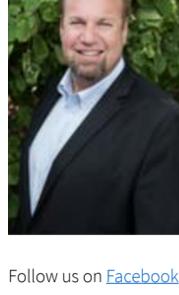




Words from CEO Brett Bachmann



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." –Winston Churchill

Heuser Hearing & Language Academy is excited to participate in Give for Good Louisville on September 13 – the biggest day of local giving. We hope we can count on you to support us and help give children who are deaf the gift of sound and language. Join us at the downtown Louisville clinic that day from noon to 2:00 p.m. as we celebrate the spirit of giving with free hearing screenings!

We are also looking forward to seeing our students at the HHLA Summer Camp later this month and the Dr. Ed Morgan/Kiwanis Grand Slam 4 Miler on July 28. Your registration includes a ticket to the Bats game that evening.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest news, events and updates on hearing health and education.

As always, we are grateful for your support of our mission and couldn't do it without you.

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

-Brett

Brett Bachmann, CEO, Heuser Hearing Institute

Save the Date: Give for Good Louisville

Save the Date for Give for Good Louisville on Thursday, September 13!

Mark your calendar and bookmark our [giving page](#) to support us on Sept. 13 and help give children who are deaf or hard of hearing the gift of sound and language.

Are you a Community Foundation of Louisville fund holder? You can use your fund at the Foundation to support Heuser's Give for Good Louisville event starting on July 25.



Research Update



Do children with hearing loss learn to modify their speech when interacting with younger normal-hearing infants and children? Dr. Maria Kondaurova and her undergraduate student, Kailin Kinney, presented a poster at the International Conference on Infant Studies June 30-July 3, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA that examined how two children with hearing loss interacted with a younger infant. The older children, one of whom had bilateral cochlear implants and another a BAHA (bone anchored hearing aids) system, were asked to play with a younger infant and with their own mothers, explaining how to assemble Mr. Potato Head. The results demonstrated that children with hearing loss used higher intonation, slower speech rate and shorter vocalizations when addressing younger infants as compared to their mothers. This is the first study that demonstrated

that children with hearing loss learn to modify their speech characteristics depending on their listener.

It is possible that the speech and language intervention sessions received by these children at Heuser Hearing Institute contributed to the child's awareness of differences between infant-directed and adult-directed speech patterns as normal-hearing children recruited as controls did not demonstrate the same results. Dr. Kondaurova hopes to test more children from Heuser Hearing Institute in fall 2018 in order to confirm these exciting findings. In addition, Dr. Kondaurova will present two more projects at the International Conference on Infant Studies in Philadelphia. One poster, completed with her graduate speech-language pathology student, Sabrina D'Souza, will present data on speech characteristics of Latin American immigrant mothers who use English as a second language. It is worth noting that Sabrina received the first place in poster competitions at the recent Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association meeting in 2018 for presenting this project. Dr. Kondaurova will also present a talk (as a second author) at the International Conference on Infant Studies on a collaborative project with researchers from Purdue University, discussing the alignment between speech and touch as mothers interact with their children who are hard of hearing.



Protect Your Hearing This Summer

It's summertime, and the livin' is easy. But outdoor activities can lead to noise-induced hearing loss if you are not careful. People of all ages should take extra precautions to protect their hearing during the summer months.

When the weather is warm, our natural inclination is to go outside. Many popular summer activities can be hazardous to our ears due to high decibel levels. Prolonged exposure to the sounds of lawn mowers, power tools, motorized vehicles, sporting events, concerts and fireworks can all lead to irreversible hearing damage. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to keep your ears safe and prevent long-term damage. The following tips are recommended by the Better Hearing Institute, an organization devoted to educating the public about proper hearing health and helping those with hearing loss benefit from proper treatment.

- **Use earplugs** When you are going to be exposed to loud sounds, wear earplugs to prevent damage to your hearing. Disposable earplugs made of foam or silicone are readily available and will allow you to hear music and conversations while blocking dangerously loud sounds. Custom ear protection crafted from earmolds will perfectly fit the unique contours of your ears, guaranteeing a snug, proper fit and dependable protection.
- **Leave the fireworks to the professionals.** Fireworks are synonymous with the 4th of July, but they represent an extreme noise hazard and should be restricted to professionals. The bang from a single firecracker at close range can cause immediate and permanent hearing damage. When watching fireworks, enjoy them from a distance. Earplugs will provide an extra level of hearing protection without detracting from the festivities.
- **Take measures to protect against swimmer's ear.** There's nothing more refreshing than a cool swim on a hot day, but when water enters the ear canals, it can lead to a painful infection known as swimmer's ear. To protect against this, invest in a pair of swimmer's plugs. Dry your ears thoroughly after swimming, and make sure to tilt your head to the side to drain any residual water from your ear canals. Avoid swimming in water where bacterial counts are high (look for signs posted at the local beach).

New Locations!

Two New Clinic Locations

We are excited to announce two new locations to better serve your hearing health needs!

Open Now
Masonic Home Care Clinic
240 Masonic Home Drive
Masonic Home, KY 40041

Opening July 2018
Jeffersonville – Quartermaster Station
275 Quartermaster Court
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Please visit us at one of our new locations or our established offices in downtown Louisville, DuPont Circle, or Lyndon near Oxmoor Mall.

To schedule an appointment, call our main line at 502-584-3573. We look forward to seeing you.

Dr. Ed Morgan/Kiwanis Grand Slam 4 Miler



Join us for this Run/Walk hosted by The Kiwanis Club, on Saturday, July 28 at Louisville Slugger Field! Proceeds benefit Heuser Hearing & Language Academy and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Registrants will receive a Grand Slam 4 Miler race t-shirt and one ticket to the Bats game on Saturday, July 28th at 6:35 p.m. against the Rochester Red Wings.

About the Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club, together with the Woman's Club of Louisville, founded the Louisville Deaf Oral School (now Heuser Hearing & Language Academy) in 1948. Over the years, Kiwanis has provided countless hours of service and support to HHLA. The Louisville Club meets on Thursdays at noon at Audubon Country Club for lunch and a 30-minute program. If you would like to learn more about Kiwanis or wish to be their guest at a luncheon, call 502-822-6970 or [email](#) them.

Sign up for the Run/Walk [here](#).

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](#).

2018 Calendar of Events

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

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

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

July 28 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | 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 [Runsignup.com](#).

September 13 | Give for Good Louisville

[Support](#) Heuser Hearing & Language Academy online on September 13 – the biggest day of local giving

October 18 | Butterflies in Motion Luncheon at the Brown Hotel

October 19 | An Open House on Hearing

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

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Louisville, KY 40222

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Louisville, KY 40207

Downtown Campus
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Louisville, KY 40203