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Easter Seals Wisconsin Recognizes Ellenbecker Family with Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award

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



Left to right: Easter Seals Wisconsin Board Member, Andy Crooks, presents the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award to Mandy Ellenbecker, Tom Ellenbecker, and T. Ellenbecker for the Skip Ellenbecker Memorial Golf Outing.

One of the honorees was the Ellenbecker family of Wausau, Wisconsin. As a highly respected member of the community and a dedicated Board member of Easter Seals Wisconsin, Skip Ellenbecker wanted to find a way to significantly impact the Easter Seals Wisconsin FARM Program, which supports farmers with disabilities and helps them continue to farm. In 2009 he founded the first annual FARM Golf Outing. The event was a huge success for many years and when Skip passed away in 2013, the event was renamed the Skip Ellenbecker Memorial Golf Outing. Members of the large Ellenbecker family have contributed significantly to grow this fundraiser in memory of Skip and his commitment to the FARM Program. This August they celebrated the 10th annual outing, which has raised over \$100,000 to benefit the Easter Seals FARM Program.

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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