

# WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU SUPPORT EASTER SEALS

*Here are just a few.*

**Easter Seals - Michigan offers a variety of interventions that help individuals of all ages and abilities lead meaningful, productive lives. Easter Seals is committed at all levels to excellence in serving individuals with autism, mental health issues, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and other special needs. For more than 85 years, we have been offering help and hope to children and adults living with disabilities, and to the families who love them. Through therapy, training, education and support services, Easter Seals creates life-changing solutions so that people with disabilities can live, learn, work and play in their communities.**



Ryan Glant, 7 years old, began life prematurely, weighing only 4 lbs. 4oz! He spent 10 days in the NICU. At age 3, Ryan was diagnosed with speech & language impairments. Ryan's parents learned he was nearly blind in his left eye. Today, Ryan has improved sight due to an eye patch, and has made great strides with his speech & language abilities due to services from Easter Seals.



Nicholas was diagnosed with developmental delays shortly before his third birthday. He wasn't talking and didn't interact with other children. He received occupational and speech therapies from Easter Seals. Nicholas, now a big 9 year old, attends regular school and is on a swim team!



Joseph received a diagnosis of ADHD at six years old. He was unable to tolerate several medications, some even decayed his teeth.

When Joseph began receiving services at Easter Seals, the family learned that he also had Aspergers Syndrome, along with his ADHD diagnosis. Home visits by the Easter Seals' therapist for two hours a week, along with respite care, began and continues today. Joseph's medications have been adjusted, and his inappropriate impulsive behavior has decreased. Mom Theresa says, "Easter Seals gave me an understanding of my child's behavior and the tools to aid with his behavior, academics and outlook on life."



The P.L.A.Y. Project helped Carson so that his autism is not a barrier to:

- Spontaneous hugs and saying, "I love you Mommy".
- Letting the world see his delicious sense of humor
- Playing with his sister, Callie

Today, Carson is a happy, bubbly seven year old boy that enjoys hugging and kissing his family every day!



Tom Rice, 43, was diagnosed in 1989 with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Tom's life is his family and farm. With the assistance of Michigan AgrAbility, his tractor was able to have a climate controller and a suspension seat installed. Tom is able to continue doing what he loves - farming!

**For more information about For Women Only Snowmobile Ride contact Libby Collins at (248) 451-2953, by email at [ecollins@essmichigan.org](mailto:ecollins@essmichigan.org) or visit our website at [www.easterseals.com/fwo](http://www.easterseals.com/fwo).**