

**THE FOUNDATION FOR
HEARING AND SPEECH
RESOURCES**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**From education to
equipment support to
social interactions:
Our goal is for deaf and
hard of hearing children
and young adults to be
on par with their
hearing peers.**

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2022 was a year of planning for the future of FHSR with a focus on growth in programs, partnerships and community support. FHSR expanded our strategic partnerships to bring our programs to new suburbs of Chicago, reducing barriers to participation for our families. In addition, we worked to cross enroll our children in multiple programs to layer their support and create stronger outcomes. Our Music Therapy pilot program, provides high quality therapeutic services for children living with hearing loss at no cost in a fun engaging format. Based on the outcomes from the 2022 pilot, Music Therapy will be an integral part of our programs moving forward starting in 2023.

As an organization, we are always looking to science and research to inform our program development and 2022 provided a wealth of information regarding issues children with hearing loss are facing. Coming out of the pandemic it became clear that literacy and school readiness was going to be a hurdle for many deaf and hard of hearing children. In 2023 FHSR will address this issue by launching the EARs Early Intervention Literacy program to support birth-three learning initiatives.

Research also spoke to issues around isolation for children and families, so we safely brought our families together to celebrate the power of hearing and the joy of music at our annual Cheers for Ears family concert. This year we celebrated with an outdoor concert featuring Laurie Berkner at our new strategic partner, Ravinia Festival. We are excited to see this partnership expand for future events in 2023.

It would be remiss if we did not address the economic uncertainty many families with deaf and hard of hearing children face and the hardship of having a child with a disability. The team at FHSR rolled up our sleeves to fundraise a remarkable \$10,000 for the pediatric Loaner Hearing Aid Bank at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. FHSR will be working even harder in 2023 to increase our funding for this key support program.

We are honored to have supported over 850 deaf and hard of hearing children and their families in 2022 and look forward to reaching even more in 2023 with our high-quality programs. Thank you to all our donors for supporting FHSR, your generosity changes a child's life for the better!

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Big Ideas in 2023



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As Board Co- and mom of a deaf/hard of hearing child, I am proud to see how we as a Foundation have increased the number of children and families served in 2022. We have continued to play an integral role in connecting families and the pediatric audiology community with each other.

Staying true to our mission to help level the playing field for deaf/hard of hearing children, we continued to strengthen the online resources on our website, upgrade our technology and expand our communication team and staff which has helped with fundraising, program expansion and community connection.

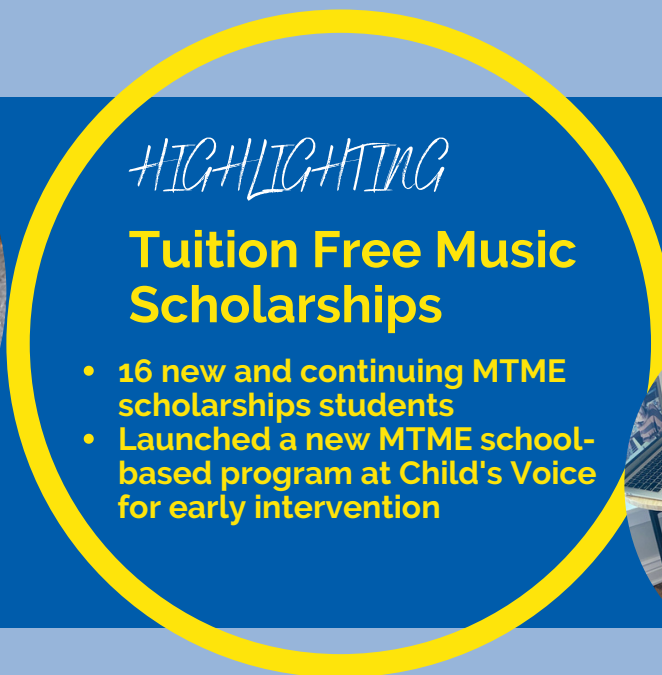
The ongoing success and reach of the FHSR's Music To My Ears music program has the potential to have a profound impact on our children and their families because it is need blind and tuition free. With the continued expansion of opportunities, it allows deaf and hard of hearing children to engage in multiple ways: enrichment, instrument lessons, the classroom and music therapy.

