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**Easter Seals Wisconsin Recognizes Leverenz Family with Outstanding Service Award**

Madison, WI—Easter Seals Wisconsin held their biennial Recognition Dinner on October 9 at Nakoma Golf Club in Madison. The event is an opportunity to honor 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.



Members of the Leverenz family accepting the Outstanding Service award from Easter Seals Wisconsin.

One of the award recipients honored was the Leverenz family from New Holstein, Wisconsin. For the past 23 years, 35-40 members of the family have spent their Labor Day weekends at Easter Seals Wisconsin Camps. Each year they complete a major project that is much-needed at camp. From replacing roofs to building bridges, their hard work has made camp more safe, inviting, and accessible for people with disabilities, with a combined contributed value of \$100,000 over the years. Their latest major project was in 2017 when they took on the task of interior demolition of the old Menomoni Cabin, built in 1947. In just one weekend, they saved the agency over \$11,000 in costs, paving the way for remodeling which added space for an additional 180 campers with disabilities each year. The Leverenz crew consists of family members ranging in age from 79 to just 4 years old, continuing with the next generation of helping hands.

**About Easter Seals Wisconsin:** For over 90 years, Easter Seals Wisconsin ([www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://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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