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GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE™

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SuperHEARo Success

On April 29th 2018, IL Hands & Voices and Guide By Your Side hosted its first SuperHEARo 5K Walk/Run fundraiser at the beautiful Tipton Park in Bloomington, IL. Participants came from all over Illinois to join us for this exciting morning. It was an action packed day for all ages! The actual 5K trail was on a gorgeous tertwined within the participated in the run. the top three finishers in two overall winners; one were also awarded. were plenty of activities superhero costume con-on, and an entire area Awards were also given for the best superhero costumes, the team that pledged the most and there was also a 50/50 raffle that raised more than



nature path that was in-park. About 100 runners Medals were presented to eleven age groups and male and one female, Throughout the day there for the kids including a test, playground to play set aside for kid games!

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We're All in This Together

On a recent family vacation, we found ourselves at an outdoor concert filled with fellow vacationers. While my son, Noah, played in the sand with another boy, I noticed a man looking at him which is not uncommon given that my son wears cochlear implants. I just assumed it would be another conversation of, "Does he have seizures?" or "What are those things on his head?"; the kinds of questions we usually get asked by people who are curious. Instead, the man approached me and asked me where my son had his cochlear implant surgery. I have to admit I was a bit surprised that he knew what they were and figured he worked in the field of audiology. As we talked more, I learned that he knew exactly what the implants were because he has a three-year-old son who wears Baha's. Not long after we starting chatting, the man's wife and son joined us and we continued to engage like long-lost friends sharing stories about the challenges and successes we have all faced as parents of children



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Join us at the 2018 *Chicago Walk4Hearing*. This is a great way for you to help support IL Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side in a easy, fun and social way.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!

When: September 30, 2018

Registration starts at: 9:00 am

Walk begins at: 10:00 am

Where: Lincoln Park in Chicago, IL

How: Sign up to walk and fundraise and a by clicking on Illinois Hands & Voices, a portion of the proceeds will go to support your favorite non-profit organization: us!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR TEAM NOW](#)

Or search "IL Hands & Voices at":

http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=2481&pg=entry



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Chicago 2019

18th Annual Meeting ~ March 3-5, 2019
Hyatt Regency O'Hare ~ Chicago, IL



Abstract Submissions

Breakout/Poster: Open: July 20, 2018 Close: October 1, 2018	Instructional Sessions: Open: July 27, 2018 Close: September 6, 2018	http://ehdimeeting.org
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A Playful Potluck

On a bright sunny day in June, many families came to the Sensory Garden to play and pass a dish at the potluck. There were many familiar faces and new faces as well to gather around and share stories of their kiddos and how fast they're growing up while the kids ran around. Many old friendships were renewed as families saw those they haven't seen in a while. As well as the renewed friendships, new friendships



were igniting before our eyes adding a great start to the beginning of the summer.

The Sensory Garden in Lisle was the perfect backdrop for a family fun event. Kids could run around in the grass, play on the playground, dig in the sand tables, climb on the igloo and bang on the loud, outdoor instruments to stir the senses. Though there was no shortage of things to do, we still ended the day off with an egg toss enjoyed by young and old alike. At first, the eggs just wouldn't seem to break and then...splat! Imagine



cranking up with each start throwing the egg many laughs, smiling faces. The weather could not be more perfect for an afternoon of fun and food. Potato salad, sandwiches, veggies, fruit, chips and dessert. Oh boy! Hopefully, there was plenty of food left over! Thanks to everyone for participating and enjoying another great family fun event.



up with each turn. The excitement kept going round. Some kiddos were bold enough to go overhand. It was good, messy fun with so many photos and photo opportunities. The weather could not have been more perfect for an afternoon of fun and food. The only drawback of the day was all the leftovers for participating and enjoying another great family fun event. Stay tuned for more events to come.



www.CHOICESforParents.org

CHOICES for Parents is a statewide parent support organization for families of deaf and hard of hearing children. We provide unbiased resources, advocacy, information, services and support. Contact us with any questions and we'll do our best to point you in the right direction! In addition, we offer several FREE resources:

