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## **News & Stories**

# To help serve more people, Easterseals NH adds to its development team!



Pictured: (I. to r.) Jamie Staton, Kathy Flynn, and Mike Leary make up the major gifts team who will work with our donors.

Adding to our major gifts team is aligned with our organization's strategic initiatives to serve the people of New Hampshire and to elevate people of all abilities.

Jamie Staton, a familiar face in New Hampshire from his 26-year tenure as a WMUR sports reporter and news anchor, joined Easterseals NH in July, bringing his vast network and extensive local knowledge.

Mike Leary, who joined us in August, previously taught Latin and Humanities at the Derryfield School in Manchester, NH, while also coaching tennis and chairing the World Languages Department. He hopes to forge new connections, promote Easterseals NH's mission, and generate support for our programs.

Jamie and Mike join Kathy Flynn, who has been with Easterseals NH for seven years. She initially spent five years working with our Veterans Count program before transitioning to her current role as a major gift officer. She is excited to welcome her new colleagues, noting, "The growth of adding Mike and Jamie just presents an incredible opportunity."

To learn how your support can make a difference, contact Kathy at <a href="mailto:kaflynn@eastersealsnh.org">kaflynn@eastersealsnh.org</a>, or Mike at <a href="mailto:mleary@eastersealsnh.org">mleary@eastersealsnh.org</a>.

# Easterseals NH's Adult Day program brings laughter and friendship to Nancy's life

Nancy, a grandmother of six, lives alone. Most of her family has moved out of town, and her mobility and health were becoming a concern. Her doctor even advised against her continued isolation.

At the request of her two daughters, Nancy began attending Easterseals NH's Adult Day program. "When I first walked in, you could tell, it was just comfortable," she said. "I met the people here, and every instructor here is just wonderful."

Nancy gets to enjoy a wide variety of activities, from word games to exercise to adaptable indoor "volleyball." She is so positive about the benefits that she has become an unofficial "ambassador" for the program. "I can talk all day long about what Adult Day does for people, but if I have Nancy explain what it has done for her, that makes an impact," Adult Day Services Director Sue Reynolds said.

<u>Learn more about Easterseals NH's Adult Day</u> <u>program here.</u>



Pictured: Nancy, an Easterseals NH Adult Day program participant.

# **Easterseals VT opens 'Donation Station' store in Burlington**

Easterseals VT's Burlington office launched its free "Donation Station" store this spring, for clients to access items donated by supporters, community members, and staff. The concept was born as an additional grassroots initiative to offer extra assistance to the children and families Easterseals VT serves in its Burlington district. Erin Langlois, Director of Programs & Services explained, "We had a spare office space and decided to repurpose it for the Donation Station."

The store stocks a range of essential items, including non-perishable food, household supplies, adult clothing, hygiene products, and more. Our Burlington team welcomes donations, but they advise reaching out to Burlington Program Coordinator Judy Bergeron before dropping off items.

Contact Judy by calling 802.734.2137 or emailing <a href="mailto:jbergeron@eastersealsvt.org">jbergeron@eastersealsvt.org</a>.

**Contact Judy** 



Pictured: Inside of the "Donation Station" store, located at the Easterseals VT Burlington Office.



Pictured: Leanna Aldrich, Family Engagement Assistant, stands inside of the "Donation Station" store.

### Careers with Easterseals NH and Easterseals VT

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Our Educational programs work to ensure that the student have consistent access to education in the least restrictive environment possible as they progress in their development.

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#### Join our Easterseals VT team!

Easterseals Vermont is the leading agency in the state in working hand-in-hand with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to find family-centered solutions that promote child welfare and create safety and well-being.

Easterseals VT is currently hiring for Family Engagement Specialist and Family Engagement Assistant roles.





## **Upcoming Events**

Here is a list of our upcoming events! Please be sure to RSVP or save the date, visit the events page on our website for more information at <a href="https://www.eastersealsnhvt.org/events">https://www.eastersealsnhvt.org/events</a>, and be on the lookout for additional communications as we progress through the season!

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, reach out to <a href="mailto:events@eastersealsnh.org">events@eastersealsnh.org</a>.
For more information about volunteering opportunities, reach out to <a href="mailto:volunteer@eastersealsnh.org">volunteer@eastersealsnh.org</a>.

Veterans Count Lakes Region Red, White & Brew Craft Beer and Wine Festival | Saturday, September 28

18 Reasons to Give Golf Tournament | Monday, September 30

Veterans Count Manchester Beyond the Boots Gala | Saturday, October 19

Easterseals NH & VT Annual Celebration | Thursday, November 7

Veterans Count Nashua Salute Our Soldiers Gala | Saturday, November 16

Veterans Count Army-Navy Watch Party | Saturday, December 14

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#### Who We Are & What We Do

Easterseals New Hampshire elevates people of all abilities. **We serve the diverse needs of approximately 16,000 children, adults, seniors, and veterans each year.** We provide services throughout New Hampshire, and our programs cover areas like early intervention, autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, adult day and in-home care, behavioral health, housing, and substance use disorders.

We help people in New Hampshire live their best lives.

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