

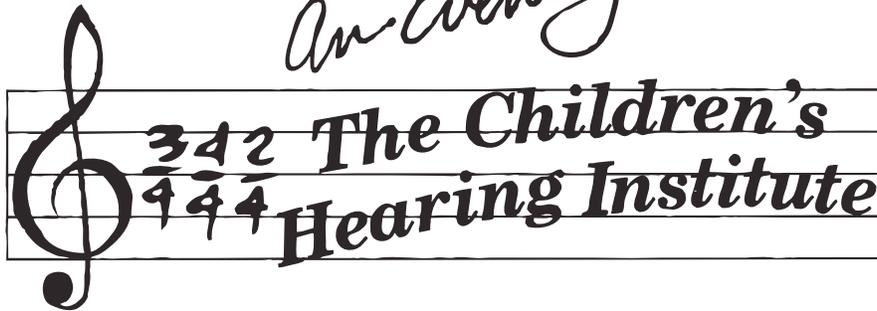
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THE CHILDREN'S HEARING INSTITUTE
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An Evening with



Honors the Power of Parents and their Hearing Hear-O Children

On Thursday, April 26th at The Metropolitan Club, An Evening with The Children's Hearing Institute gathered many friends, patients, family members and generous donors to celebrate the Power of Parents and their "Hearing Hear-O" Children. Representing all our families, CHI recognized a group of exemplary parents whose determination and unwavering support has led their children from a world of silence to a world of sound.

When a baby is born, parents count ten fingers and ten toes, but never imagine that their child might have a hearing loss and are unaware that some childhood diseases can actually cause deafness. Learning that a child has a hearing loss is a heavy emotional burden, but one that is lightened by the realization that help is available. The cochlear implant, a life changing technological breakthrough can restore hearing to deaf children. With the support of the rehabilitation and educational programs



Hearing "Hear-O's" with speech therapist Liz Ying. L-R: Caleb Choe, Jagger Winkler, Brendan Vasanth, Kate Vasanth, Lulu Topkins

provided by the Cochlear Implant Center at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, the implant enables children to develop normal speech and language skills, which allows them to reach their fullest potential. Successful habilitation of these children is made possible thanks to the support of our generous donors of The Children's Hearing Institute.

Funds raised at this event will be used to support the Institute's "whole child" approach in achieving the best possible outcome for hearing impaired children. Our diversified programs focus on three main areas:

addressing a child's medical and clinical needs; educating the professionals that work with our children in the learning environment; and providing parents with information to help maximize their child's lifetime success.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CHI, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this special evening. (*See more event photos inside*).



Leonard Boxer, Elaine Parisier, Enid Boxer,
Simon Parisier, MD



Kottur and Lisa Vasanth with their children Kate
and Brendan, Elaine Parisier

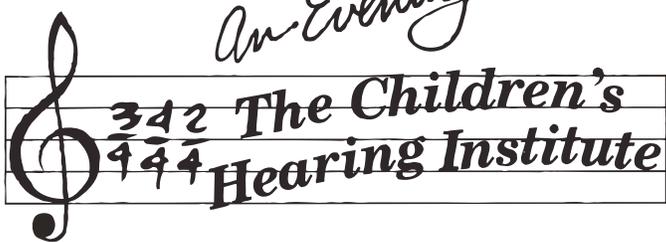


Dr. Christopher Linstrom and Dr. Ana Kim



Jieun and Dr. Won-Taek Choe, their sons Caleb and
Lucas, Elaine Parisier

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Jason Winkler, his son Jagger, Dr. Simon Parisier,
Ellen Winkler

Young Professionals gather at Rare View to benefit The Children's Hearing Institute



David and Belinda Topkins, their daughter Lulu
and Dr. Simon Parisier



Barbara Moss, Leonard Boxer, Penny Glazier



Darren Raiken, Murray Kushner, William McCahill

Photos by: John Sutera 2012

In early June, over 200 dedicated Young Professionals of The Children's Hearing Institute mingled amongst friendly faces, both new and old, to show their support of children with hearing loss. The evening was another spectacular success, and was filled with young, enthusiastic New Yorkers who serve as ambassadors of The Children's Hearing Institute, building awareness of CHI's mission among friends, coworkers, and professional and social acquaintances.

Under the leadership of this year's event co-chairs: Jason Boxer, Jordan Mandel and Lisa Weinberg, the dedicated Executive Committee was instrumental in securing Corporate/ Individual Sponsors and Raffle Donations. On behalf of the Co-chairs and the committee, CHI is extremely grateful to acknowledge all who contributed to the success of the event: Rare Bar & Grill, Skinny Girl Cocktails, Riazul Premium Tequila, Empire Merchants, Weinberg Properties, Newbrook Capital, The Chasella Group, Dr. and Mrs. Simon Parisier, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Iscol, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Freidman, Merrill Lynch, Paul Jarrod Frank, MD, Criteo, The Vortex Group, LLC, The Spector Group, Phonak, RFR Holdings, W Hotel, Legacy Builders, Loews Corporation, Fisher Development Associates, Christine Valmy Salon, Empire Search Partners, The New York Mets/Wilpon Family, The Shubert Organization, The Glazier Group, Monkey Bar, Porter House New York.