- **Children & Hearing Loss Resource Notebook for Illinois Families** is filled with information about hearing loss, early intervention, technology, education, pediatricians, and more. An order form is on our website.
- **READ Kits** program targets children ages 0-3 and includes books, toys, an activity sheet, and DVDs with suggested reading strategies. The reading strategy videos are also available on our website along with informational webinars. To request a free READ Kit, fill out the request form on our website.
- **READ Day** program targets school aged children and we will visit deaf education programs, bringing deaf adult role models for storytelling, and giving away books and bookbags. Contact us if you would like us to visit your child's school.
- **#ProudDeaf**, a new facebook page for Deaf, deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind people to post short videos sharing why they are proud of who they are. Consider allowing your child to post a video!
- **Sign Language classes in spoken Spanish** for families seeking to learn sign language taught by an instructor fluent in both sign and spoken Spanish. Currently classes are offered in Chicago. Check the website for more information!

Please check out our website for additional information on any of these or to contact us for support. www.CHOICESforParents.org.

JOIN US!

FRIDAY September 21st from 5:30 – 7 pm

LIMITED TO 15 KIDS!

Turners Club in Aurora

1335 Mitchell Rd
Aurora, IL

Join us for open gym play with coaching staff onsite to assist. Please have kids wear gym attire.

Call Miriah to RSVP with the number of kids that are attending.

Call Miriah at 331-262-0783. Don't delay...reserve your spot today!



Please call to get all the details and to RSVP.

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Guide By Your Side is the result of a collaborative effort between the following: IL Hands & Voices and the IL Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)

Communication accommodations available upon request. Interpreter requests are needed two weeks before the date of the event. Requests after this time are not guaranteed.

All families with children who have a hearing loss are welcome to join us for an exciting experience while meeting others who have a hearing loss too! This event is for the whole family. You do not have to be an IL Hands & Voices or Guide by Your Side participant in order to join in the fun!

H&V/GBYS Family Event

JOIN US!

H&V/GBYS Family Event

September 22nd from 2 — 4 pm.

FREE!

Join us at this park which includes playground equipment for all ages, as well as a sand pit for some digging fun.

Contact Christen to RSVP with the number of adults and children attending 330-715-7685. Don't delay...RSVP with Christen today!

FLICK PARK at 3600 Glenview Rd., Glenview, IL 60025



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FUN for All

H&V/GBYS Family Event

September 23rd— at 10:00-1:00 pm. In Lockport at Siegel's Cottonwood Farm, 17250 Weber Rd., Lockport 60441.

Come join the fun at Siegel's Farm! Mingle with other families who have children with hearing loss while the kids enjoy outdoor fun, hayrides, play areas and more. Lots of fun for all ages!

Call or text Eva before 9/14 at 312.972.7167 to RSVP and for more information!

This event is LIMITED to 25 child participants so please RSVP asap. Each child will receive a small pumpkin to take home!

A few things to keep in mind:

- Siblings who do not have hearing loss are welcome to join in on the fun. This event is for the whole family
- This is an outdoor event so please dress and plan accordingly
- RSVP is needed—please contact Eva and not Siegel's farm



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JOIN US!

October 14th from 9 – 11 am
LIMITED TO 20 KIDS!

****Ages 6 and under ONLY****

Rockin' Jump in Buffalo Grove

950 Busch Parkway
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

All jumpers must purchase socks for \$2.75 a pair at the arena.

Outside food and beverages are not permitted- there is a concession stand to purchase items. A waiver is required for each jumper- it can be completed electronically when you arrive or print and complete the form here:

<https://rockinjumpbuffalogrove.pfestore.com/waiver/>

Call Christen to RSVP with the number of adults and children ages 6 or under that are attending...call: 330-715-7685. Don't delay...reserve your spot today!



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ASL CLASSES

2018-2019

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:30 - 8:00 PM

**John Powers Center
201 Hawthorn Pkwy
Vernon Hills, IL 60061**

THREE 8 WEEK SESSIONS START:

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

JANUARY 23, 2019

APRIL 3, 2019



Sign Class Fee:

\$50.00 per 8-week session

Payment Options:

Cash or Check

ASL CLASS INFORMATION

Three eight-week sessions of ASL classes will be offered at two skill levels: ASL Level 1 and ASL Level 2. If you are interested in joining a class, there is no need to preregister.

Registration will be held from 6:00 - 6:30 pm on the first night of class. For inquiries, please call 1-847-680-8320 or email astockwell@sedol.us.

