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December 2018 Newsletter & 2017-2018 Annual Report

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7

Fashion Event

March 21

World Down Syndrome Day

April 2

Autism Awareness Day

May 9

Arkansan of the Year

May 17-19

Greek Food Festival

August 17

Walk With Me

October

Disability Awareness Month

December 3

Giving Tuesday

December 3

International People With
Disabilities Day

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Pictures (from left): Trey, second from left, with other crew from Air Transport International; Trey as an Easterseals Representative in 1989.

Trey Schultz: SOARING Toward His Dreams

Trey Schultz may have been born with limits, but because of encouraging parents and a caring team at Easterseals Arkansas when he was a boy, the now 34-year-old is living life to the fullest. This proud Easterseals Preschool graduate now calls San Antonio, Texas home and travels the world as an airline pilot.

Born in Austin, Texas, Trey and his family moved to Little Rock in the 1980s. Concerned with continuing Trey's level of health services, the family immediately searched for a developmental therapy program for Trey and found Easterseals. By age 4, through therapies he received at Easterseals, Trey accomplished physical goals no one ever thought was possible.

When Trey was born, he remained

in the NICU for several days following nine hours of hard labor. After eight days and many tests later, the Schultz went home with their first born without a diagnosis and unsure of their journey ahead. Six months later, Trey's condition was diagnosed as arthrogryposis, a non-progressive disorder that resulted in many of Trey's muscles being replaced with fatty tissues.

The doctors said he might be able to walk someday after corrective surgery. He had received physical therapy from the time he was an infant, but even after corrective hip surgery, Trey was unable to bear weight on his legs. He couldn't play with many of his baby toys because he didn't have the strength to push the buttons or turn the knobs. To compensate, he scooted on his bottom. He was determined, even back then, to get
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Trey Schultz continued...

where he wanted to go.

During his preschool days here, Trey was popular among his fellow classmates and never met a stranger. His mother was quoted as saying in a newsletter in 1989, "The social and educational skills Trey developed at Easter Seal Preschool prepared him for the regular preschool he now he attends. Prior to moving to Arkansas, we had received services from other habilitation centers and had seen numerous therapists. Without a doubt, the administrators and therapists at Easter Seals far surpass any with which we had previously worked."

As a boy, Trey loved any sport that included a ball and met life at full speed. As a successful pilot, it's safe to say Trey is definitely fulfilling his childhood vision.

Trey didn't walk until he was 3 years old and credits his therapy at Easterseals as well as encouraging home environment for the strides he made. He remembers enjoying his Easterseals classroom experience and participating in the holiday lights ceremony at the state Capitol – a privilege our representatives still enjoy today.

His condition still affects his joints and especially hips, Trey says. "My hips are still tighter than the average person."

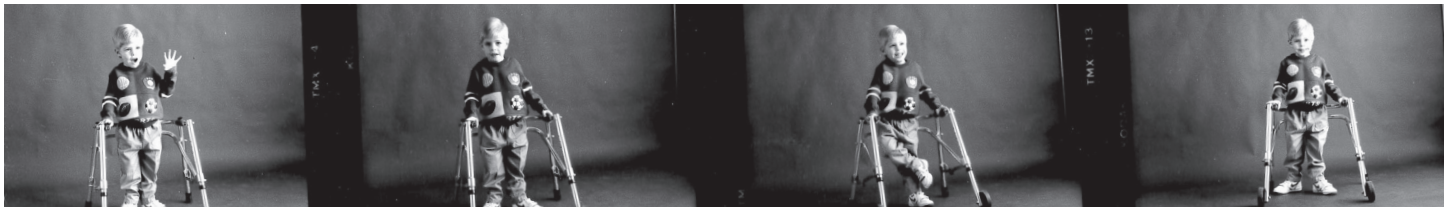
Trey would eventually move to El Dorado after

his time at Easterseals. His young life was filled with typical adolescent activities such as sports and playing guitar. He graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and worked for a time in Fayetteville as a flight instructor.

Trey says he remembers being interested in aviation for as long as he can remember. He pinpoints his initial interest to the time a doctor at Vanderbilt University gave him an airplane. "That's my first memory of a plane, and I just continued to really be drawn to planes from then on."

