



PROCON hosts ribbon cutting for Easterseals NH John A. Samenfeld Center

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Shown (from left) are: Ellie Cochran, Easterseals NH Capital Campaign steering committee co-chair; Charlie Goodwin, Easterseals NH Capital Campaign steering committee co-chair; Thomas Raffio, president & CEO of Northeast Delta Dental; Sally Stebbins, PROCON; Mark Stebbins, chairman and CEO - PROCON; John Samenfeld, vice chairman - PROCON; Sue Samenfeld; Andy MacWilliam, Easterseals NH chairman of the board; Ted Gatsas, mayor of Manchester; and Larry Gammon, president and CEO Easterseals NH

Manchester, NH On November 1, Easterseals NH hosted a ribbon cutting and renaming ceremony for its renovated 555 Auburn St. headquarters. Easterseals NH president and CEO Larry Gammon was joined by PROCON owner's Mark and Sally Stebbins and Manchester mayor Ted Gatsas. The building was renamed the "Easterseals NH John A. Samenfeld Center" in honor of longtime Easterseals NH supporter, board member and PROCON vice chairman John Samenfeld.

It was a gratifying conclusion to the "Big Ideas for Building Independence Capital Campaign," that began with a \$500,000 gift from PROCON and the Stebbins family in 2016. PROCON's donation was made as a tribute to John's 32-years of service to Easterseals NH. The matching gift challenge contributed to the community momentum that raised nearly \$2.6 million. The building's overhaul expanded their Oral Health Center, allowed for more programs to be offered and improved administrative office spaces.

The newly refurbished Auburn St. facility enables Easterseals NH to maximize their core

mission-based programs featuring children, adults, veterans, seniors, workforce development and dental services. It has also allowed them to expand their program spaces, consolidate the majority of their programs under one roof and provide wrap-around services for individuals and families.

Samenfeld took to the podium to express his gratitude. He said, “Thank you to the board of directors for approving the naming of this building. Thanks to the many people I have worked with over the last 32 years and the giants whose shoulders I have stood on to get here. There are so many wonderful and supportive leaders of our great organization and community. And, I certainly would not be here today without the generosity and support of the Stebbins family and my PROCON family. They are the real heroes here today.”

Samenfeld has been a supporter and champion of Easterseals NH’s programs and services for more than three decades, including 12 years as a board member. He contributed during his years of service by chairing various committees of the board and campaigns. He was a consistent leader in securing funds for their programs – with impact on those served by Easterseals.

The Stebbins family and PROCON, along with Samenfeld, have a long and rich history of supporting Easterseals. Stebbins said, “For many generations, our family has seen it as our purpose to give generously to our community. Our employees and senior management have always supported that philosophy and John, in particular, embodies the desire to make sure he/we leave behind a positive impact on those less fortunate and in need of help by their fellow man. As a result of how proud we are of John and his many philanthropic endeavors, we felt it fitting to honor him with the naming of this newly repurposed Easterseals’ building that will house a significant number of people and programs that will make a difference in so many lives.”

“The outpouring of support from the community for this campaign and renovation has been tremendous,” said Larry Gammon. “Due to this generosity, Easterseals NH now offers the state’s largest array of services under one roof for children, adults, and seniors with disabilities or special needs.”