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*Welcome to E-Echoes*  
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**E-Echoes** is an online newsletter from The Children's Hearing Institute sent to keep in touch with patients, families and professionals. E-Echoes will feature timely updates and important information in the following sections: [The Ear Institute @ The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary](#), [New Developments in Treatment & Technology](#), [Ask the Doctor](#), [CE Courses for Professionals](#) and [Workshops for Patients and Their Families](#). Please feel free to forward this on to family, friends and colleagues who wish to stay informed.



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## The Ear Institute

**The Children's Hearing Institute  
 Funds iPad Grant for Speech Dept.  
 at The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary**

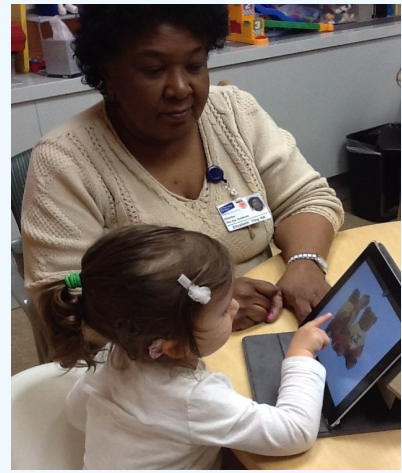
Extensive research has shown that there are many measures for the successful habilitation of children with hearing loss. Professionals agree the most significant measure is life success - a direct reflection of educational achievement. We have long known that language development is a particular challenge for deaf and hard of hearing children. A child's academic progress is directly linked to his or her underlying language skills.

Research has proven that vocabulary develops more slowly in children who have hearing

loss. For example, it causes a delay in the development of receptive and expressive communication skills (spoken language skills). In turn, the language deficit causes learning problems that result in reduced literacy and academic achievement. These communication difficulties often lead to social isolation and a poor self-concept.

Most critically lacking in the intervention programming afforded to children with hearing loss is sufficient opportunity to practice targeted listening, language, and academic skills within meaningful, real-life contexts outside of therapy. Living and learning with hearing loss in this digital age places additional demands for the student with a hearing loss to acquire a level of competency in fully accessing and responding to information presented through multi-media sources.

"**Smarty Ears**," a company created in August of 2009 has been the new technological breakthrough in the area of speech and language therapy. Smarty Ears has been creating innovative iPhone, iPod, and iPad applications for speech therapists, as well as for children/adults with communication disorders and their parents. Up until recently, speech therapists have been limited to ordering paper and pencil activities or creating their own materials to be used for children with communication disorders. These materials are often expensive and static (quickly dated and useless by the vocabulary related to the time of publication). Smarty Ears adds one additional possibility to the market, which is the ability to instantly download materials on the iPod or iPad. These applications, in turn, have the potential of being periodically "updated" to accommodate the changing linguistic environment of our time.



A child works with her therapist using an Ipad purchased by CHI.

Specifically valuable to children with hearing loss is the fact that the individual Smarty Ears programs obligate reciprocal interaction between the user (the child with a hearing loss) and his or her speech/auditory therapist and/or parent. Spoken communication by its nature requires verbal turn-taking or an active exchange of ideas between two or more conversational partners. This provides a definite advantage over other available computer games or educational software structured so that the child/student works independently. \*\*In addition, children with communication disorders sometimes have reduced attention spans, making it difficult for improving their language or articulation skills. Smarty Ears adds the component of technology that children from this generation in particular love; increasing their attention span and making therapy, practice, and progress a much more intrinsic experience.

With its 1001 ways to improve the life of any human being, the use of the iPad has also been a hot topic in the disability community. It is the combination of superb touch screen devices with the scientific knowledge and experience from a speech therapist that is making the difference for thousands of children with hearing loss and special needs around the world.

## The Children's Hearing Institute's Educational Outreach Program For Professionals

**This program has been established to increase the learning opportunities for professionals who work with children with hearing loss. CHI is an Accredited Provider by ASHA, AAA, & The AG BELL Academy for Listening and Spoken Language Specialists (LSLS).**

### UPCOMING CE COURSES- SPRING 2012

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

**FREE WORKSHOP!**

**03/09/12 [A Workshop in Evaluation, Assessment and Intervention for Students Who Have Hearing Loss and Other Disabilities](#)** in Collaboration with New York University

Cochlear Implant Center, the Clarke School for Hearing and Speech/New York Campus and The Children's Hearing Institute

Teachers College - Columbia University - Grace Dodge Hall Room 179

RSVP to [Appell@tc.edu](mailto:Appell@tc.edu)

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### **FREE STUDY GROUP**

**03/15/12** [Join our Study Group](#) to network, discuss strategies on particular cases within your

**04/19/12** school districts and learn about new advances in the field of deaf education and technology.

For Teachers of the Deaf, Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Plainview, NY 4:00pm - 6:00pm

### **NEW - Limited Seating**

**04/20/12** [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.

Ear Institute - New York Eye & Ear Infirmary - [View Full Brochure](#)

### **NEW**

**04/30/12** [Current Concepts in the Diagnosis and Management of the Dizzy Patient\(CE Course\)](#)

Sponsored by The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, this course will be an overview of diagnosis and management of patients with dizziness. Emphasis will be placed on the judicious use of medical testing related to decisions in diagnosis and management. Strategies and evidence will be presented on a continuum from the conservative management of the population to surgical intervention. Current research findings and de-identified cases will be used to illustrate the information presented.

