



# EASTER SEALS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Majesta Hibberd

*“Majesta is wonderful! Every year, she gets stronger from climbing on bars. She is very supportive and inspiring to those around her—spreading sunshine all around,” Amy Wright said.*

Majesta is a cheerful nine year-old with Arthrogryposis, a rare congenital disorder that is characterized by multiple joint contractures and can include muscle weakness and fibrosis. Her mother, Candy was volunteering at Easter Seals in Eureka and brought Majesta last year for the first time to participate in our Eureka Kids Camp. “She wasn’t sure how people would treat her—but she wound up feeling very welcomed by Easter Seals staff. They helped her reach her full potential,” Amy Wright explained. She enjoyed swimming, arts and crafts, horseback riding and kayaking during camp. Now, she loves sea creatures and wants to learn to surf!

Amy added, “She is the biggest little fan of Easter Seals. When presented with the challenge of creating a model for a school project, she thought of us. The mini-model of our facility comes complete with a pool, equipment loan room and even a magnolia tree out front. Majesta attended our Eureka Kid’s Camp last year, and chose Easter Seals for her school project.” Majesta said, “I think it is a great program and I appreciate everything they have done for me, as well as others in the community.”



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### Easter Seals “Where Disability Solutions Begin”



Easter Seals is important to the community because it

“provides individual services that enable children and adults with disabilities to gain the skills, access, and support they need to reach their full potential.” Easter seals offers many different programs like adaptive swimming, an adult day program, an equipment loan for people who cannot afford needed equipment, job skills for special needs adults, as well as children’s activities.

Easter Seals has paid staff as well as volunteers to help train special needs people to get and keep jobs that they can love to do.

I feel if Easter Seals was not part of the community, the children and adults with disabilities may not feel good about themselves. They also may not be very successful without the help of the Easter Seals staff and as a result would not be as happy.

I chose Easter Seals as my community report because it helps adults and children with disabilities like me. I think Easter Seals is a great program and I appreciate every thing they have done for me as well as others in the community. I was lucky enough for Easter seals to let me be part of their summer kids’ camp at no cost. It was really fun going on all the different trips like horseback riding and kayaking with other kids like me. It was really cool!!!

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*8 years old*



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