On May 21st, "An Evening with The Children's Hearing Institute" celebrated Dr. Jessica Lattman and Dr. David Rosenberg with the Jule Styne Humanitarian Award and Elaine and Simon Parisier, MD with the Lifetime Achievement Award at Jazz at Lincoln Center overlooking picturesque Columbus Circle. To commemorate this special occasion, Soledad O'Brien, CNN Anchor and Special Correspondent joined CHI as our Master of Ceremonies.

The evening was filled with great energy and excitement as friends, family, and patients gathered to celebrate the Institute’s 30 year journey and to applaud the milestones that have been reached and the many children whose lives have been changed for the better. During the event a video was shown documenting a brief history of The Children’s Hearing Institute - highlighting why it was created and how it all happened. Original interview footage was used from the early 80’s when the FDA first approved the cochlear implant device for adults. If you would like to view the video, please go to www.childrenshearing.org and visit the “What's New” video section at the bottom of our homepage.

As we enter our 4th decade, the mission of The Children’s Hearing Institute remains steadfast. With the advancement in technology continuously changing at a rapid pace, so is the need for ongoing services and rehabilitation...the education never stops. Your support over the past three decades has helped provide funding for these essential services and has ultimately changed the lives of countless patients and their families.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is with great appreciation that we thank all our loyal supporters. Your continued generosity has enabled CHI to enhance our research capabilities, expand our educational outreach, further our innovative treatments for children and essentially...turn hope into hearing.
At its September meeting, the hospital’s Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the establishment of The Children’s Hearing Institute at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. The Institute has been established at our Hospital because of a deep concern for the problems of children handicapped by deafness. Dr. Simon C. Parisier, Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology will serve as the Medical Director for the Institute which is housed in the newly renovated third floor of the old hospital building.

An initial project of the Institute is to evaluate one of the newest technological advances in deafness research, the cochlear implant. This device, which electronically stimulates the hearing nerve to produce sound, offers hope to many deaf individuals who can not be helped by conventional hearing aids. Work at the Institute will also include teaching programs and research in problems of auditory perception, tinnitus and balance disorders.

To inaugurate the work of The Children’s Hearing Institute, the Hospital’s Board of Directors has planned a theatre benefit at La Cage Aux Folles on Saturday evening, December 3, 1983. Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr. is the Honorary Chairman of the event. Mrs. Simon C. Parisier and Mrs. William S. Renchard will co-chair the benefit and will be assisted by a committee of Board members, physicians and other individuals interested in deafness research.

The Benefit will assist The Children’s Hearing Institute in applying advances in auditory research to rehabilitate audiologically handicapped children so that they can lead productive and meaningful lives. The Institute is dedicated to research and rehabilitation so that all children may hear.

**CI Kids donate proceeds of their Lemonade Stand to The Children’s Hearing Institute**

On, July 19th Allison Lauer, age 4, Kate Vasanth, age 3 and Maximo Yao, age 4 organized the temporary lemonade and ice coffee stand at the Cochlear Implant Center at the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary. The children used the opportunity to listen carefully and converse clearly with their customers, and learned how to work together and make change. They did a tremendous job greeting all the patients who entered the waiting room and their voices could be heard resounding throughout the Institute. CHI is grateful for their donation and applaud their efforts.
On June 26th, a jubilant crowd of over 200 Young Professionals gathered on the rooftop of Rare View amidst the backdrop of the New York skyline to show their support of children with hearing loss. Under the leadership of this year’s event chairs: Jason Boxer, Brian Cohen and Lisa Weinberg, the devoted 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, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Miller, F- Factor, SLS Hotels, Empire Merchants, Dr. and Mrs. Simon Parisier, Weinberg Properties, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Iscol, Merrill Lynch, Ms. Lara Lerner, The Chasella Group, The Vortex Group, LLC, Paul Jarrod Frank, MD, Loews Hotels, Fisher Development Associates, The New York Mets/Wilpon Family, Verity Wine Partners, The Shubert Organization, The Glazier Group and the Monkey Bar.