Beth Israel Medical Center - 9:00am - 5:00pm

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### **Limited Seating**

**05/11/12** [Audiology 101 \(CE Course\)](#)

A basic audiology course with topics to include: Understanding hearing loss, types of hearing tests, Hearing Aids, FM Systems, cochlear implants, and family centered care for the hearing impaired child.

The Ear Institute - NYC 9:00am-3:00pm

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### **COMING THIS FALL!!!**

**Date:TBD** [SOUNDS IN MOTION:](#)

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. It has been proven to help Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade children achieve literacy benchmarks in both regular education and special education classrooms. If you are interested in attending, please contact Myrna Farrell at 646-438-7819 or email at [Mfarrell@nyee.edu](mailto:Mfarrell@nyee.edu) for a copy of the brochure.

To register online or view full brochures please visit our website at [www.childrenshearing.org](http://www.childrenshearing.org)

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## *Parent Workshops and Events*

### **ATTENTION PARENTS: FREE WORKSHOP!!**

03/10/12 **Children's Hearing Summit:**

**An Age Specific Seminar for Parents of Children with Hearing Loss**

Manhattan Chapter of the Hearing Loss of Association/Manhattan Chapter in collaboration with Weill Cornell Medical College, Children's Hearing Institute, Clarke School for Hearing & Speech/ NY Campus, Center for Hearing and Communication.

RSVP to [hlaarsvp@hotmail.com](mailto:hlaarsvp@hotmail.com)

Weill Cornell Medical College, 2nd Floor Conference Room - 8:00am-3:00pm

[View Children's Hearing Summit Flyer](#)

### **AG BELL NJ - Pizza & Bowling in New Jersey**

03/11/12 **AG BELL - NJ CHAPTER: Family Bowling and Pizza Party**

AG BELL NJ invites you to join them for a fun afternoon of bowling and pizza with family and friends. Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

RSVP: Sue [Schmidberger@optonline.net](mailto:Schmidberger@optonline.net) [View Flyer](#) [Bowling Registration Form](#)

### **AG BELL NY - Technology Workshop**

03/25/12 **AG BELL - NY CHAPTER: Join us for an Informative Afternoon**

AG BELL NY and CHC is organizing a panel of experts for Q&A sessions on telephone accessibility, Bluetooth, looping, CART, C-print, FM systems, movie captioning, and more.

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm (Barnes & Nobles, 150 East 86th Street, NYC)

## **Applications are now being accepting for the *Susan Cheffo Memorial Scholarship***

This scholarship will be given to a hearing impaired student who is a cochlear implant user and will be attending college in the Fall of 2012. If you are determined to overcome the challenges of hearing loss and strive to achieve academic success, please contact Myrna Farrell at 646-438-7819 or [mf Farrell@nyee.edu](mailto:mf Farrell@nyee.edu) to request a copy of the scholarship guidelines and application.

Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, June 8th.

If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund in honor of Susan, please make checks payable to The Children's Hearing Institute and reference Scholarship Fund in the memo or visit the **Susan Cheffo Memorial Scholarship** page to donate online.

Susan Cheffo was an adult with hearing loss, who had bilateral cochlear implants. Her impressive career as a Teacher of the Deaf, the Principal for the Nassau BOCES Program for Hearing and Vision, and the Educational Consultant for BIMC/ NYEE and The Children's Hearing Institute allowed her to use her personal experience and knowledge in changing the lives of numerous children. She was an extraordinary human being who was instrumental in helping children with hearing loss succeed both academically and socially.



## *Helping Children Move From A World of Silence to A World of Sound!!*

**The Children's Hearing Institute** is a nonprofit organization founded in 1983 by noted Otolaryngologist, Dr. Simon C. Parisier and his wife Elaine. Over the past two and half decades, the Institute has dedicated itself to improving the lives of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families.

Hearing loss is America's number one birth defect and leading disability. A startling 28 million Americans of all ages have some degree of hearing loss, from mild to severe, and the number is expected to soar in the coming years reaching an astounding 78 million by 2030! With hearing loss increasingly recognized as a public health crisis, we count on philanthropy more than ever to enhance our research capabilities, expand our educational outreach, and further our innovative treatments for children.

To make a tax-deductible contribution in support of our mission - click "[HEAR](#)".



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