

EASTER SEALS SHELBY P. HAMLETT AWARD

Shelby P. Hamlett, GFWC International Past President (2000-2002) and Easter Seals National Board Member, is a longtime advocate for people with disabilities. Hamlett has been a volunteer for Easter Seals Virginia since the mid-1960s. She held a number of offices within the organization, including chairman of the local House of Delegates in the 1980s, and local board chair in 1995-1997. Hamlett has been actively involved with promoting visibility and fund-raising programs to assist Easter Seals Virginia and the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs in establishing a multi-million dollar camp for people with disabilities in Virginia.

About Easter Seals

Founded in 1919, Easter Seals provides rehabilitation and support services that meet the needs of children and adults living with disabilities. Today, Easter Seals is recognized for its leadership role in innovative, community-based quality services tailored to meet the unique and diverse needs of persons with disabilities.

For nearly 100 years, Easter Seals has offered help, hope and answers to more than a million children and adults living with autism and other disabilities or special needs and their families each year. Services and support are provided through a network of more than 550 sites in the U.S. and through Ability First Australia. Each center provides exceptional services that are individualized, innovative, family-focused and tailored to meet specific need of the particular community served. From child development centers to medical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities, Easter Seals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

Judging Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Enhancement of Awareness of Easter Seals Services

- Request and distribute Easter Seals materials to club members
- Request Easter Seals speaker for a GFWC state or club meeting
- Develop individual program and or project to benefit Easter Seals

Volunteer Service for Easter Seals

- Participation in Easter Seals "Make Me Smile Day" in 2014
- Develop individual program and/project to benefit Easter Seals

Fundraising Efforts for Easter Seals

- Participation in Easter Seals Walk With Me
- Support of Easter Seals CAMP HOPE initiative
- Develop individual program and/or project to benefit Easter Seals

Applications for the Easter Seals Award must be received no later than **May 25th**. They should be sent to: Teresa Summers, Coordinator of Public Relations, Easter Seals at tsummers@joliet.easterseals.com

The Easter Seals Awards will be presented at the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention.

AWARD APPLICATION

GFWC clubs and states across the country are participating in Easter Seals campaign to provide services for children and adults with disabilities. To recognize the clubs' efforts from January to December 2015, the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Easter Seals will bestow awards at the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention in three categories: Enhancement of Awareness of Easter Seals Services, Fundraising Efforts for Easter Seals and Volunteer Service for Easter Seals.

The awards are focused on club and state activities. An award will be given to one club and one state entry.

In order to be eligible for an award, clubs and state federations must adhere to the following criteria:

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Applications are due on May 25, 2016, and will be reviewed by Easter Seals. Submission instructions are provided on the following page.

Contact Information

Club Name _____

State Federation _____

Primary Contact Name _____

Primary Contact Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Please respond to the following criteria and questions

Did your club or state work with Easter Seals National Headquarters and/or local affiliate (center) to enhance the awareness of Easter Seals in your area?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe engagement:

Did your club or state participate in fundraising activities for Easter Seals?

- Walk With Me
- Camp Hope Initiative
- Other fundraiser

If other fundraiser, please describe activity:

Please indicate total funds raised for Easter Seals _____

Describe how these funds were raised:

Did your club or state provide volunteer services to Easter Seals?

- Make Me Smile Day
- Other

If other, please describe activity:

Please describe in an attached document of no more than one page in length how you club or state supported Easter Seals in 2015. Elements we are looking for include [comment on as many as apply]:

- Level and nature of involvement from club members
- Level of collaboration with Easter Seals local affiliate
- Promotion of involvement with Easter Seals
- Include photos, link to video, or clips of newsletter or media coverage
- Greatest impact, in your opinion, of your involvement with Easterseals

Submission

All applications should be sent by email so that they are received by **May 25, 2016**, to:

Teresa Summers
Easter Seals Coordinator of Corporate Relations
Phone: 815-730-2025, ext 2
Email: tsummers@joliet.easterseals.com

Easter Seals Joliet Region is changing the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in peoples' lives every day.

This happens because of you. Thank you!