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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we have been in our new office since December. These past few months have been very challenging with a major move and a name change. It is as if we have reinvented ourselves. However, it is comforting to know while there have been changes our agency has stayed the same, providing quality services to individuals and families with hearing loss.

During these challenging economic times and significant decreases in funding the agency has managed to maintain and even expand some of its services. It has not been easy and I attribute our success to two things, you our funders and donors and a great staff that is cognizant of our times and willing to make sacrifices.

Our children's programs now run year round as you can see from the wonderful events and pictures in our newsletter. We welcome Megan Fox-Ritchie who will run our new "Outpatient Substance Abuse Counseling for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth and Families" and Dr. Allison Melograno. Allison has been working in our audiology department for the past year as an extern and has just graduated; becoming a Doctor of Audiology. It is our good fortune she has decided to stay with us. We also welcome Jernell Lee our new receptionist. My hope for the future is that our economy recovers and the Center for Hearing and Communication continues to grow and expand services. I know with your help it will.

Director, Center for Hearing and Communication-Florida

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CHC.....

MEETINGS AND CLASSES

2009 ASL CLASSES

Two Ten-Week Sessions Starting September 21st and 22nd

Fee \$60.00 plus book

Where: CHC 2900 W. Cypress Creek Blvd. Entrance and Parking back of building

When: Level 1 Mondays 6:00-7:30pm
Level 2 Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm

HEALTH LECTURE SERIES

ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE REFRESHMENTS

Where: Tamarac Community Center
8601 W. Commercial Blvd.
954-597-3642

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Dates: Monday's

November 2nd (Homecare Services)

December 7th (Senior Incontinence)

January 4th (Lifeline)

February 1st, March 1st and April 5th
TBA

COCHLEAR IMPLANT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

2nd Sunday of the Month

Place: Boca Raton Community Hospital

More info: call office or email
carol@nrctraining.com

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLAA)

Where: Northwest Regional Library
3151 N. University Drive
Coral Springs, Florida

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month

Time: 9:30 am-11:30am

For more info: Karen Frauman

954-984-9541 or e-mail
Kfrauman37@aol.com

The Center for Hearing and Communication Partners with Quota International (Broward Clubs) to Provide Free Siemens Hearing Aids

The Quota/Siemens Sound Beginnings Children's Hearing Aid Program offers the Center for Hearing and Communication in Broward the opportunity to dispense free hearing aids supplied by Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc., to qualified applicants—children who are:

- Age: birth through 17 years and reside in the United States.
- Diagnosed with hearing loss by the Center for Hearing and Communication.
- From a family whose income is below to 50% above the federal poverty level, or family income is above current poverty guidelines, but special circumstances put the family in need of assistance.

Not covered by public or private health insurance OR covered by an insurance policy that does not cover the cost of hearing aids. Up to two hearing aid vouchers will be awarded to each qualifying applicant approved for participation. Siemens is generously providing its latest technology, the Explorer™, along with CIELO 2 hearing instruments, designed for babies and children. This program is a renewal of the Sound Beginnings pilot partnership originally launched in January 2008. For more information, contact Allison Melograno at the Center. Satchel and Najeri get their free Siemens Hearing Aids and Disney World lunch box filled with hearing aid cleaning supplies. Their mom and Audiologists, Kim and Allison, are also pictured.



HIGH SCHOOL Learning Independence thru Focus Transition (L.I.F.T)

On Thursday night, August 13th, several of the High School **L.I.F.T.** students were invited to have dinner with **Dan Marino** at a banquet to award the students who worked for his foundation during the summer. Through a program called Summer STEPS, the Dan Marino Foundation places students with special needs into jobs/internships for eight weeks over the summer. The program pays the students for a 30 hour work week as they gain knowledge, experience, and employability skills. This summer the Center for Hearing and Communication had ten of their **L.I.F.T.** students placed at job sites. Each site was given a job coach to assist the employees with all of the daily activities associated with a real job. Fortunately, our very own summer camp came up as a site and we were able to have the high school students work as counselors. This provided an amazing opportunity for the young Deaf and hard of hearing students see the success of the older kids and to look to them as mentors. Our **L.I.F.T.** program serves high school students from ages 16 to 21 years. One of our greatest successes this summer was a young man, Genes Jeune. Genes has been a client of CHC since he was a young child. Living in foster care for several years, Genes has had his share of ups and downs. Growing up in our very own childrens' programs, we have had the opportunity to watch him grow and mature. As a middle school student he was still struggling with school and behavior and we were concerned about his transition into High School. As he worked through his freshman year he became extremely dedicated to the **L.I.F.T.** program. He attended every day and took advantage of all of the services offered to him. The staff assisted him with school work and studying for his learners permit and watched him gain in confidence. He passed his driving test with flying colors and decided to volunteer his time at our camp this summer with the elementary school students. Genes stated "This is a positive experience for me. I can't be at home where my cousins are in gangs and I will get in trouble. I have to be here to be a positive influence to the young kids." Genes supervised the kids on the bus every day to and from camp and assisted the PE coach daily. At the end of the 8 weeks, Genes had accumulated 440 hours of community service. We are so very proud of him and cannot wait to see what the future holds for him. Nothing is holding him back now!

