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United Fund of Iowa County Assists Residents with Disabilities to Attend Camp Wawbeek

Madison, WI— Easterseals Wisconsin recently received a funding award from United Fund of Iowa County to provide camperships for area residents with disabilities to attend Easterseals Wisconsin’s Camp Wawbeek, located in Wisconsin Dells, during the 2021 summer sessions.

Easterseals Wisconsin is renowned nationwide for the excellence of its camping and recreational programs for people with disabilities. Children and adults with physical, cognitive and other disabilities from around the state make the journey to Camp Wawbeek to spend time enjoying the outdoors in a fully accessible environment. They enjoy activities such as campouts, nature hikes, fully accessible ropes course with zip line, swimming, and fishing.

During a typical year, nearly 2,000 children and adults are served at Easterseals Wisconsin camps, giving families a respite while their loved ones enjoy therapeutic recreation providing challenges to achieve greater independence. But due to COVID-19, summer camp sessions were cancelled, and many campers and families were left unsure as to when camp would open again.

“We are beyond grateful that this summer we will be able to serve our campers and their families. After making the tough decision to cancel summer camp last year due to COVID-19, we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to host camp throughout the 10-week summer sessions.

At this time, we are enrolling campers at a limited capacity, ensuring all safety precautions and measurements are taken to keep our campers, staff, and volunteers safe as we continue to navigate during this pandemic,” says Carissa Peterson, VP of Camp and Respite Services at Easterseals Wisconsin.

The funding award from UFIC will allow low-income area children with disabilities to experience the magic of Camp Wawbeek.

This year, at limited capacity, week-long sessions are offered over the summer along with weekend sessions year-round. Applications are being accepted and assistance is available for people with disabilities from Iowa County from funds awarded by the United Fund of Iowa County. For more information about attending camp, contact Easterseals Wisconsin at 1-800-422-2324 or visit www.EastersealsWisconsin.com for more information.

About Easter Seals Wisconsin: For 95 years, Easterseals Wisconsin (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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