FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Mackenzie Summar, PR Associate
713-838-9050 ext. 374
MSummar@eastersealshouston.org

Easter Seals Celebrates Veterans Day with Three New Service Dogs

HOUSTON (November 19, 2018) In the spirit of Thanksgiving Easter Seals Greater Houston is reminiscing on the events that occurred this month. With Houston having the second highest veteran population it is no surprise that Easter Seals Great Houston has several employees and their family members who are currently serving or have served. They spent Veterans Day and several other days thanking and honoring our veterans for their service to our country. In addition to the celebrating of veterans during the month of November, Easter Seals also provides services for veterans all year round.

ESGH offers programs such as Texas Veterans + Family Alliance through Health and Human Services with their collaborative partners that focuses on case management, counseling, assistive technology, telemedicine and other supports that will increase mental health services. More of their programs include a Veterans Case Management Program that assists veterans and their families with building the lives they want after they finish their military service and a Veteran Companion and Service Dog program. Recently ESGH was able to award three service dogs to Veterans, Sgt. Will Rollins (Marine), Patrick Dupis (Navy) and Lt.Kim Hartgraves (Army) all thanks to the donation from the ESGH Youth Action Council. Service animals help the whole family not just the veteran. Many times family members bear the brunt of diffusing a veteran with PTSD or other issues and with a service dog they are no longer alone in supporting their loved ones. The awarding of these three dogs will not just change the lives of their veterans but their surrounding loved ones as well.

Veterans Days is not nearly enough time to thank our veterans for all that they sacrificed for our country, veterans should never be forgotten and Easter Seals Great Houston and our partners make sure they are not by having a place they can go for assistance. For that we are ever thankful.

Easter Seals Greater Houston is proud to be serving our veterans and their families in partnership with the American Legion Post 416, Brain Posit, Catholic Charities, Combined Arms, Council on Recovery, Crisis Intervention of Houston, Disability Rights Texas, The Dixon Center, Grace After Fire, the Harris Center, Interfaith Ministries Meals on Wheels, My Service Dog, Xena Project, and U.S. VETS. In addition to serving as the lead for the Community Collaboration, ESGH’s Housing & Financial Counseling, Supported Employment, Respite, BridgingApps Technology and Case Management Programs are providing services to the project’s clients.

About Easter Seals Greater Houston
Easter Seals Greater Houston, Inc. is a non-profit corporation established to provide comprehensive services to veterans and individuals of all ages with all types of disabilities and their family members. For more information, visit www.eastersealshouston.org