



Words from CEO Brett Bachmann



"We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us." – Jenny Uglow

Summer is here! We congratulated our students at graduation and celebrated the last day of school at Heuser Hearing & Language Academy and are now already preparing for next school year. Our teachers are looking forward to opening a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lab next school year. In addition, the children will have new STEM activities and curriculum in the classroom. Research shows that deaf and hard-of-hearing workers in STEM careers earn 30% more than deaf workers in non-STEM careers.

We are excited to announce two new hearing clinic locations to better serve you. Scroll down to read more about them.

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

-Brett

Brett Bachmann, CEO, Heuser Hearing Institute

Congrats Graduates!



Congrats to our Heuser Hearing & Language Academy graduates!

Fourteen children in our hearing peers preschool classroom celebrated their transition to kindergarten on May 24. [Check out the photos on our Facebook page.](#)

Fifteen of our students who are deaf or hard of hearing graduated on May 25.

[Check out the photos of the Butterfly Release Ceremony on Facebook.](#)

Miller's Success Story



Miller began wearing hearing aids in December 2015 when he was two years old. Miller passed the newborn hearing screening; however, his family noticed he had some developmental delays as he grew. Miller was nonverbal and would throw tantrums and scream in frustration. His parents were worried there was something wrong. Miller became ill with a staph infection after exposure from another child. After healing, he became more distant and frustrated and had great difficulty communicating with his peers and adults. Miller's family sought help from a speech therapist who insisted that they have his hearing tested again. A sedated ABR was performed and to our surprise he was diagnosed with bilateral mild to moderate sensorineural hearing loss and was fitted for hearing aids. His parents immediately began looking for resources and educational institutions to support Miller.

Less than a year later, they moved from Michigan to Kentucky and found Heuser Hearing & Language Academy. Miller's mom November shared, "Heuser has provided so much strength and encouragement to our family. From the first meeting, the first IEP, we were generously given support including speech therapy, art therapy, music therapy, occupational therapy, and behavior support. As parents, we are given constant support from all staff and teachers and we feel like we have a family who truly cares about and loves our children. Miller went from receptive and expressive language delays to answering questions, socializing with peers and adults, following directions and communicating effectively in the school setting. Miller's younger brother Jaxon is also hearing impaired and will be attending Heuser in the future."

Miller graduated from HHLA on May 25 and will be attending Luhr Elementary in the fall!

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.



Introducing Earlens, the world's only light-driven hearing aid

Heuser Hearing Institute now offers the Earlens! The Earlens is a revolutionary new hearing aid that directly vibrates the eardrum to deliver clear, natural sound. Earlens converts sound into pulses of non-visible light that activate a custom Lens on the eardrum. The Lens is built from an impression of your ear so it fits your anatomy perfectly, and it stays in place through surface tension and mineral oil, much like a contact lens.



Because this technology uses light and not a speaker, Earlens can deliver the broadest frequency range on the market, which translates to improved sound quality and speech understanding. Earlens is rechargeable, has four programs for different environments and includes Made for iPhone functionality. Ask about a head-to-head sound demonstration comparing Earlens to your current hearing aids so you can experience the Earlens difference!

Schedule an appointment to see if Earlens is the right solution for you at (502) 584-3573.



Custom Swim Plugs Make Water Activities Safer

When summer is in full swing, many people turn to water activities in order to beat the heat. While a refreshing dip provides relief from blistering temperatures, water can pose a hazard to your hearing. By taking precautions and wearing swim plugs before entering the swimming pool, lake or ocean, you can prevent infection and other potential damage to your ears.

You may not see a need for swim plugs, but the problem comes from what you don't see. That body of water may appear benign and inviting, but danger often lurks beneath the surface in the form of microscopic bacteria. These germs can enter the ear canal and cause a painful infection known as otitis externa, or swimmer's ear. This causes itching, swelling and fluid drainage, and may lead to chronic infections and hearing loss if left untreated. Antibiotics are usually needed to clear up the infection.

Another source of concern for those who frequent the water is exostosis, or surfer's ear. Exposure to cold water and wind can cause abnormal bone growth in the ear canal, resulting in a blockage or infection and, eventually, long-term conductive hearing loss. This condition most often requires surgical treatment.

Fortunately, swimmer's ear, surfer's ear and other infections associated with water activities are easily prevented by wearing swim plugs. These are made of waterproof silicone and create a tight seal that prevents water from entering the ear canals. Custom swim plugs, fashioned from molds of your ear canals, offer the best fit and protection. Your audiologist can help you select a pair just right for you!

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](#).

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](#).

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 8:00–11:00 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 [Runsingup.com](#).

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.

Lyndon Location
417 Benjamin Lane
Louisville, KY 40222

DuPont Location
3900 Dupont Square South, Suite D
Louisville, KY 40207

Downtown Campus
111-117 East Kentucky St.
Louisville, KY 40203