All of the students who participate in the program have some degree of hearing loss or other factor of eligibility.

L.I.F.T. CHC staff includes:
Allyson Dudich, Coordinator
Allyson and Derek Zamot, teachers
Andrew Altman, Case Manager

The staff works together with students to discover current events, practice social and life skills, while defining their employment goals for their future.



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L.I.F.T. KIDS—FUN IN THE SUN!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS - GETTING THE “MOST” OUT OF OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

CHC’s MOST (Maximizing Out of School Time) Program is an afterschool/ summer program for Deaf and hard of hearing elementary students ages 4-12.

The afterschool program is hosted at Tamarac Elementary School with a focus on homework assistance and reading. The summer program is hosted by Margate Elementary School. Special thanks to Margate for its years of commitment to our kids. They have hosted our camp for three years. The summer camp runs for eight weeks. As with the afterschool program, the summer camp focuses on reading while combining other fun activities; such as, ice skating, swimming, dance classes & martial arts. This year the students planted an “unbelievable” butterfly garden at the Margate school as part of an environmental and community project. P.S. if you ever get a chance ride by and see their great achievement. Margate Elementary 6300 NW 18th Street Margate, Florida 33063



All of the students who participate in the program have some degree of hearing loss or other factor of eligibility. **CHC MOST Coordinator: David Williams**

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS - **YOUTH FORCE**- Prevention Program

Our exciting **YOUTH FORCE** program is open to middle school age Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing youth. The program is committed to strengthen protective factors by helping youth develop resiliency, a positive outlook, healthy family dynamics, positive social relationships with peers and adults, positive decision-making skills, strong community attachment, and academic and future career success.

We have had great success since the inception of the FORCE program in the summer of 2008. We kicked off the program with a Theatre Camp and performed a Deaf Theatre Jam for the community, raising money for Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids. During the school year the kids participated in many activities. This past summer, we chose Outdoor Education for our theme and had a blast learning about the environment through both educational and stimulating experiences such as canoeing, hiking, field trips to the zoo, and helping and mentoring our **MOST** kids create a Butterfly Garden at Margate Elementary School.



YOUTH FORCE CHC staff: Kimberly Irwin, Coordinator and Jeff West, CM and MHC

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR ALL ITS SUPPORT IN FUNDING OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING



Think outside the box!

If you would like to make a special donation to any particular program contact, Kim Schur. Why not sponsor an extra-curricular activity, special "T" shirts for the kids, hearing aid(s), audiology equipment, ASL books, or new waiting room chairs (desperately needed). Join with your friends and do a fundraiser for us! You **CAN** make a **DIFFERENCE!**

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SPECIAL THANKS for all the donations of hearing aids, batteries, assistive listening devices, equipment, books and much, much, more.

Thanks for thinking of us and all the people we help.

SPECIAL THANKS

To all our volunteer who give of their time and skills.

Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable Residents

It is especially important for residents with disabilities to be prepared before an emergency occurs. A disabled person is in the best position to know their abilities and needs before, during and after a disaster. Emergency plans must fit each individual's unique circumstances. In addition to the preparation steps discussed elsewhere on this site and on www.broward.org/hurricane, disabled persons may need to take extra measures to increase their self-reliance and ensure their safety.

Register today:

<http://www.broward.org/atrisk/>

For more information about the Registry please call the Broward County Call Center at 954-831-4000, TTY 954-831-3940 or your city's emergency management agency.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need VOLUNTEERS to help assemble our specialized telephones. If you have a few hours a week please contact our office . 954-601-1930

New Speech Reading Course

@ NOVA Call for more information:

954-262-7702 or 800-986-3223

Email: zuckerb@nsu.nova.edu

H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu): Resources for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing American Sign Language Videos

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Swine Flu (Influenza A H1N1): Public Service Announcement Provided by DeafMD.org <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/deaf.htm>

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With Sincere Gratitude to all of you who Support the CHC - Florida

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