ILLINOIS DEAF CAMPERS
HOSTS

White Christmas

DECEMBER 8th, 2018 (Saturday)
5 PM to 9 PM
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Requirement Dress Code: Festive Attire or Wear White
***** No Blue Jeans *****

Ticket Reservation: *(Included dinner, dessert, & door prizes)*
\$30.00 (Age 13 to Adult)
\$15.00 (K to 12)
Free (Baby to age 4)

Money Order to Illinois Deaf Campers and mail to I.D.C., P.O. Box 46, Down, Illinois 61736
Deadline: December 1st, 2018 (Saturday)
Pay Pal accepted only after December 7th, 2018. The cost fee is \$35.00.



Christmas Best Dress Up Contest
Deaf Santa Visits!
50/50 Raffles
Bid & Silent Auction

ILLINOIS DEAF CAMPERS

CHRISTMAS TICKET RESERVATION FORM

For DECEMBER 8th, 2018

The payment with money order to "IDC" and mail to:
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\$30.00 (Age 13 to Adult) \$15.00 (K to 12) FREE (Baby to age 4)
(Included dinner, dessert & door prizes)

MENU

Baked Ham and/or Baked Chicken, Mostaccioli, Parsley Boiled Potatoes,
Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Green Salad with choice of three salad dressings,
Rolls and Butter, Christmas Desserts & Beverages

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Referred by: _____
Name of IDC Wagon Officer, IDC Member, or IDC Facebook Page

Thank you for filling out this form.
We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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who have a hearing loss. It was a beautiful moment and the friends we were with commented on what a wonderful thing it was to find people who share a special connection and bond. They were exactly right. It's not every day that we encounter other children or adults who have hearing loss. But when we do, it is the perfect opportunity to show Noah that he is not alone. At the end of our vacation, standing at the luggage carousel waiting for our suitcases at Chicago O'Hare airport we had another encounter with a mom who has a thirteen-year-old son who also wears bilateral cochlear implants. She came over and introduced herself to us and told us that she lives in DC but was in Chicago for business and had to come over and say hello after seeing Noah. She talked to Noah and showed him pictures of her son who plays sports and is in band. Again, as we stood chatting for a few minutes, it felt like we were old friends who were just catching up on life and what our kids have been up to. I cherish these moments with other families, and I loved that Noah could see that a kiddo just like him never let his hearing loss get in the way of the things he wanted to do. While it may seem like we are alone at times and that nobody really understands what it is like living the day to day life of a parent who has a child with hearing loss, or any disability for that matter, it is so important to remind each other that we are not walking this path alone. We have each other to lean on and talk to, whether it is a family you met through a Hands & Voices event or the stranger you met at the luggage carousel at the airport, there is support out there. Making these connections is a bonus part of the journey. We are all in this together and we can learn so much from each other as we navigate our own individual paths.





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\$1,000!

The day was flawless and it wouldn't of been possible without the hard work of all the board members of IL Hands & Voices, the Guide By Your Side team, Race Time, and all of our sponsors.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors which include local post office #4364 Vernon Hills/ Mundelein, Heartland Bank, Illinois Service Resource Center, and Bloomington include, Cochlear Ameri- ant, and RedBird Dental. Voice and Ann & Robert H GOLD level sponsor was tion was sponsored by ACS (see their ad on page

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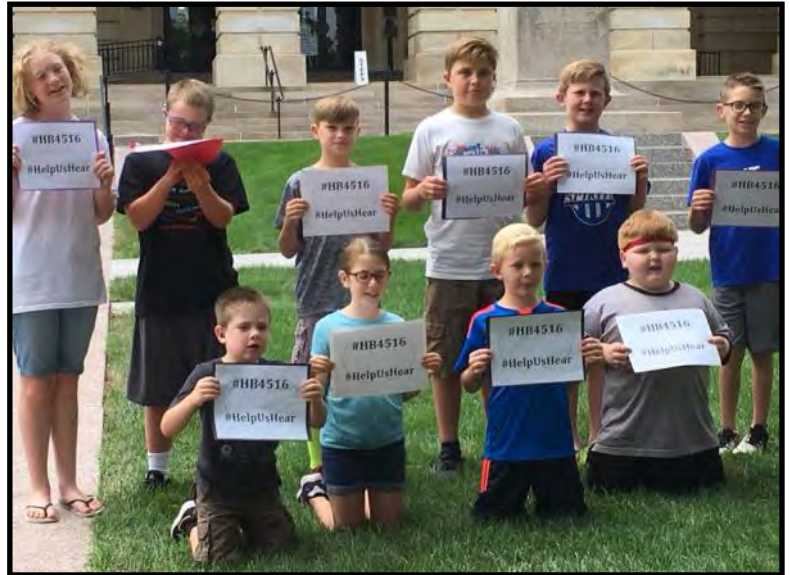
Specialty Programs