In 2022 we launched the music therapy program, bringing all the benefits of this sneaky therapy wrapped up in a fun hour of music and peer interaction to deaf and hard of hearing children. And the kids have a blast!

We are looking forward to seeing how this programming continues to grow in 2023.

Building a community that supports each other is vital to shaping a positive and hopeful future for children with hearing loss. It is our pleasure to serve alongside the rest of FHSR to help our community thrive and we look forward to the future!

FHSR music programming encompasses tuition-free enrichment classes, individual instrument lessons, school-based curriculums and music therapy all working in tandem to give a deaf or hard of hearing child every opportunity for a successful music journey.



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Music Therapy



Our 12-week Music therapy program is tuition-free to all children with hearing loss, and held in Chicago and Western Springs

This small group DHH specific curriculum for 5–8-year-olds with hearing loss program brings together the science and fun behind what is known as sneaky therapy. With Program objectives such as: self-confidence, socialization, articulation, receptive listening and fun our children with hearing loss have made great strides on measurement criteria and enjoyed themselves at the same time.

FHSR believes in the power of Education and Advocacy so we work to create and fund unique education programs that help parents at each age & stage of their deaf or hard of hearing (DHH) child's life. We work to foster a love of reading by encouraging parents to read to their child from birth and through our programs at key inflection points of a child's education..



HIGHLIGHTING

READ & DEAR DAYS

READ DAYS connected with
31 schools and 457 students

DEAR DAYS were held online
and 159 students participated

The main focus of the READ & DEAR Program has been to foster a love of books and encourage literacy among school age deaf and hard of hearing children throughout Illinois. Our grant allowed CHS to bring in deaf adults as storytellers in several schools in central Illinois and distributed book bags and books for the students to keep.

HIGHLIGHTING

FHSR Website Ages & Stages



When it comes to supporting deaf and hard of hearing children, *research has shown* that parents and primary caregivers are a child's best advocate. One of the most crucial decisions parents will make for their DHH child is school choice along with knowing and using

**FHSR Launched Ages & Stages
Pre-K to 2nd Grade**



Clinical &
Community
Outreach



At FHSR we believe in the power of community! Therefore the overarching goal of FHSR is to create a community for families in Illinois who have children with hearing loss. Both the Board of Directors and the Associate Board are highly involved in finding interesting and unique ways to bring this group together.



HIGHLIGHTING

**Hart Family
Cochlear Implant
Education
Coordinator**

In 2022 Jen assisted

- 211 students
- Conducted 62 meetings with school staff to help patients
- attended 6 conferences
- and gave 11 presentations.
- In the last year, she served 16 school districts and centers in Chicago, the surrounding suburbs, even stretching to Rockford and 10 counties in northwest Illinois.

**Our FREE Concert was at Ravinia
and featured Laurie Berkner!**

- 23 DHH kids registered Ages 1- 17
- who used a variety of different kinds of assisted hearing devices including
- Cochlear Implants
- Baha,
- Hearing aids
- and a combination of Cochlear Implant/Hearing aid.
- Came from all across the Chicagoland area.



HIGHLIGHTING

**Cheers for
Ears 2022!**

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**Loaner Hearing
Aid Banks**

Supplied 2 new hospitals this year:

Advocate - Oak Lawn - 14 hearing Aids

UIC Health Systems - 17 hearing aids



2022 Financial Statement

FHSR 2022 Financial Overview	
INCOME	
Total Individual Contribution	121,295
Total Grant Income	93,000
Total Special Event	27,000
Investment Support	106,000
Total Income	347,295
PROGRAMS	
Clinical & Community Programs	69,333
EARS Program	2075
MTME Music Program	89,393
Total FHSR Funded Program	160,801
EXPENSES	
Fundraising	17,556
Operations Expense	21,481
Professional Services	160,660
Total Expenses	199,697
Net Operating Income	-13,203
PROGRAM RESERVE RELEASE	15,500
NET OPERATING W/ PRG RELEASE	2,297
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Total Investment income	
Portfolio Value Ending 2022	\$2,243,068.

Thank you !



On behalf of all the FHSR Boards, we are honored to work helping improve the lives of Illinois deaf and hard of hearing children. We look forward to increased programming in 2023 and creating new opportunities to support our deaf and hard of hearing children and their families.

Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for helping to make a difference in the lives of deaf and hard of hearing children.

The FHSR Boards and Staff