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## The Children's Hearing Institute Donates \$200,000 to New York Area Medical Centers

As CHI continues to build upon its solid foundation, we are looking towards a future of growth, opportunity and new beginnings and our mission remains steadfast -- to help children with hearing loss. Working to expand our outreach in the community, CHI's board of directors has approved \$200,000 in grant funding to help support vital programs in the metro area.

For the past three decades, CHI has been the leader in bringing awareness and providing additional resources for children with hearing loss. We are proud to partner with four area hospitals that will receive this financial support in the amount of \$50,000 each, including; Columbia University Medical Center, New York Eye and Ear of Mt. Sinai, NYU Langone Medical Center and Weill Cornell Medicine.

"It is with a debt of gratitude to our donors, supporters and of course, our board members, who give CHI the opportunity to provide much needed support to these programs. By working together, we can focus on the many needs of children, as well as their families, to make a greater impact at both the clinical and program level," said Dr. Lisa Vasanth, Chairman of the CHI Board.

With the ever increasing saturation of environmental sounds and increasing levels of noise pollution - children continue to be at risk. Most alarming is their prolonged exposure to loud sounds from personal listening devices or entertainment media consuls. As reported by The Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) one in every five adolescents living in the United States is already experiencing hear-

ing loss representing a 30% increase from the previous research.

As this is one of the many growing concerns, CHI is committed to collaborating with New York's educational and medical institutions to address issues that can impact our hearing health - at any age. We are in the process of embarking on an exciting new campaign by

working together to connect common goals

#### #HearInNewYork.

Dr. George Wanna, Director of the Ear Institute at NYEE/Mt. Sinai stated, "We at the Ear Institute are sincerely appreciative of our ongoing partnership with CHI and the financial support for our initiatives in educational outreach and clinical research. We share their mission and commitment to advancing the care of children with hearing loss and

empowering them to achieve their full potential, academically and personally. We are also extremely proud to continue our longstanding relationship with CHI, forged by pioneer and NYEE physician, Simon Parisier. It is a privilege and honor to witness CHI's philanthropy touch the lives of children with hearing loss on a daily basis."

"The NYU Langone Medical Center - Cochlear Implant Program is very happy to partner with The Children's Hearing Institute and we look forward to working together to advance access to hearing loss rehabilitation and the implementation of new technologies," said Dr. Thomas Roland, Chairman, Otolaryngology Department, Head & Neck Surgery at NYU Langone Medical Center.

Stay tuned: CHI will provide updates when the initiatives of this program support are announced.



### The Children's Hearing Institute to Expand **Social Media Platform**

With CHI relocating to an independent office and diligently working on creating new alliances with more medical and educational programs, we are excited to announce a new and expanded social media strategy to keep you informed of all of our new initiatives. CHI will focus on utilizing all our social media platforms to share with you the most current and updated information on various programs, educational issues, new and exciting technologies, as well as feature a new "Hear Our Voices" section that highlights real stories of children and adults with hearing loss.

To help coordinate the accuracy as well as the vast amount of information on hearing loss, CHI has created a new position within the organization. We are proud to announce Jen Weitzman as our newly appointed Social Media Manager. In this



role, Jen will be providing up-to-date information on CHI's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

"I have the honor of being the first Social Media Manager for CHI, and I am privileged to work with some of the greatest and most skilled people in the hearing loss world. I am excited to be part of all of the new and exciting developments at CHI and look forward to keeping everyone in the know. This role is especially important to me as my daughter Hannah started her hearing loss journey here at CHI six year ago and it is the place that has been instrumental in giving Hannah her own voice."

CHI encourages everyone to send any information or personal interest stories from parents, patients, and professionals that you would like featured on any of our platforms. Please contact our Social Media Manager at jweitzman@childrenshearing.org

**Get connected today! Follow us on:** 







## The Children's Hearing Institute awards \$25,000 grant for **Pediatric Research to the The Hearing Health Foundation**



The Hearing Health Foundation (HHF) is the largest non-profit funder of hearing research. Since its inception in 1958, HHF has given away millions of dollars to hearing and balance research, including work that led to cochlear implant technology and now through the Hearing Restoration Project, is leading groundbreaking research to prevent and cure hearing loss and tinnitus.

HHF's call for research grant applications is conducted on a national level and explores specific topics such as general

hearing health, auditory processing disorders, hearing loss in children, Meniere's Disease, Tinnitus, and Usher's Syndrome to name a few. For more information on HHF, please visit their website at www.hearinghealthfoundation.org.

"For over three decades, CHI has mainly supported service based, local programs for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. In contrast to our past support, we are excited to help fund a pediatric research initiative selected on a national scale," said Melissa Willis, Executive Director of CHI.



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