- Multidisciplinary learning evaluations
- Medical diagnostic evaluations for 0-3 year olds
- Voice Clinic
- Otolaryngology (ENT) Clinic
- Summer group programs



Hearing Aid Legislation in IL

Hunter Martin, 10 years old, is a 5th grader at Sangamon Valley Intermediate School in Illiopolis, Illinois. Hunter was identified with hearing loss when he was born and received hearing aids when he was 3 months old. Hunter's mother, Ramona Martin, began talking with legislators in 2012 regarding the need for mandated insurance coverage for hearing aids. As Hunter got older and saw the fight that his mother was facing to get legislators support, he asked if he could go with her to explain the need for hearing aids. He stated that "maybe they will listen to me since I have to deal with having hearing aids everyday." Hunter was asked to come speak before the Senate Insurance committee during the Spring 2017 session. The bill did not get voted on that session. During the 2018 spring session, a new bill was introduced, HB4516 by Representative Laura Fine. Hunter was asked to speak before the House Insurance committee on 2-27-18 and



it passed out of committee unanimously! It was then voted on and passed unanimously by the House of Representatives on 4-26-18. Hunter was asked to speak again to the Senate Insurance Committee on 5-9-18, he and his 7 year old brother, Owen, both spoke to this committee and it was voted on and

passed unanimously. It was voted on in the Senate and passed unanimously on 5-23-18. The Governor was given the bill on 6-29-18 and he had 60 days to adopt or veto the bill. Hunter Martin was present with the

Governor on August 22, 2018 when Governor Rauner signed HB4516 into law! The Governor shook Hunters hand and stated, "You are one of the youngest, most effective lobbyists in Illinois history"! Hunter replied "Wow." Hunter has thought outside the box on this lobbying process. He made YouTube videos for the Governor, explaining why he feels hearing aids should be covered; he called together other children with hearing aids from Central Illinois to create a video. Hunter is a very bright, young man with a great future ahead of him. He reports that his life goals after high school are to go to college, join the military, become a Senator or Representative of Illinois and then become the President of the United States. I truly believe that Hunter can do any and all of these things! We cannot be more proud of him.

Do you or your child have something to share? A new adventure or an accomplishment? They can be a part of our next newsletter! Stories can be submitted to ilhvghys@gmail.com

Moving On

Our students were excited for our Recognition Ceremony, which was held on May 17th. Child's Voice families, alumni, and partners gathered to hear from our 11 graduating students and celebrate their graduation from our School Program. The students will be returning to their home schools districts next fall.



2018 Hands & Voices Leadership Conference

A Place at the Table

Cheyenne, Wyoming
September 14th – 16th, 2018



A Conference for H&V Chapter Leaders, H&V GBYS and ASTra Programs, Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and the Professionals Who Work with Us!

Looking for a great way to help IL Hands & Voices?

No time to run to the store for cards?

No time to do a scrapbook of your kids?

Looking for a unique iPhone cover?

Illinois Hands & Voices has a solution: SendOutCards! Not only do we use this service for our non-profit organization, we are offering it to our members and families. For every subscription, IL Hands & Voices receives a percentage.

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Illinois Hands & Voices and Guide By Your Side participate in various fundraisers to support and enhance these organizations. If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation contact Andrea Marwah at (877) 350-4556 or email her at ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com.

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attended the event. This 5K was IL Hands & Voices biggest fundraiser for the year. Without events like this we would not be able to provide support and resources to families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing throughout Illinois.



Recognition of our SILVER level sponsors:

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HEAR to LEARN



BUILDING SUCCESS ONE STEP AT A TIME
Hearing - Language - Literacy



<http://heartolearn.org>

This user friendly learning resource is for parents and professionals to support spoken language learning for young children who are deaf or hard of hearing.



