



WORDS FROM CEO Brett Bachmann



As one year goes, so comes another. This new year – 2017 – will be an exciting one at HHI! So much to recall, but as we look forward to a new year, with new possibilities and the mystery of the unknown – we are encouraged. I plunge into a new year with excitement, riding the momentum of 2016 with so much to continue to do as we move forward. One such adventure will be our new partnership with Kentucky Retired Teachers’ Association (KRTA) where will provide services and assistance to those who have contributed so much to our school. We also encourage our hearing health citizens and families of the deaf and hard of hearing to get involved in our programs like ListenUp and The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) outreach for parental and family involvement.

Thanks goes to my partners at The Kiwanis Club for once again sponsoring our HHLA Christmas party for the students and their families. The kindness and graciousness of the Kiwanis exemplifies the spirit of the season and beyond. The pictures don’t do justice to the wide-eyed smiles and joyous laughter as the children see Santa and open gifts with their teachers and families.

I’m encouraged and hopeful for 2017 as we continue to grow and expand. Stay tuned as we continue our outreach to the community with new hearing health research that can make an impact now and in the future. I look forward to a new year standing on the support of our staff, teachers, families, friends, donors and supporters. As always, I thank you for your support, this year and beyond!

-Brett

HEUSER ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH KRTA

Heuser Hearing Institute is proud to announce its newly formed partnership with Kentucky Retired Teachers’ Association (KRTA). This partnership has allowed HHI the opportunity to provide hearing healthcare services to all retired teachers, their families and association members. “We are excited to share our programs and services with the people who have helped our students grow and learn after leaving Heuser Hearing & Language Academy,” says Brett Bachmann, CEO of Heuser Hearing Institute. “This program allows us to extend our appreciation to Kentucky educators, while at the same time, allows educators to support our rich history and fund Kentucky students and schools,” adds Bachmann.



Members of KRTA will have access to state of the art services provided by HHI including hearing and balance health evaluations, cochlear and bone-anchored implants, hearing aid services, speech and language services, and more.

Interested members of KRTA will receive information from HHI the first of the year, and can contact HHI at 502.584.3573 for more information.

MEET RESEARCH AUDIOLOGIST Chhayakant Patro, Ph.D.



“While in high school, I was fascinated by the profession of Audiology. I completed my Bachelor’s degree in speech and hearing, followed by a Master’s degree in Audiology in India. After completing my Master’s, I worked as a clinical audiologist in India for four years. In 2012, I moved to the United States to pursue a Ph.D. in 2012 and graduated in August 2016 with a degree in Audiology from the University of Memphis.

My education and clinical practice helped me to appreciate my interests, focus on specific areas of study to gain a better understanding of the field of Audiology.

I am particularly interested in the studying different auditory and cognitive factors that contribute to the benefits of hearing devices including hearing aids and cochlear implants. My long-term research goal is to capture and understand the fundamental causes of “individual variability” which is common in cochlear implant or hearing aid users. In addition, I am interested in developing different assessment tools and novel interventions to maximize speech understanding in adverse listening conditions.

I am excited to join Heuser Hearing Institute as a research audiologist to work on a research project that evaluates novel hearing aid processing schemes for hearing-impaired listeners. My studies come about through a collaborative project between Dr. Pavel Zahorik, Heuser Hearing Institute’s endowed research professor, and Dr. Olaf Streylick, processing researcher at Sonova. We will be recruiting subjects for the research project in early 2017. I can’t wait to see what the research project discovers. “



2017 EHDI FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Families of deaf and hard of hearing children can qualify for an EHDI (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention) scholarship for up to \$1,000.00. The goal of the program is to encourage activities of deaf and hard of hearing children to become involved in program planning and implementation statewide in preparation for the annual conference that takes place annually. To register for the EHDI meeting and learn more about this scholarship, go to: www.edhimeeting.org and complete the “parent scholarship” information.

If you have questions, stop by Heuser Hearing Institute or call the office at 502.584.3573. Deadline for registration is January 13, 2017.

NEWS & EVENTS

Thanks to Quattra Designs for their generosity to HHLA on December 3rd by hosting the annual jewelry show at The Louisville Boat Club.

Santa visited us at HHLA!



Mary Nehring and Denise Conley preparing goods for the show.

Thanks to the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring our annual HHLA Christmas party on December 15th.

Butterfly Society wraps Christmas gifts.



In celebration of the season, HHLA students went to see Louisville Ballet’s “The Nutcracker” on December 14th. They learned about the composer, Tchaikovsky, before their visit. We are proud of our partnership with the Louisville Ballet that brings Dance Therapy to the students!

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