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Kiwanis Governor's Project Brings Playground to Life!

Wisconsin Dells, WI—On Wednesday, August 15th over 60 volunteers and campers alike joined Easter Seals Wisconsin Camps at the Kiwanis Community Build at Camp Wawbeek to construct the 2018 Kiwanis Governor's Project, an accessible playground. Special thanks to Kiwanis Governor, Justin Hahn, for organizing the build and recruiting several groups throughout the state to complete the project in just one day. The groups included Wisconsin Upper Michigan Kiwanis, Key Clubs from Baraboo, Oakfield, Mauston, Waupun, and Wisconsin Dells as well as Circle K UW-Platteville.



Carissa Peterson, Director of Camp & Respite Services at Easter Seals Wisconsin and Justin Hahn, Kiwanis Governor, along with volunteers and campers celebrate with a ribbon cutting of the new Sway Fun Accessible Playground at Camp Wawbeek.

The accessible playground, which includes a Sway Fun Wheelchair Glider, will allow opportunities for all campers to participate in play and creativity. Donations are steadily coming in from Kiwanis clubs across the state to complete the \$58,000 project. If you are interested in helping to cover the costs of the accessible playground, donations are being accepted online at giving.eastersealswisconsin.com/online-giving-form/

Camp Wawbeek is the longest-running Easter Seals camp in the country, established on 400 acres in the Wisconsin Dells in 1938. For 80 years, Camp Wawbeek has been providing therapeutic recreation to children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities. The camp is open year round, and while fun is the top priority, campers gain new skills, report increased independence, and have the opportunity to make lifelong friends who can provide a year-round network of social support. Over 2,000 children and adults with disabilities were served at Easter Seals Wisconsin Camps during the 2017-2018 sessions.

About Easter Seals Wisconsin: For over 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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