

# ***National Institute of Health Awards \$2.5 Million Dollar Grant for Cochlear Implant Study***



National Institute on Deafness and  
Other Communication Disorders

Improving the lives of people who have communication disorders

The Children's Hearing Institute is proud to announce that The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary has been awarded a 2.5 million dollar grant by the NIH – National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders. This prestigious grant will fund research led by Dr. Richard Schwartz, who had been conducting preliminary research (funded by The Children's Hearing Institute) at the Cochlear Implant Center for the past several years. Dr. Schwartz, who is the Presidential Professor in Speech-Language Hearing Sciences at The Graduate Center CUNY, will collaborate with Dr. Derek Houston, Associate Professor at Indiana University School of Medicine, and Elizabeth Ying, SLP, of The Ear Institute at New York Eye & Ear.

The research, to be conducted over the next five years, will investigate how children with cochlear implants acquire language compared with their normal- hearing peers. It is anticipated that the findings of the study will help improve approaches by therapists as they evaluate and work with very young children with cochlear implants, optimizing the way they learn speech and language. The grant will utilize control groups consisting of normal hearing children (ages 5-11) and children with cochlear implants (ages 7-11). If you are interested in being part of this study, please contact Dr. Richard Schwartz at (646) 438-7838.

We congratulate Dr. Schwartz on his grant, and as always, we thank the donors and friends of The Children's Hearing Institute for your long term generosity in funding pilot research projects. This grant represents a significant accomplishment for The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary and would not have been possible without the continued support of our loyal patrons of The Children's Hearing Institute.