

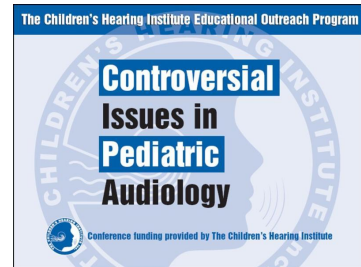
# THE CHILDREN'S HEARING INSTITUTE



Connecting the Hearing Loss Community  
Empowering... Educating... Advocating!

**Register Today**

**\* Early Bird Registration Ends February 15th**  
**Controversial Issues In Pediatric Audiology**  
Thursday, March 7th (AVT Day)  
Friday, March 8th (AUD Day)  
Weill Cornell Medical College  
New York City  
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## The Morris and Alma Schapiro Fund Awards \$50,000 Grant for CHI's New Educational Support Service Program



CHI has received a **\$50,000** grant from **The Morris and Alma Schapiro Fund** in support of our new **Educational Support Service Program (ESSP)**. An Educational Specialist who specializes in helping children who are deaf or hard of hearing is an essential component of a child's hearing health team. Unfortunately, education services are not covered by public or private insurance, therefore leaving many anxious parents to navigate a very complex system. This program will help facilitate vital educational services to uninsured or lower economic families from all cultural backgrounds. The ESSP launch will assist children at **Columbia University Medical Center, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York Eye & Ear of Mt. Sinai, and NYU Langone Health**. \*This program is also funded in part by the Rita J. & Stanley H. Kaplan Family Foundation.

"It would be challenging to provide adequate care for children with hearing loss that is necessary for a successful transition into the mainstream and offer equal educational opportunities for life success without philanthropy to help fund this essential service. The CHI Board of Directors joins me in thanking the MAS Fund and the Kaplan Family Foundation for their support of this program," said Melissa

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## SAVE THE DATE

### The Children's Hearing Institute to Host



**More Details Coming Soon!**  
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### CHI's Educational Outreach Program Receives \$50,000 Grant from the Charitable Lead Annuity Trust Under the Will of Louis Feil

CHI is grateful for the continued support of the Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (CLAT) Under the Will of Louis Feil. Funds from this grant will help expand our **Educational Outreach Program**. As an accredited Institution by the American Speech and Hearing Association (**ASHA**), the American Academy of Audiology (**AAA**), and the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language (**LSLS**), CHI will work closely with our recently established **Medical and Educational Advisory Board** to schedule continuing education conferences for professionals who serve the hearing loss community.



We thank CLAT for their continued trust in our work and would like to recognize the dedicated support of Leonard Boxer, Chairman Emeritus, who was instrumental in helping obtain this grant.

To view our Educational Outreach Flyer, click [HEAR](#).

## The Children's Hearing Institute granted \$25,000 to Hearing Health Foundation for Pediatric Research



**Hearing Health Foundation**  
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### Grant Update 2018-2019

In early 2018, CHI supported the Hearing Health Foundation's (HHF) Emerging Research Grant program

in support of pediatric research. CHI's grant was awarded to Babak Vazifekhahghaffari, PhD, at Washington University in St. Louis. His research focused on **"Enhancing cochlear implant performance through development of improved auditory nerve fiber biophysical models with a combined wet lab and dry lab approach."** The goal of this project is to improve success with cochlear implants, such as understanding of speech in noise and perceiving pitch and music, by combining models of electric field potential with biophysical models of auditory nerve fibers, and to better understand hearing loss mechanisms by detailing the anatomy and electrophysiology of inner ear sensory hair cells.

"CHI remains dedicated to supporting innovative research that will benefit children with hearing loss. We are excited to be funding ground breaking research through HHF's ERG Program and look forward to hearing more about his progress," said *Melissa Willis, Executive Director of CHI.*

## Summit Speech School Search for new Executive Director

Summit Speech School is searching for a new Executive Director. The expected start date for the position is July 1, 2019. Inquiries regarding this position are strictly confidential and should be directed to, Theresa A. Shubeck.  
E-mail: [tshubeck@ruotoloassoc.com](mailto:tshubeck@ruotoloassoc.com)



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## What's New



Hearing "Hear-O"

## Usher Syndrome Family Social

February 3rd

Join the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative for the Usher Syndrome Family Social from **11:00 am to 2:30pm** at **St. Francis School**. For more information click the link below.

[More Info](#)

## AG Bell's LOFT Program

Apply Today!

**LOFT** is a two-day program dedicated to shaping and transforming the lives of teens who are deaf and hard of hearing by teaching them valuable skills. The application deadline is February 28th.

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## Award Program

Nominate Someone  
Today!

Do you know a student with hearing loss who works extremely hard or a professional who goes the extra step for their patients/students? Maybe someone who empowers their sibling, relative, or friend who is deaf or hard of hearing.

[Nomination Form  
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