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**WBCA & All-Stars Make Generous Donation to Camp Wawbeek**



*Jerry Petitgoue, WBCA Executive Director & Awards Chair, presents \$20,000 donation to Carissa Peterson, VP of Camp & Respite Services at Easterseals Wisconsin.*

Madison, WI— Camp Wawbeek was the recipient of a generous \$20,000 donation from the fundraising efforts of the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) along with the state’s top boys’ and girls’ basketball players. The WBCA is comprised of over 4,000 members who coach at the high school or collegiate level. Included in the WBCA activities are the running of the boys' and girls' high school All-Star games, with proceeds going to the MACC Fund, and in recent years, Easterseals Wisconsin’s Camp Wawbeek. The All-Star games were held at JustAGame (JAG) Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells on July 14 and 15.

“Joy and I have been involved with Easterseals Wisconsin and the WBCA for quite a few years. With the WBCA expanding their donations to various causes, it only seemed natural to recommend them as one of the recipients,” says Dave Royston, WBCA Executive Board Member and owner of JAG and Hall of Fame Museum.

“Joy and I enjoy helping when we can, especially in our hometown. We are very happy that the WBCA agreed to donate to Easterseals Wisconsin not only this year, but also for years to come with the help of the Wisconsin High School Basketball All-Star games.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, unfortunately guests have not been permitted on camp this year. The organization and its campers alike were hit particularly hard last summer when camp was cancelled. The camp is currently operating at 50% capacity this summer, with high hopes of returning to their normal capacity in 2022, where they will serve nearly 2,000 campers from June through August.

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.

**About Easterseals Wisconsin:** For 95 years, Easterseals Wisconsin has provided services that help children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence. The organization’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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