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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.



The Children's Hearing Institute's Annual Fundraiser to Honor the "Power of Parents" and their "Hearing Hear-O" Children

On **Thursday, April 26, 2012** at **The Metropolitan Club**, The Children's Hearing Institute will host a Benefit Cocktail Reception in recognition of all families 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, nor do parents consider that some childhood diseases can lead to a loss of hearing. Discovering that your seemingly perfect child has a hearing loss is a catastrophic realization with severe emotional consequences, but one that is lightened by the understanding that help is available. The cochlear implant, a life changing medical breakthrough restores hearing to deaf children, enabling them to develop normal speech and language skills and allowing them to reach their fullest potential. Successful habilitation of these children is made possible with the help of foundations such as The Children's Hearing Institute.

Honoring the

"Power of Parents"

Ellen and Jason Winkler
Jieun and Won-Taek Choe, MD
Lisa and Kottur Vasanth
Belinda and David Topkins

"Hearing Hear-O" Children

Jagger Winkler
Caleb Choe
Kate and Brendan Vasanth
Tarlow "Lulu" Topkins

Read Their Triumphant Stories....



Jagger Winkler is the oldest 6 year old you will ever meet. He has stayed more nights in the hospital than his parents ever will; he has flown so often to see doctors that he is a United Premiere Executive and has had the rare experience of learning to walk twice.... [Read more...](#)



Brendan Vasanth, age 5 1/2, was diagnosed with profound sensorineural hearing loss at 1 month after failing the newborn hearing screening. There was no family history of hearing loss but it was later determined the loss was due to a mutation in the Connexin 26 gene, the most common cause of childhood deafness... [Read more...](#)



Kate Vasanth, age 2 1/2, had her hearing loss diagnosed during prenatal testing and confirmed shortly after birth. Like her older brother, the cause of hearing loss was due to the Connexin 26 gene.... [Read more...](#)



Tarlow "Lulu" Topkins, age 2 1/2, was born with her eyes wide open, immediately taking in the world around her. She was so alert that her parents assumed the best when she failed the Newborn Hearing test at Lenox Hill Hospital..... [Read more...](#)



Caleb Choe, age 7, struggled with his hearing aids for over three years. He finally received his first cochlear implant last year. His parents will always remember Caleb walking from the Ear Institute after his activation and wondering what "that sound" was - they were birds!! [Read more...](#)

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, 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. If you would like to support The Children's Hearing Institute please click [HEAR](#). If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Melissa Willis at 646-438-7858 or mwillis@nyee.edu.

[2012 Benefit Cocktail Reception Invitation](#)

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 STUDY GROUP

04/19/12 [Join our Study Group](#) to network, discuss strategies on particular cases within your

05/17/12 school districts and learn about 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

3 Seats Left!!

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

[Click To View Course Information and Register Online](#)

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

[View Flyer](#)

NEW Spring Educators Conference (for Parents and Professionals)

05/15/12 [Managing Media in the School Environment \(CE Course\)](#)

This course will explore new ways to use technology in the classroom with students who have varying degrees of hearing loss. Emphasis will be placed on personal FM systems, notetaking systems, closed captioning options, and incorporating iPad applications in therapy. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with representatives for

hands on instruction and troubleshooting of devices/technology. [Managing Media Brochure](#)
Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY - 9:00am - 4:30pm

Fall Conference

10/27/12 **SOUNDS IN MOTION and its Applications**

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.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Myrna Farrell at 646-438-7819 or email at Mfarrell@nyee.edu for a copy of the brochure.

To register online or view full brochures please visit our website at www.childrenshearing.org
For more information contact Myrna Farrell at 646-438-7819 mf Farrell@nyee.edu

Family Workshops

The Children's Hearing Institute's Educational Outreach Program
is proud to sponsor FREE workshops for children with hearing loss and their families.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW DATES: MUSIC WORKSHOPS - SPRING SCHEDULE!!

Elementary/Teen & Parent Music Workshops - Plainview, NY

Four Points Sheraton (Long Island)

5:30pm-8:00pm (Elementary Group) and 6:30-9:00pm (Teen Group)

Meet & Greet/Pizza Party will be the first half hour of each workshop.

- Thursday, March 22nd - Teen Group
- Thursday, March 29th - Elementary Group
 - Thursday, April 19th - Teen Group
- Wednesday, April 25th - Elementary Group
 - Thursday, May 17th - Teen Group
- Wednesday, May 23rd - Elementary Group
- Thursday, June 7th (Combined Meeting: Elementary & Teen Group) (6:00 - 8:30pm)

Please join Casey Cheffo and The Children's Hearing Institute to connect with friends, new and old!!

If you are able to attend: Please RSVP by emailing Melissa at mwillis@nyee.edu.

ATTENTION PARENTS: FREE WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 24th, April 21st and April 28, 2012

03/24/12 [Rhineland Children's Center Saturday Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

04/21/12 [Children and Teens](#)

04/28/12 Any deaf or hard of hearing person ages 5-20 is welcome to enroll in this free recreational program. There is a support group for parents as well. The program meets two Saturdays in the month.

Location: Rhineland Children's Center at 350 East 88th Street

Time: 10am - 3pm

Please visit www.rhinelandcenter.org or

contact Jackie Kimball at jacquelinek@childrensaidsociety.org for more information.

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, etc.
Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm (Barnes & Nobles, 150 East 86th Street, NYC)
Please RSVP to krystiann.krywko@gmail.com

The Children's Hearing Institute Sponsors Ice Skating Party for "Hear Us Teens" Group



In February, Hear Us Teens organized a skating party for deaf and hard of hearing kids. Based in Long Island, the Hear Us Teens Group schedules events for tweens and teens with hearing loss. These gatherings provide an opportunity for kids to socialize, network and meet other students who are hearing impaired. The group hosts several events throughout the year for deaf and hard of hearing students who are in 6th thru 12th Grade. If you would like to join the group, contact Veronica Miller at hearusteens@gmail.com.

"Just A Bite Desserts" donates proceeds from shopping event to The Children's Hearing Institute



A Pre-Valentine's shopping event that included jewelry, clothing and home accessories was sponsored by Just a Bite Desserts. A portion of the sales were donated to The Children's Hearing Institute to help fund the free music workshops for teens and elementary children. The Institute is very grateful for the support and wishes to thank Just A Bite Desserts for their thoughtful donation.

Just a Bite Desserts specializes in beautifully styled desserts, candy and ice cream bars for parties and events. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://justabitedesserts.com>.

Applications are now being accepted 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 mfarrell@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.



The Children's Hearing Institute has revised our facebook page. The page will now include updates on upcoming continuing education courses for professionals, free workshops for parents and children, current news stories related to hearing loss and updates on new advancements in technology and deaf education. Click on the icon below to be directed to our Facebook Page.

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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 29 years, the Institute has dedicated itself to improving the lives of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families.

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

For more information on our organization, please visit our website at www.childrenshearing.org.



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