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SANTA VISITS EASTER SEALS CAMP IN MT. JULIET

MT. JULIET, TENN. — Winter Respite weekends at Easter Seals camp are always a special time, but this year the campers will be surprised by a visit from Santa. Thanks to the generosity of the Bailey family and Nationlink Wireless, Santa will be distributing toys and gifts as well as providing camp scholarships for campers who require additional financial support. The Baileys encourage their employees, families and friends to raise the funds that allow them to shop for winter coats, clothing, games and toys.

“Through the generosity of donors, we are able to enhance the experience campers have all year long,” said Leslie Sohl, camp director. “This holiday celebration at our camp is another example of just how giving Middle Tennesseans are.”

Easter Seals Camp is a 100-acre facility located on Old Hickory Lake. Since 1959, children and adults with virtually any type of disability or other special needs have enjoyed recreational activities. The camp’s family-oriented environment helps campers focus on developing self-reliance, resourcefulness and independence through the beautiful outdoors. Summer camp runs from May through July, and one of campers’ favorite weeklong sessions is Performing Arts Camp. During this session people with disabilities have the opportunity to discover the arts of singing, dancing, video production and performing.

In addition to summer camping, Easter Seals Camp is also the site for Respite Weekends, which are held throughout the remainder of the year and provide caregivers some well-deserved time for themselves. Respite Camp also allows campers to spend quality time with friends and staff from summer camp. Easter Seals staff feels it is very important to serve both campers and caregivers simultaneously.

Easter Seals provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. For more information, call Rita Baumgartner at (615) 292-6640.