



LISTEN UP! PROJECTS GIFTS HEARING AIDS TO ANN MORRISON

Ann Morrison is the second recipient of the Listen Up! Project, received her hearing aids in May thanks to her niece. St. Francis High School junior, Jillian Morrison, began volunteering earlier last month and will complete the full 200 hours to earn the credit needed to provide her aunt, Ann, with her very own hearing aids. "My aunt has been an excellent role model to both me and my sisters, and I want to make her proud. I thought this opportunity would be a great way to give back for all the support she's given me," said Jillian Morrison. Upon learning that her niece signed up to help, 73-year-old retired nurse, Carrie Ann Morrison, was beyond thrilled. "The fact that Jillian thought of me and would be willing to commit all those extra volunteer hours, has made me feel so special. It felt like one of the greatest demonstrations of her love," said Morrison.

Jillian and Carrie Ann grew close after another family member was diagnosed with a rare blood disease. Jillian credits her supportive childhood upbringing during this difficult time to her aunt's constant care and love.

About The ListenUp Project: The Heuser Hearing Institute's Listen Up! Project is creating an opportunity for people to volunteer at various locations around Louisville in exchange for free hearing aids. This community-based solution started in 2016 from the generous donation by Delta Dental Kentucky's Making Smiles Happen® Program. This program allows you or a loved one to volunteer at one of the Heuser Hearing Institute's charitable foundations partners to receive the credit for hearing aids and start the path towards better living.

For details on how to qualify, visit www.heuserhearinginstitute.org/listenupproject.



WORDS FROM CEO Brett Bachmann



The lazy days of summer are upon us. Congratulations once again to our 13 graduates who have spread their wings to move on to their next journey. While the doors of HHLA have grown silent, we will still be active during the summer. We will host our HHLA summer camp, July 18-22 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for current and incoming students at our downtown campus. Please save the date, August 6, where we will host our second annual "Alumni HHLA Open House" inviting our graduates back to campus to celebrate our history and the triumphs of our school. If you are a graduate or current family member, contact me or Wende Elkins (welkins@thehearinginstitute.org) for more information or to send us your news or photos that will be highlighted at the event.

The Hearing Clinic will be open all summer long to serve the continuous needs of our deaf and hard of hearing clients. Our dedicated and talented audiologists continue their work and outreach to the community as we have launched our ListenUp Project and our Residential Services Program for seniors. Watch out for us at summer community health fairs, senior homes, and the state fair in August as we spread the good news and good work of HHI.

The Listen Up Project continues to gain traction as we were featured on many of the local TV stations last month and we are getting more and more applicants each month. Our next recipient, Pat Compton is a healthy, fun-loving volunteer who, despite her profound hearing loss, continues to give back everyday to a hospital and to her church. Thank you to our local friends in the media who helped us promote this much needed program to grateful citizens in this community.

Take a look at our "Tips for Healthy Hearing in the Summer" and keep these in mind while having fun during the warm summer months. As always, even in summer, my doors are open.

Happy Summer!

-Brett

HHLA TEACHER PROFILE Meet Andrew Blank and Kara Vasil



Andrew Blank came to Heuser Hearing in April 2014 as a 4th year student completing his residency in audiology from Rush University (Chicago). Born in St. Louis, he was always interested in pediatrics and fascinated with cochlear implants. After completing his studies at HHI he will begin enroll in a Ph.D program at Ohio State University in the fall.

Andrew loves his time at HHI, especially at the Hearing & Language Academy (HHLA) because he loves troubleshooting the hearing needs of children and managing their overall audiological

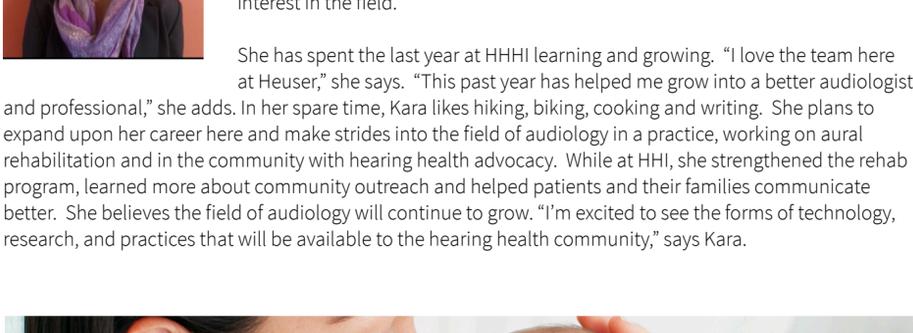
health. "I love the full scope of practice at Heuser Hearing and the school adds a unique clinical experience," says Andrew. According to Andrew the sky's the limit in the audiology field. "I think the future of audiology can help even more people in even more comprehensive ways," he adds.

