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Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite Camp Celebrates 25th Anniversary



Pam Birschbach, Easter Seals Board Chair, Christine Fessler, Easter Seals CEO, Cyndi Hemmer, Respite Camp Director, and Ray Dabler, Elks Major Project Chairman, join supporters at Respite Camp.

WISCONSIN DELLS, WI—The Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite Camp celebrated their 25th Anniversary on June 24th in conjunction with the annual Elks Day celebration.

Easter Seals Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Elks began their partnership in the 1970s with funding for various projects around camp. Throughout the years, Easter Seals noticed a void in respite services available to families of children and adults with disabilities statewide. With the support of the Wisconsin Elks lodges and State Major Project, the Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite Camp was created in 1992 on 400 wooded acres in Wisconsin Dells.

have the opportunities they have today – a place where their loved ones are safe and provided new experiences in challenge and independence in a nurturing outdoor environment filled with fun – and provided a respite from what is often 24 hour care. Thank you to the Wisconsin Elks for their dedication and support over all these years to Wisconsin families of loved ones with disabilities.

The Wisconsin Elks have provided annual support and camperships in excess of \$1 million along with \$2 million in building new facilities at Respite Camp. Without their support, families and caregivers would not

About Easter Seals Wisconsin: For more than 90 years, Easter Seals Wisconsin (www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com) has provided services that help children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence. Easter Seals' primary services – vocational rehabilitation, respite services, camping and recreation, information and referral, and public education – benefit close to 10,000 individuals with disabilities and their families each year throughout Wisconsin.

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