her home. Easterseals VT even provided Samantha with a laptop to take college courses.

“Kim has been a very big help to my family. She believed in me even when I didn’t believe in myself,” shared Samantha.

Easterseals VT helps support families facing challenging times. With resources provided by Easterseals VT, Samantha’s family is finding their footing. Samantha’s story is a testament to the power of Easterseals VT’s support.

[Learn more about Care Coordination](#)

You Don't Need Cash to Make a Splash with Asset Contributions

Charlie Goodwin, a former Easterseals NH & VT Board member and long-time donor, shared how non-cash donations have enabled him to contribute more flexibly.

Charlie served on the Easterseals NH & VT Board in the 1980s and 1990s. After retiring in 2006, he rejoined the Board until 2023, when he began giving non-cash assets. His financial advisor suggested donating stock, highlighting its tax advantages and budgeting flexibility.



Former Easterseals NH & VT Board member and long-time donor Charlie Goodwin

"I think the real advantage is that you don't have to give your cash right up front," Charlie noted. "If you have a portfolio of investments, that allows you to give gifts in other ways. It keeps the cash in your pocket, which is always nice, but it allows you to still make a difference."

[Hear Charlie's giving story](#)

To explore the advantages of non-cash contributions, contact Pamela Hawkes, Easterseals NH Chief Development Officer, at 603.793.3858 or phawkes@eastersealsnh.org.

[Discover more ways to give](#)

Meet Our New Executive Committee Members!

The Easterseals NH & VT Board of Directors has appointed Chairman Bryan Bouchard, Past Chairman Andrew MacWilliam, Treasurer Timothy Wade, Vice Chairman Gregory Baxter, MD, and General Counsel and Secretary Bradford Cook, Esq., to its new Executive Committee.

Bryan—a faculty member in the Accountancy and Taxation Department at Southern New Hampshire University's School of Business—will continue his term as Board Chairman. Andrew is a retired partner at Pricewaterhouse Coopers. Timothy is the New Hampshire Regional President and Executive Vice President for M&T Bank. Gregory is President at Elliot Health System and Chief Clinical Officer at

SolutionHealth. Bradford serves as head of Sheehan Phinney's Estate Planning and Probate, Government Relations and Not-for-Profit, and Charitable and Religious Institutions Practice Groups.

We are grateful for the extensive leadership experience our new Executive Committee members bring to the Board of Directors and our organization.

[Learn more about our Board Members](#)



Easterseals NH & VT Executive Committee of the Board (l. to r): Past Chairman Andrew MacWilliam, Treasurer Timothy Wade, Chairman Bryan Bouchard, and Vice Chairman Gregory Baxter, MD. Not pictured: General Counsel and Secretary Bradford Cook, Esq.

Easterseals NH & VT Leaders Named in NH Business Review's 2025 New Hampshire 200



Easterseals NH & VT Board Chair
Bryan Bouchard



Easterseals NH & VT Chief
Communications & Marketing
Officer Michele Talwani



Easterseals NH & VT Board
Treasurer Tim Wade

Easterseals NH & VT’s Board Chair Bryan Bouchard, Chief Communications & Marketing Officer Michele Talwani, and Board Treasurer Tim Wade have been named 2025 NH Business Review’s New Hampshire 200 honorees! This list celebrates the achievements of business and nonprofit leaders across the Granite State.

Bryan—a board member since 2015 and Chair since 2023—has been a full-time faculty member of Southern New Hampshire University’s School of Business for over twenty years. Michele joined our organization in 2023 to lead communications and major gift fundraising, becoming our first Chief Communications and Marketing Officer in 2024. Tim—a Board member since 2023 and Treasurer since 2025—is M&T Bank’s New Hampshire Regional President and Executive Vice President.

We are proud to see these three members of the Easterseals NH & VT family receive this honor. All 2025 New Hampshire 200 honorees will be recognized at a formal reception in May 2025.

Congratulations, Bryan, Michele, and Tim!

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Meet Our Newest Board Members!



Easterseals NH & VT Board
Member Robert Bartley of Bartley
Financial Advisors

Easterseals NH & VT Board
Member Tom Davis of Eversource
Energy

Easterseals NH & VT Board
Member Madison Lightfoot-
Kunitake of McLane Middleton

Easterseals NH & VT recently welcomed Robert Bartley, Tom Davis, and Madison Lightfoot-Kunitake to our Board.

Robert is the founder, owner, and manager of Bartley Financial Advisors and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP). Robert is also a member of the American Institute of CPAs, National Association of Personal Financial Advisors, and Financial Planning Association, and graduated from Merrimack College.

Tom is Eversource Energy's Director of Electric Transmission Field Operations. Before his electrical career, Tom served as an Intelligence Officer and Division Manager in the U.S. Navy. He is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Officer Training Schools, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Madison Lightfoot-Kunitake, Esq. is an Associate in the Corporate Department and is a member of the Cybersecurity and Privacy Practice Group with McLane Middleton. Previously, Madison worked for U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and the NH Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire and attended UNH's Franklin Pierce School of Law.

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Check Out Our Most Recent Annual Report!

In fiscal year 2024, Easterseals NH & VT supported nearly 19,500 children, families, adults, seniors, and veterans across New Hampshire and Vermont. See the impact our organization has had on the lives of those we serve, read our client success stories, hear from our donors and partners, and discover how Easterseals NH & VT elevates all abilities by providing critical care coordination, programs, and services.

[Click here to view our Annual Report](#)

Careers with Easterseals NH

Interested in working for Easterseals NH? It's time to make a real difference in your community by joining our team. We are hiring for several roles, so visit our careers page to explore all open positions.

[To explore available roles, visit our careers page.](#)

[Click here to explore our open positions](#)

Become a Paraprofessional with Easterseals NH!

Our paraprofessionals work at our year-round Manchester, NH locations and gain hands-on experience within a structured school system. Our class sizes are 10 students or less, allowing you to directly engage with and learn about a variety of psychological and neurological disabilities, including clients who have experienced trauma and abuse and those with non-verbal and behavioral disorders.

This is not a desk job. Our interactive work directly impacts the lives of the individuals we serve. Whether you assist a client with daily living activities, improve relationship skills, or develop coping mechanisms, you will become a needed, trusted role model in this team-oriented position.



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