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**THE CHILDREN'S HEARING INSTITUTE UNVEILS NEW
MEDICAL & EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD**

*Medical Professionals from NYU Langone, Columbia, and Cornell, Among Leading Organizations to be
Introduced at CHI's Inaugural #HearInNewYork Gala*

Former Chairman Leonard Boxer to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

NEW YORK, NY – April 2018 – The Children's Hearing Institute ("CHI") today unveiled the first Medical & Educational Advisory Board designed to raise awareness and meet the needs of all children who are deaf and/or hard of hearing. Seventeen professionals from prestigious medical and educational organizations will be introduced at CHI's inaugural **#HearInNewYork** Gala in New York City on May 10th. CHI will also honor former CHI Chairman **Leonard Boxer** with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to the organization and the entire hearing loss community.

The **#HearInNewYork** inaugural Gala will be held on **Thursday, May 10th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations. Jane Hanson, Emmy award winning journalist and former co-anchor of Today in New York, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. For tickets please contact Melissa Willis at (212) 257-6138 or click here www.childrenshearing.org

This exclusive event will also commemorate CHI's 35th anniversary and the launch of the new campaign: **#HearInNewYork**. The campaign platform will support initiatives that address continuing educational outreach; create stronger alliances with local programs; help children with hearing loss connect; and support public advocacy and hearing loss awareness.

"As CHI celebrates its 35th anniversary, we are extremely honored to collaborate with the many exemplary organizations and programs being recognized as part of this amazing event," stated Simon Parisier, Co-founder of The Children's Hearing Institute. "Having an alliance with these professionals across various medical and educational organizations will provide unique and valuable feedback to CHI and give us the ability to create structured programs and events that specifically meet the needs of children with hearing loss and their families."

The Medical and Educational Advisory Board will be responsible for helping CHI expand the organization's Educational Outreach platform, review grant proposals and make recommendations that ultimately help support children with hearing loss. The new Advisory Board will consist of professionals who represent programs in the fields of medicine, audiology, speech, and education. Inductees include:

Medical:

- George Alexiades, MD – **Weill Cornell Medicine**
- Maura Cosetti, MD – **New York Eye & Ear/ Mt. Sinai**
- Ana Kim, MD – **Columbia University Medical Center**
- Darius Kohan, MD – **Northwell Health**
- J. Thomas Roland, MD – **NYU Langone Medical Center**

Audiology:

- Lisa Goldin, M. Phil – **New York Eye & Ear/ Mt. Sinai**
- Michelle Kraskin, AuD – **Weill Cornell Medicine**
- Megan Kuhlmeier, AuD – **Columbia University Medical Center**
- Stephanie Levine, AuD – **NYC Dept of Education**
- Joseph Montano, Ed.D – **Weill Cornell Medicine**
- William Shapiro, AuD – **NYU Langone Medical Center**

Speech & Language Therapists:

- Pnina Bravmann, MA – **StrivRight/Auditory Oral School of NY**
- Nancy Schumann, MA – **Summit Speech School**
- Elizabeth Ying, MA – **Center for Hearing & Communication**

Education Specialists

- Mary Bauman, MA – **Summit Speech School**
- Meredith Berger, MEd – **Clarke School for Hearing & Speech**
- Dana Selznick, M.Ed – **Center for Hearing & Communication**

The Children's Institute is also proud to present Leonard Boxer with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his devotion to the improvement of children's lives who are hard of hearing. Mr. Boxer is an active board member and served as Chairman from 1995-2016. Under his leadership, over 15 million dollars has been raised for critical research for the advancement of hearing technology and therapeutic and educational services that support these devices. Additionally, Mr. Boxer was instrumental in coordinating the partnership with Marvel Entertainment to create the "Sound Effects" comics book that feature superheroes with hearing loss. Mr. Boxer is also Co-Chair of Stroock's Real Estate Practice and a member of the Firm's Senior Executive Committee. His practice covers a full range of commercial and residential real estate.

Anthony Smith, who is the inspiration behind Marvel Comic's superhero Blue Ear, will also receive the Hearing "Hear-O" Award at the gala.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to receive this recognition" said Mr. Boxer. "It has been with great pleasure to have served as Chairman of The Children's Hearing Institute for more than 20 years and to see firsthand the amazing resources and programs this organization provides. Working closely with Dr. Simon Parisier and his wife Elaine and contributing to the arrival of cochlear implants as a recognized significant life-style benefit to the hearing impaired, is one of my proudest moments."

About the Children's Hearing Institute:

Founded in 1983 by Dr. Simon Parisier and his wife Elaine, The Children's Hearing Institute has dedicated itself to helping children with hearing loss and their families. In the past three decades, The Institute has pioneered research, education, and therapeutic efforts that have immeasurably improved the lives of deaf children. The mission of The Children's Hearing Institute is to raise awareness to fund programs to benefit infants and children with deafness, hearing loss and other auditory disorders in order to provide them with hearing, and enable them to achieve academic success and join the mainstream of education.

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