This website includes:

- Video tutorials
- Downloadable intervention materials
- Current research
- Communities

The website will continue to offer new learning resources, materials, and research - visit often!



SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN

How We Help

The University of Illinois at Chicago - Division of Specialized Care for Children offers free care coordination for families of children with special health care needs in Illinois.

Care Coordinators tailor services to each family's needs. Our support may include:

- » assistance accessing free diagnostic testing;
- » finding specialized medical care;
- » help utilizing insurance;
- » finding resources and information;
- » developing a plan of care;
- » communicating with doctors, specialists, and schools; and
- » preparing for transition.



Free care coordination is available if your child has, or is suspected of having, a treatable chronic condition in one of the following categories:

- » Cardiac Impairments
- » Cystic Fibrosis
- » Eye Impairments (Cataract, Glaucoma, Strabismus)
- » External Body Impairments (Cleft Lip and Palate, Craniofacial Anomalies)
- » Hearing Impairments
- » Hemophilia
- » Inborn Errors of Metabolism (Phenylketonuria [PKU])
- » Nervous System Impairments (Seizures, Nerve, Brain, Spinal Cord)
- » Orthopedic Impairments
- » Speech Impairments (Dysarthria, Vocal Cord Paralysis)
- » Urinary System Impairments

You may also qualify for financial assistance for the health care needs of your child.

Call us at (800) 322-3722 to see if we can help.

We work as quickly as we can to determine if and how we can help.

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WHO WE ARE

Since 1937, we've been helping families of children with special health care needs in Illinois.

Today, thousands of families throughout Illinois receive some form of help from the University of Illinois at Chicago - Division of Specialized Care for Children each year. Services are coordinated by a network of professional staff, working out of regional offices across the state. We consistently draw on the relationships and knowledge we've built over the decades.



Care Coordination Teams

Staff work in care coordination teams throughout the state to help families in their community. Teams are formed based on each family's needs and may include:

- » Nurses
- » Social Workers
- » Audiologists
- » Speech-Language Pathologists

Physicians/Providers

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Sound Experience

A Social Experience for Families of Children with Hearing Loss

Sound Experience is a support group for parents and families of children with hearing loss that meets at the Lurie Children's Outpatient Center in Westchester. The group's mission is:

- Provide an opportunity for parents of children with hearing loss to meet one another and share their experiences
 - Provide a network of parents who are going through/have gone through similar situations
 - Allow children with hearing loss and their siblings to meet other children who have hearing loss
 - Provide an opportunity for parents and professionals to share information and resources.
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- **Location:** Lurie Children's Outpatient Center in Westchester (2301 Enterprise Drive in Westchester, Illinois)
 - **Dates:** October 27th, November 17th, January 26th and April 27th
 - **Please R.S.V.P.** to Cara Donahue at cdonahue@luriechildrens.org or call 312-227-3061 and let us know how many children and how many adults will be attending.

Sound Experience provides an opportunity to network with other parents of children with hearing loss. Children are encouraged to come so that they can meet other children with hearing loss and their siblings. Crafts and snacks will be provided.



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Research Opportunity for Children with Hearing Loss

WHO: Children between **9 months** and **12 years** of age
who use hearing aids or cochlear implants

WHY: The Hearing and Language Lab at Northwestern University
is studying how children with hearing loss listen and learn
in their everyday environments.

WHAT: During the study, children will play games
that test their language and listening skills. Parents will receive
monetary compensation for travel and participation (\$10/hour).
Children will receive a book and a small prize.

For more information, please contact
the Hearing and Language Lab at:

EMAIL: hll@northwestern.edu

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Communication Sciences
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- > Firsthand personal experience
- > Compassion
- > Resources
- > Notice of upcoming events
- > Someone to listen and talk to
- > Opportunities to meet other families

For Whom?

- > Illinois families who have a child with a hearing loss or a hearing loss is suspected.

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City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Birthdate: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

_____ I would like to be matched with a Parent Guide

_____ I would like more information about Ill. Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side and resources

To be matched with a Parent Guide, please fax to 866-695-3880 or email to ilhvbgys@gmail.com

Do you have a child who is deaf or hard of hearing age 36 months or younger?



You are eligible to get a **free** online class to learn American Sign Language!



SIGN IT!

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ONLINE

Go beyond single signs! Learn conversational ASL with Rachel Coleman from Signing Time.