Everyone has his or her own limitations in life, Trey says. It's important not to set limits or give up, he says. "Don't be scared about trying something new. If you really work at something, it allows you to accomplish more than you think you can."

The positive impact Easterseals made on Trey as a boy is lasting a lifetime. "I learned I can accomplish anything as I saw myself progressing. And my time here helped me interact more at other schools down the road. I learned the basics of setting goals and accomplishing them. If you want to do something, try to do it. Everyone has limitations, but half the battle is just setting a goal and going for it."



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Easterseals Happenings

Volunteer of the Year Buckner, Helps Clients Make THV 11 Mural



Morgan Buckner, a client at our Armistead Village Apartments, was recently honored as one of our Volunteers of the Year. With her interests in painting and music, she started volunteering at the Adult Center for Training & Wellness this past summer. She was pivotal in starting the group project designing the Arkansas mural that will be hung in the lobby of TVH Channel 11.



Zack, Easterseals 2017-2018 Youth Representative, at Fashion Event.



Poppy's Playground Ribbon Cutting celebrated the grand opening of the new Little Rock Developmental Preschool's all-play-surface playground. The project was made possible by a generous donation from Pat & William Carlton. The playground is aptly named "Poppy's Playground" in honor of Pat, whose grandchildren call her "Poppy."



Center for Training & Wellness Bowling Team, sponsored by DSG Consulting and Cardinal Health Foundation, shows off their Special Olympics medals after competition in October.



Manny, Easterseals 2018-2019 Child Representative, at the Annual Meeting.

2017-2018 Financials

Combined statement of support, revenue and expenses for the year ending June 30, 2018

Support:

Contributions and Special Events \$1,474,883

Revenue:

Fees for Services and Program Contracts \$21,988,101
Rental and Other Income \$586,720

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE \$24,049,704

Expenses:

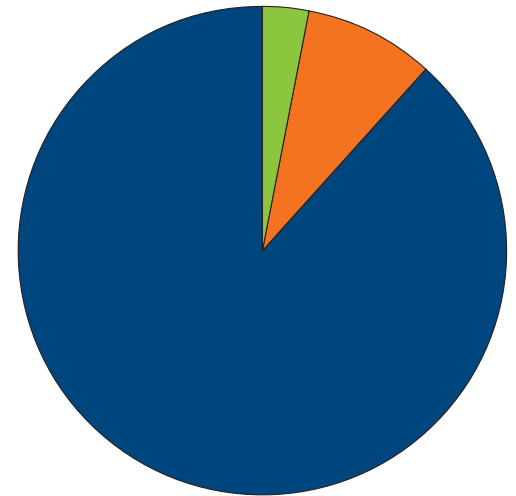
Program Services:

Children's Services \$11,680,777
Adult Services \$9,068,458
Total Program Services \$20,749,235

Support Services:

Management and General \$1,877,386
Fundraising \$526,364
Total Support Services \$2,403,750

TOTAL EXPENSES \$23,152,985



89.62% - Programs & Services
8.11% - Management & General
2.27% - Fundraising

Number of People Served

Children's Services:

Outpatient Therapy and Infant Monitoring	781
Inpatient Children's Rehabilitation	360
Little Rock Preschool	54
Grand Prairie Preschool	151
Academy at Riverdale	51
Outreach: Consultations	19
	146

Adult Services:

Butler Adult Living Center	755
Adult Day Development Program	10
Vocational/Employment Program	197
Home Based Services	82
Armistead Village	194
Harold Court	18
Wilson Court	15
Wilson Court II	14
Outpatient Therapy	14
ACCE	132
SET for Success	20
	59

Support Services

Outreach Training	18,317
Training GPCDC	1,118
Training: Staff/Persons Served	85
Information and Referral Service	2,736
Equipment Loan	7,690
Parent Consultations	157
Faculty/Staff Consultations	3,944
	2,587



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If you would like more information about planned giving contact Easterseals Development Department at (501) 227-3700.



Board members, past and present, and friends of Easterseals joined in a "burn the bond" party to celebrate the retirement of the bond on the Children's Rehabilitation Center made possible through the Rawn Family's bequest.

