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Easter Seals Wisconsin Recognizes John Van Wie & Chuck Buell with Outstanding Volunteer Awards

Madison, WI—Easter Seals Wisconsin held their biennial Recognition Dinner on October 9 at Nakoma Golf Club in Madison. The event honors people and organizations that have made a significant impact on the programs and services of the organization and the disability community. This year, ten individuals, families, and organizations were recognized as honorees with distinguished awards.



Left to right: John Van Wie and Chuck Buell accepting the Outstanding Volunteer award from Easter Seals Wisconsin Board Member, Andy Crooks.

Two of the honorees were John Van Wie of Wisconsin Dells and Chuck Buell of Middleton, jointly receiving the award for Outstanding Volunteer. They have served on the Easter Seals Wisconsin Board of Directors for three decades, where their dedication has bettered the organization and the clients with disabilities it serves. One project they recently completed was the total remodel of the Menomoni Cabin, built in 1947, at Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells. Bids for extensive rebuilding surmounted \$1 million. With Van Wie and Buell serving as volunteer general contractors, and with the help of funding from the Gregory C. Van Wie Foundation, County Materials Corporation and Madison Lighting, the cost of the remodel came to just \$200,000. After 8 months of renovation, the cabin was completed in May and provides space for 180 additional campers with disabilities each year.

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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