

## **Annual Staff Awards Given to Peter Byrne and Lisa Newcomb**

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"We are proud to recognize the impressive contributions of both Peter and Lisa in these annual awards. Each of them demonstrates a deep commitment to the values and mission of Easterseals Serving Chicagoland and Greater Rockford. We are grateful to Peter and Lisa for all they have done for the clients and communities we serve," said President and CEO Sara Ray Hallman.

The Bill Nolan Award for Dedicated Service was awarded to Peter Byrne, Program Leader of Early Intervention CFC #12. Byrne has worked with Easterseals Serving Chicagoland and Greater Rockford (ECR) for more than 18 years.

This award, voted upon by peers, is given to an ECR staff member who consistently demonstrates a high degree of excellence in the performance of their duties, who proves their willingness to extend themselves to help others, and goes above and beyond the normal expectations of their job responsibilities. It honors remarkable service to ECR and the clients served, marked by outstanding performance, valuable assistance, committed service, devotion, and enthusiasm.

Byrne's nomination included these words. "Peter Byrne has distinguished himself in his role as Program Manager, centering his commitment on service to children and families participating in early intervention. Peter skillfully navigates intra- and interagency collaborations to build cross-systems partnerships in support of improved practices and workforce competences, and he is a leader in the nonprofit social services arena. His availability and approachability are hallmarks of his regard for the professional well-being of staff, systems providers, children, and families."



The Joan and Paul Rubschlager Culture of Philanthropy Award was awarded to Lisa Newcomb, a paraprofessional at Easterseals Academy Tinley Park Campus.

This award, voted upon by peers, recognizes an individual who has promoted the culture of philanthropy throughout ESCGR, encouraging the spirit of giving and inspiring others to share their resources, time, and skills to bring about a higher level of philanthropy. It honors a recipient who is a role model of philanthropic activity within ESCGR as well as many other segments of the community, and who provides exceptional guidance in coordinating projects that have a direct positive impact.

Newcomb said, "I am honored and excited to be recognized with the Joan and Paul Rubschlager Culture of Philanthropy Award. I just love giving back to our kiddos. This is what I love to do!"