In his spare time, Andrew loves being a DJ on the radio. He has performed at radio stations in Chicago and Bloomington, Indiana. It's a side of him that he rarely shows, but gives way to his playfulness and comfort with children. He also loves the many restaurants of Louisville and says Havana Rumba and O'Shea's are his favorite eating places. When asked what he'd miss about being at Heuser, he says he will miss the closeness of the staff, the knowledge he's learned while being here this past year and the school's friendly atmosphere. "Being at Heuser Hearing has been a wonderful experience - one I will take with me always," says Andrew.



Kara Vasil, a 4th year Resident earning her Doctorate of Audiology (AuD) from Northeast Ohio AuD Consortium (NOAC), is from Broadview Heights, Ohio. She learned about Heuser Hearing Institute after attending a vestibular conference at HHI in 2013 and touring the clinic and school. She took introductory courses in speech and hearing science while at Ohio State University, which peaked her interest in the field.

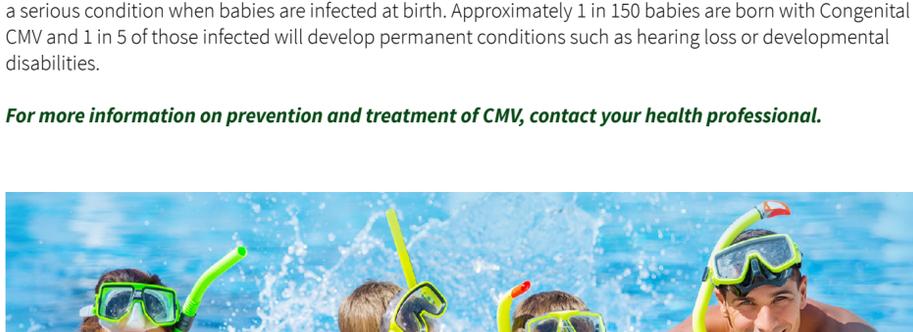
She has spent the last year at HHI learning and growing. "I love the team here at Heuser," she says. "This past year has helped me grow into a better audiologist and professional," she adds. In her spare time, Kara likes hiking, biking, cooking and writing. She plans to expand upon her career here and make strides into the field of audiology in a practice, working on aural rehabilitation and in the community with hearing health advocacy. While at HHI, she strengthened the rehab program, learned more about community outreach and helped patients and their families communicate better. She believes the field of audiology will continue to grow. "I'm excited to see the forms of technology, research, and practices that will be available to the hearing health community," says Kara.



JUNE IS NATIONAL CONGENITAL CMV AWARENESS MONTH

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a herpes virus that is common, but mostly harmless. 50-80 out of 100 people are infected with CMV by the time they are 40 years old. Only 14% of women know what CMV is which becomes a serious condition when babies are infected at birth. Approximately 1 in 150 babies are born with Congenital CMV and 1 in 5 of those infected will develop permanent conditions such as hearing loss or developmental disabilities.

For more information on prevention and treatment of CMV, contact your health professional.



TIPS FOR HEALTHY HEARING IN THE SUMMER MONTHS

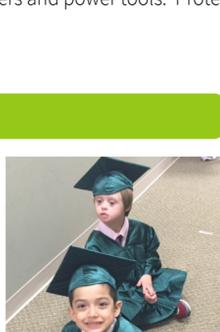
Yeah summer! The lazy days of summer mean longer days and nights, travel, swimming in the pool and lots of fun. Here are a few tips for healthy hearing during this much anticipated time of year.

- **Beware of Loud Noises**
 - Beware of full of fun times and loud music festivals, sporting events and concerts. Be careful of the extended noise level as much as 110-120 decibels or even louder (140 dB) if you're standing next to the speakers
- **Travel with Less Noise**
 - Watch the noise level while on planes and at airports that tend to be really loud with the number of passengers traveling this time of year
- **Turn Down the Volume**
 - About 1 in 5 teens suffer from some degree of hearing loss due to the loud noises coming through headphones. Turn down the earphones to protect hearing.
- **Swim with Your Ears in Mind**
 - Swimming can leave lots of water in your ears. Make sure to tilt your head to one side to help drain water or wipe ears with a towel to avoid "swimmer's ear."
- **Consider Wearing Earplugs When Doing Yard Work**
 - During the summer months, we cut our grass even more, which means exposure to loud noise from the lawnmower, blowers and power tools. Protect your ears with a set of earplugs

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our graduates the Class of 2016!

- Evangeline Baker
- Kyrell Beason
- LeShawn Booker
- Chase Elwell
- JaVontay Johnson
- NeVonte Jones
- Eva Lewis
- Titus Nunley
- Hector Reyes-Siguenza
- Dylan Shea



- Justice Moore Sidibe
- Lauryn Townsend
- Brody Vittitow

HEUSER EVENTS

Cochlear Americas Presentation
June 6th 5-7pm | Downtown
June 23rd 9-12pm | Downtown

If you're interested in volunteering at the HHI Butterfly Volunteer Society, contact Pam Thompson at thom9156@aol.com.

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