To apply, visit www.infanthearing.org/signit



Celebrating 25 Years of Service

The Illinois Service Resource Center held a 25 Year Anniversary Open House event in August. ISRC has been providing behavioral support for students who are deaf and hard of hearing since August 15, 1993. ISRC provides a variety of free services and resources including on-site visits to families to address behavior strategies and a library that mails items with return postage included. For more information visit www.isrc.us.



Attendees at the Illinois Service Resource Center 25 Year Anniversary Open House event included (left to right) Mindy Long, CASE; Dr. Bonita Simon, Center on Deafness; Tracy Mack, CASE; Judy Pierce, former ISRC Director; Diane Hudyka, Retired Case Manager at Bell School.

Keeping It Green

Child's Voice students gathered over 400 pounds of items to donate to SAVERS through a recent Fundraiser. Items were collected and donated to SAVERS. SAVERS contributes back to Child's Voice based on the weight of the items collected. Here is our staff and a parent dropping off our collections.



On The Green

On Tuesday, June 12, over 200 golfers, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers gathered for the annual Child's Voice Golf Tournament. This year, held at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, the Tournament raised over \$90,000 for the programs and services at Child's Voice.



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Save the Dates:

- H&V Leadership conference...Sept 14-16
- Family Events...Sept 21, 22, 23 (pages 4-6)
- Walk 4 Hearing...Sept 30 (pg 2)
- Family Events...Oct 14 (pg 8)
- EHD1 conference...Mar 3-5 (pg 3)





Invitation to participate in a research study for caregivers of infants and toddlers with hearing loss!

We are interested in how caregivers' beliefs, knowledge, confidence, and actions are related to their children's language skills and use of hearing devices.

- **Who are we looking for?** Parents or guardians who have a child that meets all of the following criteria:
 - 36 months of age or younger
 - Uses at least one hearing aid or cochlear implant
 - Uses or will use spoken English as their primary language
 - Does not have special needs other than hearing loss that are likely to affect his/her ability to learn language
- **What does the study involve?** You will be asked to complete an online questionnaire to provide information about you and your child. The questionnaire will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. You will be asked to upload or e-mail us a copy of your child's audiogram or ABR report.
- **What else?** You will receive a \$15 Target gift card after you complete the online questionnaire and we receive the audiogram or ABR report.
- **How do I start the survey or learn more?** You can access the survey at <https://is.gd/CDLab>
To learn more, e-mail questions to the Communication Development Lab at CDLab@boystown.org. You can also contact Dr. Sophie Ambrose, the scientist leading this project, at Sophie.Ambrose@boystown.org.

Guide By Your Side is the result of a collaborative effort between the following: IL Hands & Voices and the IL Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program.

A Legend On and Off the Ice

It is with great sadness to report the loss of Blackhawks icon, Stan Mikita. Stan was one of the greatest supporters of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and their families. Stan, with the late Irv Tiahnybik, founded the America Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA) and the Stan Mikita Hockey School in 1973. He dedicated his time and talent to the camp and recruited current and former NHL players to help coach and run the school. He secured sponsors to fund the program which allowed each player to attend the week-long school for free. Since 1973, thousands of athletes who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing have attended the annual AHIHA – Stan Mikita Hockey School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



AHIHA is not just a place where players learn to improve their game. It is also a place where life-long friendships are formed both for the players and their families. Similar to the Hands and Voices philosophy, families and children interact whether they use spoken language or American Sign Language and regardless of whether they use a hearing aid, cochlear implant, or no equipment at all.

My son, Eli has participated in AHIHA for the last 8 years. We are fortunate that it is held in Illinois. Families travel from as far away as Alaska! While it takes place only about 45 minutes from our home, we still choose to stay at the hotel facility so that we can have a true and full AHIHA experience. It is an event that we look forward to all year. It is a place where Eli can play with Deaf and Hard of Hearing friends from all across the country who share common life experiences. It is a place where we, as parents, can commiserate about the challenges and triumphs we face when raising a child with hearing loss. It is also a place where parents can just have FUN at the many social events that are held during the week.

We are beyond grateful to Stan Mikita for establishing AHIHA. He will be sorely missed but I know his inspiration will allow today's Deaf and Hard of Hearing players, as well as future generations, to pursue their dreams and to achieve success both on and off the ice.

