



# Timber Pointe Charitable Foundation Newsletter FALL/WINTER 2015

## PHASE I: NEW WATERFRONT FOR GREATER ACCESSIBILITY



When the “temporary” docks and boardwalk were installed in 1994 Timber Pointe served a few hundred summer campers. During the past summer alone more than 1,600 children and adults with disabilities and their families benefited from adapted and inclusive residential and day camp programs. Hundreds more benefited from services such as respite weekends, family camps, caregiver training and support sessions, as well as a variety of school programs.

During the past year members of the Timber Pointe Charitable Foundation Board worked with Easter Seals Central Illinois’ administration and Timber Pointe Outdoor Center staff to identify a phased plan to develop the waterfront area in response to current and long range needs.

Currently, the first phase of the plan is in full swing with the construction of a steel seawall fronting a state of the art accessible boardwalk and dock complex that includes a sand beach, shaded fishing areas, specially designed canoe and kayak launch ramps and covered boat lifts.

Funding was provided by the Woods Foundation, which was created through the generosity of Robert J. Woods and Joan Jarrett Woods, in partnership with The Timber Pointe Charitable Foundation and Easter Seals Central Illinois.



*“The redesign of the waterfront at Timber Pointe is essential for our campers. Thanks to our funders and volunteers, our new dock system will be safer and provide more accessibility. We’re excited to see what returning campers, and new friends to Timber Pointe think of the improved beach next summer!”*

Gina Mandros, Community President Easter Seals

This first phase of the waterfront renovation will be complete prior to the 2016 summer camp season with a ribbon cutting planned for late spring.





## OVER 1,200 CAMPERS FROM THE 15 'PARTNER CAMPS' ARE EXPECTED AT TIMBER POINTE IN 2016

### What are Partner Camps?

Each year hundreds of children and adults with disabilities and special needs ranging from autism to cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and a broad range of intellectual and physical disabilities participate in Easter Seals camping and outdoor programs at Timber Pointe Outdoor Center. In addition, "Partner Camps" are also significant in fulfilling Easter Seals' mission and are made possible through collaborative partnerships between Easter Seals' Timber Pointe Outdoor Center and various agencies and organizations serving individuals with disabilities and/or special needs. Examples include...

- Day camps for youth in partnership with Autism Mclean
- Overnight camps for youth with neuromuscular disorders in partnership with Muscular Dystrophy Association of Illinois
- Overnight Camps for adults with brain injuries in partnership with the Brain Injury Association of Illinois
- Overnight camps for youth who have, or have had, cancer and their siblings in partnership with the SIU School of Medicine



We invite you to partner with the Timber Pointe Charitable Foundation by investing in the lives of children and adults with disabilities and special needs and their families. You can learn more about the Timber Pointe Charitable Foundation by visiting our new website at [www.TimberPointeFoundation.org](http://www.TimberPointeFoundation.org).

We would love to keep you up-to-date regarding the work of the Foundation and the wonderful opportunities afforded the children, adults and families we serve. Want to receive an electronic version of our seasonal newsletter? Email your current mailing address, including your email at [TimberPointeFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:TimberPointeFoundation@gmail.com). We will not share your contact information nor will we inundate you with emails and solicitations.

### How can we tell your legacy story?

Did you know...Only around eight percent of people think beyond their lifespan in their will or estate plan... and only 42 percent of adults have wills.

Charitable giving is designed to inspire people from all walks of life and all income levels when doing good works. Ordinary people are showing extraordinary generosity by leaving legacy gifts to the Timber Pointe Charitable Foundation in their wills and estate planning. This kindness is evident in people with different income levels, professions, and passions. Each of these individuals represents a love of life and concern for others. Their memories will never fade, and their gifts will remind us that we, too, can make a difference in the lives that follow.

#### How to Give

A Charitable Bequest is simply a distribution from your estate through your last will and testament. Your estate is the sum of your assets, including property, insurance policies, retirement accounts, cash on hand, etc. In other words, those assets that would no longer be needed to support your living expenses. Depending on the current tax laws, leaving a charitable gift in your will may reduce the estate tax burden on your heirs significantly.

Simply set up an appointment with your financial advisor or attorney, who will sensitively guide you through the process. Without a will there is no mechanism in place to make a bequest. Through the use of charitable planning, you and your trusted advisor will work together on a plan that may actually benefit your family after you're gone. You may choose to engage in a plan designed to give while living through a donor advised fund.

This gift can also be accomplished very efficiently through the use of Charitable Life Insurance. For more information or assistance, Timber Pointe Foundation board members Don Rood and Mike Rave would be happy to assist.

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