



FHSR

Foundation for Hearing and Speech Resources

The Foundation for Hearing & Speech Resources (FHSR) is a local nonprofit connecting children with hearing loss and their families to programs and resources that support their hearing journey.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Greetings!

Summer is in full swing and we can't wait to see everyone at **Cheers for Ears** our free family concert at Ravinia Park! Our tickets are sold out, but please email us if you want to be on our wait list

Lazy summer days and nights are perfect for you and your children to take time to read together. We have put together a list of books featuring kids with hearing loss. Please read our **new blog** and send us your recommendations! We are planning to start a reading list on our website and would love to include your favorites.

Enjoy your summer and make sure to take time to have fun!

Kristen Van Dyke



Kristen Van Dyke, Executive Director

The Foundation for Hearing & Speech Resources (FHSR) develops and funds innovative programs to support Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Young Adults.

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Program Pillar Updates

MTME School Based Programming



FHSR brings Pre-K Music Class to Bell School this Fall

MTME Music Scholarship Program



Summer with MTME Music to My Ears!

Schools out for the summer but kids enrolled in our MTME Instrument and Early Childhood Music classes are still having fun!

We currently offer scholarships for music classes in the following areas: Chicago: North and South side, La Grange, Hinsdale and Western Springs, Oak Park, Glenview, Crystal Lake & Grayslake.

If your DHH child is interested in music please send them to our website to complete a short application!

FHSR Supports Advocate Children's Hospital Loaner Hearing Aid Bank



Last month the FHSR Associate Board members distributed \$10,000 to Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn to support their Loaner Hearing Aid program.

The clinic supports primarily new immigrant families & low income children. This is the second year we have supported their program. The Audiologists were thrilled and stated that they had never received outside support for their program before FHSR stepped in to assist with their patients.

Be on the lookout for the Cheers and Beers for Ears - Save the Date to continue our fundraising efforts supporting loaner hearing aid banks!

EAR's Education Early Literacy program development



FHSR is hard at work drafting our pilot program for our new Early Childhood Literacy program. Our model will train the early intervention specialists who go into homes and work directly with parents/caregivers of DHH children (ages 0-3), so they can reach and teach the families of children with hearing loss the importance and benefits of reading to the DHH child. FHSR is planning to pilot the program in the early fall.

Make sure to send us the name of your DTH so we can send them the information once the program gets released!

[Click Here to send us the Name of your DTH](#)



Cheers for Ears! Sunday July 30th

FHSR can't wait to gather with our community at our FREE Family Concert celebrating the Power of Hearing and the Joy of Music for Kids living with Hearing Loss!

Sunday July 30th 10am at Ravinia Park with the fantastic Laurie Berkner!

Although we are sold out, email us if you want to be on the waiting list.

FHSR is looking for Associate Board Members

If you or someone you know might be interested in joining this fun group of young professionals, please contact us at info@fhsr.org.

Through their mentorship and community gatherings, the Associate Board works to create connections for kids with hearing loss.

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