Since 1990 the Young Professionals of CHI have been raising funds to support clinical research and educational programs for children with hearing loss. The funds raised at this event will benefit the Hearing Aid Dispensary Program at the Ear Institute of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Hearing loss is America's number one birth defect and leading disability. A startling 34 million Americans of all ages have some degree of hearing loss and the number is expected to soar in the coming years reaching an astounding 78 million by 2030.

The Children's Hearing Institute is continually seeking new members from the professional community throughout the Greater New York area to serve on the Young Professional Committee. If you are interested in joining please contact Melissa Willis at 646-438-7858 or mwillis@nyee.edu.

A very special thank you to Douglas Boxer and Rare View for hosting our event to benefit The Children's Hearing Institute. The spectacular views of the NYC skyline and the professional service staff of Rare View continues to make this a first class event. *(Rooftop Event Photos on next Page)*

Scott Yaccarino,
Jonathan Schindler,
Julio Peterson,
Jonathan Ross



The Children's Hearing Institute

ROOFTOP EVENT



Colleen McMahon, Lisa Fazzolari, Grace Green



Lisa Weinberg: Raffle Drawing



Event Co-Chairs: Jason Boxer,
Lisa Weinberg, Jordan Mandel





**Frank Parker,
Jenna Weinberg,
James Parker,
Andrew Weinberg**



**Jonathan Ross,
Eugene Schneur,
Jonathon Yormak,
Scott Yaccarino,
Ian Schuman,
Jason Semmel**



**Jordan Mandel,
Nicole and
Jim Kaplan**



**Jared Epstein, Laurel
Dunay, Lea McDowell,
John Brandes**



**Jon Estreich, John Gleister, Lou Rosado, David Valger,
Jason Boxer**

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

The Children's Hearing Institute Sponsors Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Citifield



The Children's Hearing Institute is proud to announce their partnership with the New York Mets in sponsoring the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Citifield. On Saturday, September 22, 2012, CHI will provide over 800 tickets for deaf and hard of hearing children to

attend the game against the Florida Marlins. If you are interested in obtaining tickets for your program/school so children with hearing loss can be part of this special day, please contact Melissa Willis at 646-438-7819 or via email at mwillis@nyee.edu.

Take a Walk

with The Children's Hearing Institute



The Children's Hearing Institute is proud to sponsor a Walk Team in support of the Hearing Loss Association of America's WALK4HEARING. Adults and children of all ages are invited to join patients, friends and families as we walk together to end the stigma of hearing loss and help provide support and resources for hearing loss prevention and awareness programs.

The Walk4Hearing will be held on Sunday, September 30th at Riverside Park in NYC (West 83rd Street & Riverside Drive). Registration begins at 9:00am – Walk Starts at 10:00am. If you are interested in joining or donating in support of our Walk Team, please contact Myrna Farrell at 646-438-7819 or via email at mfarrell@nyee.edu or visit our Walk Webpage at: http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NYCWalk?team_id=24140&pg=team&fr_id=1995.

The Children's Hearing Institute grants \$250,000 to The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary for Cochlear Implant Research Study in Borderline Patients

Cochlear implantation is accepted as an effective therapeutic intervention for adults and children with bilateral, severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss, who do not derive adequate benefit from hearing aids. Although there is some variability in outcomes, most children and adults enjoy a remarkable return of useful hearing. There is a large group of patients who have a severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss in one ear but not enough hearing loss in their better ear to qualify for a cochlear implant. Despite using a hearing aid in their better ear, they struggle mightily to hear.

The Children's Hearing Institute is funding groundbreaking research to evaluate the benefits of cochlear implantation in adults who currently do not meet insurance criteria for surgery because they have too much hearing in their better ear. Once a patient is implanted in their deaf ear with an FDA approved cochlear implant he/she will be evaluated for the benefit provided by the implant alone and for bimodal benefit (using the cochlear implant in the bad ear and a hearing aid in the better, non-implanted ear). If our study proves the patient is benefiting from the cochlear implant, adults and children may no longer need to be profoundly deaf to qualify for a cochlear implant.

If you would like information on the research study, please contact Melissa Willis at 646-438-7858 or via email at mwillis@nyee.edu.

Ask the Educational Specialist Back to School Checklist for Students in Mainstream Settings

- A teacher of the deaf should provide an In-service training on hearing loss and amplification systems. All new teachers and therapists who will be working with the student should be in attendance.
- An FM system should have been provided by the school district to be used in all mainstream classes. If possible, a second transmitter should be used as a pass around microphone in order for the student to hear his/her classmates and to be used in small group discussions.
- Check all equipment everyday. A staff member should be designated to train and troubleshoot the FM and hearing aid or cochlear implant equipment. A back up person should also be chosen in the event the lead troubleshooter is unavailable to check the equipment.
- To avoid a noisy classroom: tennis balls or Quiet Feet should be placed on the bottom of all chair and table legs that are not on area rugs. To avoid ambient noise in the classroom, oscillating fans should be kept off and the classroom door needs to be shut during instructional time.
- Remember: A student will only have equal access to classroom information if the equipment is working properly.

