



Words from CEO Brett Bachmann



"Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me."
Fred Rogers (Mister Rogers)

May is an important month here at Heuser Hearing Institute! On May 10th, we held our annual Delta Dental Sound Beginnings Breakfast benefiting the students at Heuser Hearing & Language Academy. Last week, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation week. We are so grateful to our talented teachers and assistants who provide the highest level of education and therapy to our children every day. Thanks to their efforts, at the end of this month, fifteen students who are deaf or hard of hearing will graduate and 14 children in our hearing peers preschool classroom will transition to kindergarten.

We are also celebrating Better Hearing & Speech Month in May with free hearing and balance screenings and a connectivity demonstration event.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to [contact me](#) anytime.

-Brett

Brett Bachmann, CEO, Heuser Hearing Institute



Sound Beginnings Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Delta Dental Sound Beginnings Breakfast on May 10!

Guests enjoyed meeting HHLA graduates William Frentz and Rilynn Heid and her family and learning how Heuser Hearing & Language Academy gave them the gift of sound and language. Teddy Abrams, Music Conductor with the Louisville Orchestra, shared his thoughts on the importance of music for our students and described his visit to Heuser to create music with the children and Shannon Cogan, Heuser board member and WAVE 3 Anchor, served as emcee.

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Delta Dental of Kentucky! And to Sponsors Kindred Healthcare, Kosair Charities, Peggy Duane & Family, Moorman Spiller Moorman, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Thornton, University of Louisville Otolaryngology, Whitehouse Residential & Commercial Painting Company, Farley Printing and special thanks to Jefferson County Public Schools.

Watch Rilynn's story on [Facebook](#).

Free Hearing & Balance Screenings for Better Hearing & Speech Month



May is Better Hearing & Speech Month and a great time to get a hearing test. Hearing loss can affect people at any age. Regular hearing tests beginning at birth and continuing throughout life are important to maintaining good hearing health and communication at any age.

Heuser Hearing Institute is dedicated to improving the hearing health of everyone in our community. To raise awareness about the importance of treating hearing loss, we are offering free hearing and balance screenings during the month of May.

Check out our audiologists, speech-language pathologists and clinic staff celebrating Better Hearing & Speech month [here!](#)

For more information or to schedule an appointment for your free screening, call (502) 584-3573.

HHLA Summer Camp

Calling all Campers! Join us for our annual Heuser Hearing & Language Academy Summer Camp. This year's theme is "On the Farm."

July 23-27 | 9:00 a.m. – Noon at HHLA's downtown location (111 E. Kentucky Street)
Camp is for current/incoming HHLA students and their siblings ages 3-7 years. Fee for camp is \$10.

For more information, contact [Katie Fromholt](#).



Connectivity Demonstration

Join us on Thursday, May 24, at the DuPont Hearing Clinic for this event designed for people looking for a hearing aid to connect directly to their phone or TV, or for the more technically savvy user looking for an option to have hearing aids programmed remotely. This event is also for existing hearing aid users who want to find ways to connect their hearing aids directly to their environment.

Call to reserve your spot at (502) 584-3573.

Congrats to our Audiology 4th Year Extern Graduates!



Congratulations to our Audiology 4th Year Externs for graduating!

Alan Kunz - Doctorate of Audiology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Megan Trinkle - Doctorate of Audiology, Indiana University Bloomington

Courtney Snider - Doctorate of Audiology, Northeast Ohio Au.D. Consortium



Early Identification of Hearing Disorders in Children

With 11 percent of children ages 3–6 having a speech, language, voice, or swallowing disorder—and almost 15 percent of school-age children experiencing some degree of hearing loss—communication disorders are among the most common disabilities in children nationwide. During May, which is Better Hearing & Speech Month, Heuser Hearing Institute urges families to learn the early signs of these disorders and seek an assessment if they have concerns.

Communication disorders are treatable, yet all too often, we find parents are waiting longer to bring their child in for an evaluation. Timely intervention is important, as untreated speech-language and hearing disorders can lead to problems with reading and writing, academic success, social interactions, behavioral problems, and more. These disorders are highly treatable and, in some cases, can be reversed or even prevented. If you have any concerns, don't wait and see if there is a change. Trust your instincts, and get it checked out.

Hearing loss is evaluated and treated by audiologists. Speech and language disorders are evaluated and treated by speech-language pathologists. Warning signs of these disorders are listed below.

Language Disorders

- Does not smile or interact with others (birth and older)
- Does not babble (4–7 months)
- Makes only a few sounds or gestures, like pointing (7–12 months)
- Does not understand what others say (7 months–2 years)
- Says only a few words (12–18 months)
- Words are not easily understood (18 months–2 years)
- Does not put words together to make sentences (1½–3 years)
- Has trouble playing and talking with other children (2–3 years)
- Has trouble with early reading and writing skills (2½–3 years)

Speech Sound Disorders

- Says p, b, m, h, and w incorrectly in words (1–2 years)
- Says k, g, f, t, d, and n incorrectly in words (2–3 years)
- Produces speech that is unclear, even to familiar people (2–3 years)

Stuttering

- Repeats first sounds of words—"b-b-b-ball" for "ball"
- Speech breaks while trying to say a word—"-----boy" for "boy"
- Stretches sounds out—"fffff-farm" for "farm"
- Shows frustration when trying to get words out

Voice Disorders

- Uses a hoarse or breathy voice
- Uses a nasal-sounding voice

Hearing Loss

- Shows a lack of attention to sounds (birth–1 year)
- Does not respond when you call their name (7 months–1 year)
- Does not follow simple directions (1–2 years)
- Shows delays in speech and language development (birth–3 years)
- Pulls or scratches at their ears
- Has difficulty achieving academically, especially in reading and math
- Is socially isolated and unhappy at school
- Has persistent ear discomfort after exposure to loud noise (regular and constant listening to electronics at high volumes)

2018 Calendar of Events

For more information on the calendar of events, call (502) 515-3320 or visit our [event calendar](#) on our website.

May 24 9:00 am–4:00 pm | Connectivity Demonstration

DuPont Hearing Clinic. Call to reserve your spot at (502) 584-3573.

May 25 12:30 | HHLA Graduation Day

July 23-27 9:00 am–12:00 pm | HHLA Summer Camp

Contact [Katie Fromholt](#) for more information.

July 28 8:00 am–11:00 am | The Dr. Ed Morgan 4 Mile Kiwanis Grand Slam Run/Walk at Louisville Slugger Field

Proceeds from this event benefit Heuser Hearing & Language Academy and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Sign up at [Runsingup.com](#).

October 19 | An Open House on Hearing

DuPont Hearing Clinic. Call to reserve your spot at (502) 584-3573.

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