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**Ellenbecker Joins Easterseals Wisconsin Board of Directors**

Madison, WI – Mandy Ellenbecker of Athens, has been named as a director of the Easterseals Wisconsin Board of Directors. The statewide board consists of 18 individuals who dedicate their time to support Easterseals Wisconsin programs that assist people with disabilities across the state.

Mandy was first introduced to Easterseals Wisconsin through her uncle, Sylvester “Skip” Ellenbecker, and his memorial golf outing held each year in Marathon. The fundraising event benefits the FARM Program, supporting farmers with disabilities.

“I participated in the golf outing for the first few years and was eventually asked to be on the event planning committee. I have been a part of that for several years now. I was surprised and flattered when asked to join the board of Easterseals Wisconsin,” says Ellenbecker.

Paul Leverenz, President and CEO of Easterseals Wisconsin shares his excitement about Ellenbecker joining the board, “Mandy came highly recommended to the Board as a potential candidate during our search for new members. She is passionate about the Skip Ellenbecker Memorial Golf Outing and the meaning behind which the fundraiser is held. Whether she realized it before or not, her enthusiasm has been key to the ongoing success of fundraising for this unique program. We are delighted to have her on board.”

“I look forward to being more immersed in all the amazing things Easterseals Wisconsin offers, and to help expand exposure in central Wisconsin and the Northwoods,” says Ellenbecker.

Mandy resides in Athens and is the Vice President of Funding for Aqua Finance in Wausau, where she just recently celebrated her 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the company.

**About Easterseals Wisconsin:** For 95 years, Easterseals Wisconsin ([www.EastersealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EastersealsWisconsin.com)) has provided services that help children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence. Easterseals Wisconsin’s 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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