The Children’s Hearing Institute is continually seeking new members from the professional community throughout the Great New York area to help raise awareness of issues related to hearing loss. If you are interested in joining please contact Melissa Willis at 646-438-7858 or mwillis@nyee.edu.
The Children’s Hearing Institute Sponsors
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CHI Awards Grant to Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech to fund music program

The Children’s Hearing Institute is proud to help sponsor an innovative Music Program for Children with Hearing Loss at Clarke’s New York Campus. Speech therapists and educators of the deaf have long recognized the contributions of musical activities to the production of speech and to increases in cognitive and social development. The recent scientific focus on the interconnections between auditory and cognitive pathways and the ability of musical study to enhance their effectiveness has convinced Clarke that its music program will improve children’s auditory and speaking skills and as a result, promote related gains in phoneme recognition and reading. Along with improving listening and spoken language skills, it is expected that this music program will help students develop an appreciation of music while fostering creativity and self-esteem through teaching techniques that are enjoyable and promote an enthusiasm for learning.

Join Us for a Walk!!
The Children’s Hearing Institute - Walk4Hearing Team

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 29th at West 97th Street and 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.
The Susan Cheffo Memorial Scholarship

awarded to Megan Whitesell

Congratulations to Megan Whitesell of Connecticut, recipient of the Susan Cheffo Memorial Scholarship. A month before her 2nd birthday, Megan was diagnosed with a severe to profound hearing loss in both ears and was fitted for hearing aids. The following year, she received a cochlear implant and became bilateral in October 2006 at the age of eleven. She has been in a mainstream classroom environment beginning in preschool. Her hard work and perseverance to overcome her disabilities has been displayed in her ability to achieve and maintain an honor student status and the many leadership roles she has taken on including her selfless volunteer work with her community and tutoring her peers.

She will be attending the University of Connecticut – Storrs in the fall of 2013 with a major in civil engineering and a focus on environmental engineering. Civil and Environmental engineers are actively engaged in all efforts to predict, minimize the effect of, and retrofit or repair the infrastructure affected by events that include global climate change, environmental pollution crises, water shortage crises, non-sustainable energy practices, transportation planning and land use. They perform cutting-edge research to develop new solutions to global problems.

This Scholarship will provide Megan with additional support as she anxiously and enthusiastically awaits the start of her college experience. Determined to overcome the challenges of her disability and undoubtedly accepting all life has to offer – much the same way Susan supported each and every one of her students.

The Susan Cheffo Memorial Scholarship was created in recognition of Susan’s commitment to help deaf and hard of hearing children persevere and conquer the challenges they face in their every day lives. She was an extraordinary woman who despite her own hearing loss remained positive, focused, and dedicated to helping children succeed both academically and socially. Susan’s personal experience and knowledge of hearing loss empowered, not only her students, but her friends, family and colleagues.

Megan Whitesell
Educational Outreach Program – Course Listing
UPCOMING CE COURSES– FALL/WINTER 2013-2014

**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
Friday – September 27, 2013  9:00am-4:00pm

**Collaborative Training to address the Multi-Disciplinary needs for Children with Hearing Loss**
Assessment and Treatment Alternatives when Traditional Techniques are not Enough (CE Course)
Beth Israel Medical Center
Wednesday, October 2, 2013  9:00am-4:30pm

**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 – New York Eye & Ear Infirmary
Friday – October 18, 2013  9:00am-4:00pm

**Facilitative Strategies and Techniques:**
Moving Beyond the Single Word
Hands on Training (CE Course)
Ear Institute - New York Eye & Ear Infirmary
Friday, November 1, 2013  9:00am-4:00pm

**NYS/Federal Rules & Regulations and Infection Control Course**
(CE Course)
A required course by the State of New York, Division of Licensing for individuals who are engaged in the act of “fitting, selecting, renting, adjusting, or servicing of hearing aids or any other instrument to compensate for impaired hearing, including cochlear implants.”
Beth Israel Medical Center - 2nd Floor Conference Center
Thursday, November 14, 2013  5:00pm-8:30pm

**The ABC’s of IEP’s, 504’s and RSA’s**
(CE Course) Beth Israel Medical Center
Monday, December 9, 2013  9:00am-4:30pm

**Controversial Issues in Pediatric Audiology**
The Graduate Center - CUNY
Auditory Therapy Day - Thursday 2/27/14
Audiology Day - Friday 2/28/14

To pre-register, please contact Myrna at mfarrell@nyee.edu or 646-438-7819