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Easterseals Wisconsin receives Scholarship from Alliant Energy in support of Ag Classes

Madison, WI – Easterseals Wisconsin received a \$1,000 sponsorship from Alliant Energy to support Exploring Job Options in Rural Wisconsin program. This unique program connects high school students with disabilities to career pathways they didn't know existed or as an option they could pursue. The course empowers them with knowledge and experiences through opportunities to job shadow and meet potential employers.



In 2022, Sam Rodriguez was a high school senior in Union Grove, and participated in the Transitions Camp collaboration with the FARM Program, Exploring Job Options in Rural Wisconsin. She was the first student from the program to job shadow in a field of her interest with a veterinary clinic in her hometown.

"We very much appreciate the support and commitment from Alliant Energy to make a positive difference in the communities they serve," says Ami Cooper, Rural Rehabilitation Specialist, and instructor of Exploring Job Options in Rural Wisconsin program for Easterseals Wisconsin.

"Easterseals Wisconsin strives to connect the community with all abilities and this sponsorship does just that!"

"Alliant Energy is a proud sponsor of the FARM Exploring Job Options in Rural Wisconsin program, which introduces students with disabilities to agriculture and potential agricultural jobs that may be available to them in their communities," said Julie Bauer, Manager Community Affairs, Alliant Energy. "We see accessible career programs and initiatives as critical to creating a diverse workforce. Through this program, Easterseals Wisconsin brings Alliant Energy's workforce readiness focus to life while also helping to build stronger communities and serving our customers."

About Easterseals Wisconsin: For nearly a century, Easterseals Wisconsin 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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