

# Mission Possible



February 2025

## News & Stories

### Crafting Love this Valentine's Day

Two of Easterseals NH's programs collaborated to share some love this Valentine's Day through a new activity.

Participants in our Manchester, NH, Adult Day Program made personalized teddy bears for the four-year-olds in our West Side Early Childhood Center of Excellence (ECCE).

"The children, they colored these [teddy bears], and we tried to match what their bear was," explained Adult Day Program Assistant Chantal Gauthier. "We're going to stitch them and stuff them, and then they get to keep them."

Once complete, the Adult Day Program sent the teddy bears to the West Side ECCE just in time for Valentine's Day!



Adult Day Program participants make teddy bears for children at our West Side ECCE



[Learn more about our Adult Day Program](#)

[Learn more about our ECCE programs](#)

## Use Your IRA for Good

Claire Dorval, a long-time supporter of Easterseals NH, shared how donating contributions from her Individual Retirement Account (IRA) has offered her more flexibility for giving.

A consistent donor since 2016, Claire began supporting Easterseals NH because of the wide range of people who receive our services. Claire's financial advisor recently suggested IRA contributions, noting the tax-free giving advantages, allowing her to increase the amount she gives.

"You can give tax-free, and that's the incentive of being able to give to charitable organizations and save money as you do it," Claire explained. "I'm doing a lot more to help the organizations, and it just makes me feel wonderful that I can do that."



Long-time Easterseals NH donor Claire Dorval

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

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## Helping Families Work Together

Congratulations to Monika Sheehe, a Family Engagement Specialist Supervisor working in Easterseals Vermont's Rutland office, on her recent "Caught in the Act" recognition!

Bre Cyr, a Family Engagement Specialist Supervisor in Easterseals VT's Middlebury office, nominated Monika for assisting a family in our Together Time program in Rutland, which helps parents build and strengthen connections with their children.

"Monika ensured that ... everyone who was involved in the dynamics of Together Time knew what was happening for that day's visit," Bre said of Monika, adding that Monika was "wonderful to work with."

We appreciate Monika and all she does to help foster the well-being of Vermont families.



Easterseals VT Family Engagement Specialist Supervisor Monika Sheehe

Read Monika's Caught in the Act story here

## Easterseals NH & VT Board Member Named one of 2025 Outstanding Women in Business

We are excited to share that Susan Martore-Baker, one of our current board members, has been named a 2025 Outstanding Women in Business honoree by New Hampshire Business Review!

Susan, who joined our board in 2023, is the President of Cambridge Trust Company of New Hampshire and leads the bank's Wealth Management team. She is among eight female business leaders from New Hampshire who will be recognized for their successes and achievements at a formal reception in April.

Congratulations, Susan! We appreciate your unwavering commitment to our board and to elevating people of all abilities.

[See all 2025 Outstanding Women in Business](#)



Easterseals NH & VT Board of Directors member Susan Martore-Baker

## Save the Date for Easterseals NH & VT's VIP Kickoff Breakfast!

Join Easterseals NH & VT to celebrate the start of our 2025 Very Important Partner (VIP) Campaign! The VIP Campaign is our biggest fundraiser of the year, helping us provide best-in-class programs to nearly 19,500 children, families, adults, seniors, and Veterans in New Hampshire and Vermont annually.

Easterseals NH & VT's annual VIP Campaign will begin with our Kickoff Breakfast on Friday, March 7. Hosted by our generous partners at AmeriHealth Caritas NH, the Kickoff Breakfast will run from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM at 25 Sundial Ave, Suite 130, Manchester, NH. All are welcome at no cost!

Become a VIP in 2025 to help Easterseals NH & VT and our Farnum Center reach our \$375,000 goal by engaging in peer-to-peer fundraising through your job, social network, or friends and family.



Easterseals NH & VT Board Chair Bryan Bouchard speaks at the 2024 VIP Kickoff Breakfast

To attend our VIP Kickoff Breakfast, RSVP to Erin Schaick, Director of Corporate Relations, at 603.621.3570 or [eschaick@eastersealsnh.org](mailto:eschaick@eastersealsnh.org).



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## Careers with Easterseals NH

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Working at Easterseals New Hampshire means you can make a difference in someone's life every day. We are hiring for positions throughout the organization, from office personnel to direct support specialists.

Join our team at Easterseals NH and have a meaningful impact on children, adults, seniors, and Veterans in our community. Help someone achieve their potential while you realize yours. When we elevate all abilities, we elevate each other. As a member of our team, you help foster a future of inclusion, respect, and dignity.

Explore a variety of jobs to find one that fits your passion at [eastersealsNH.org/careers](https://eastersealsNH.org/careers).



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Easterseals New Hampshire elevates people of all abilities. Our 1,500 employees serve the diverse needs of **approximately 17,000 children, adults, seniors, and Veterans** each year.

With a budget of \$119 million, we provided more than \$9.5 million in free and reduced-priced 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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