The Children's Hearing Institute Educational Outreach Program

UPCOMING CE COURSES– FALL/WINTER 2012

Cochlear Implants 101 - A Hands On Workshop

(CE Course)

A basic cochlear implant course for SLPs, Audiologists, TODs & Administrators. Topics include Candidacy, HAs to CIs, CI Device Options, Programming, Accessories, Post-CI Auditory Therapy, and Post-CI Educational Considerations.

Fall 2012 – Date TBD

Ear Institute, New York Eye & Ear Infirmary – NYC
380 Second Avenue – 9th Fl

Managing Hearing Loss in Children

(CE Course)

For Professionals & Parents: Speaker - Jane Madell, PhD
This course will address the basic management of hearing loss in children including auditory skill development and counseling strategies.

For more information and to register online please visit:

www.wix.com/klon35/pediatricaudiologyproject

October 19, 2012

Teton Village, Wyoming

SOUNDS IN MOTION and its Applications

(CE Course)

Learn about Sounds in Motion applications as it is applied to children with hearing and learning disabilities as well as in the regular education classroom. Sounds in Motion is a unique phonemic awareness and early literacy tool that utilizes body movements to develop the perception and production of speech sounds.

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Beth Israel Medical Center – 2nd Floor Conference Center
10 Union Square East @ 14th Street

The CARE Project with Johnnie Sexton

(CE Course)

The CARE Project focuses on the emotional counseling needs of parents/families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing (as well as other challenges). This workshop will give great insight into the issues that families experience and suggest tools/strategies for professionals to use in working with these families.

Parents AND Professionals are welcome!

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Beth Israel Medical Center – 2nd Floor Conference Center
10 Union Square East @ 14th Street

Optimizing Auditory Skill Development Through Partnerships: Parents, Providers, and Peers

(CE Course)

A Three Day Course

Intensive – Hands on Therapy Techniques

A course to facilitate a level of understanding and competency in designing and implementing functional listening activities across the age-levels.

**Friday, October 5th & Friday, November 2nd,
& Friday, December 7th, 2012**

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CASLLS – Cottage Acquisition Scales for Listening, Language & Speech

(CE Course)

A set of criterion-referenced instruments designed to help teachers and therapists assess, monitor, and select objectives for planning instruction to promote the language acquisition of children with hearing loss.

Monday, November 5, 2012

Beth Israel Medical Center – 2nd Floor Conf. Center



**For more information or to register
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You can view full brochures and register online by
visiting our website at
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and clicking on upcoming conferences.



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The Children's Hearing Institute has revised our Facebook Page. Like Us and receive updates on upcoming events and workshops.

KEEP IT HEAR!! Teen creates Hearing Loss Awareness Campaign



Mikaella Bernstein

So why, you ask, is protecting your hearing so important to Mikaella? The answer is simple. She has personally experienced noise induced hearing loss (NIHL). NIHL is hearing loss caused by brief exposure to extremely loud sounds or consistent exposure to moderately loud sounds. This means that exposure to a one-time intense sound such as an explosion or exposure to loud music being played at a concert over a period of time can cause NIHL.

A few years ago, Mikaella attended a concert (a Jonas Brothers concert, for those of you wondering.) The music seemed loud but nothing out of the ordinary for a concert. She thoroughly enjoyed every second of the concert, unaware of the risk that she could be causing damage to her ears. As she exited the arena and the sound of shrieking girls and loud music began to die down, Mikaella noticed a strange ringing in her ears. The voices of people around her sounded muffled, distorted and unclear. The next morning, she had a hearing test and was told, to her bewilderment, that she

had a noise induced hearing loss. Mikaella was told that there was a possibility that her hearing would never be restored. Luckily, after about 10 long and scary days, she regained her hearing.

After this incident, Mikaella decided to start "Keep It Hear." A hearing loss awareness campaign to educate teenagers about the dangers of noise induced hearing loss before they experience it and they, themselves, are faced with the scary possibility of never regaining their hearing. Her mission has become increasingly more important as technology is improving and loud noises are becoming crisper, cleaner and more common in our everyday lives. Mikaella's goal, as founder of "Keep It Hear" is to bring awareness of noise induced hearing loss to teenagers and to educate them about the proper safety precautions as well as the realization that you can listen to your iPod and enjoy concerts without posing a risk to your hearing. For more information on the potential dangers of listening to music at increased volume levels, please visit Mikaella's webpage at www.keepithear.com or her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/keepithear. She can also be contacted via email at keepithear@gmail.com.

Mikaella Bernstein is a recent graduate of SAR High School in Riverdale, NY. She will be studying abroad at the Lindenbaum seminary in Jerusalem next year, before returning to attend Columbia College in the fall of 2013. She currently resides in New Rochelle, NY with her parents and two siblings.