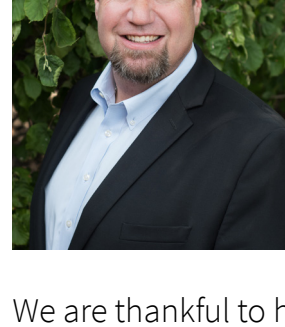




Words from CEO Brett Bachmann



"February is the border between winter and spring." – Terri Guillemets

As the school year progresses this winter at Heuser Hearing & Language Academy (HHLA), we continue to celebrate the successes of the new Foundations for Literacy curriculum, in addition to the benefits of having on-site audiology for our students who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Heuser Hearing Services Center. We are happy to report that our students are making tremendous language and vocabulary gains and our four-year-old students are reading!

We are thankful to have on-site audiology at HHLA, which includes the following services for our students: comprehensive hearing evaluations and vestibular and balance assessments; vestibular intervention for children showing functional delays; medical, educational and community referrals; aural habilitation and cochlear implant therapy; listening and communication training and strategies; and equipment inventory.

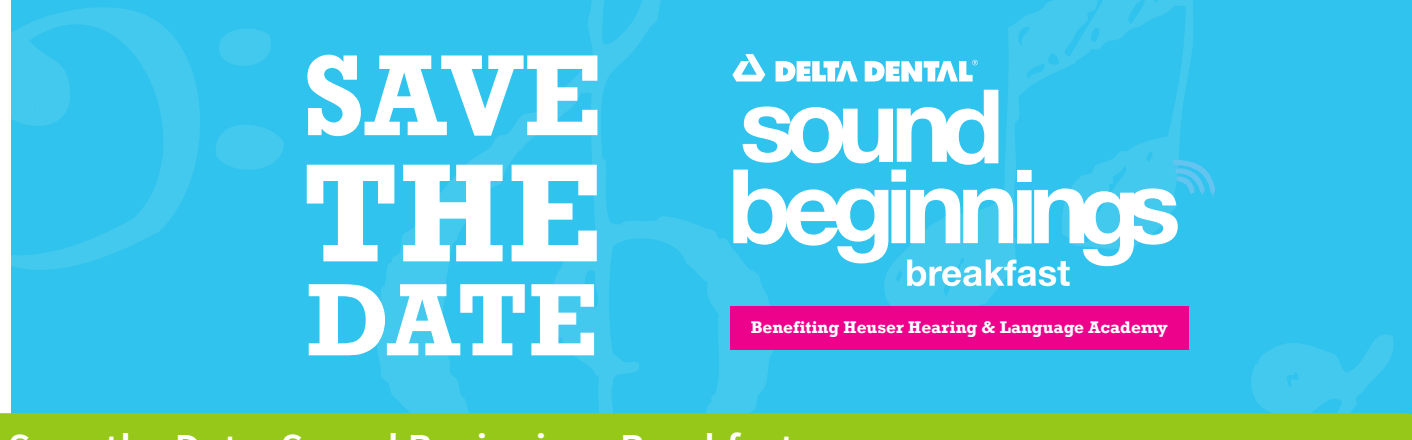
Our team of talented audiologists provide immediate intervention when a student's hearing devices stop working or break, meaning that no child goes without sound during the school day. The Hearing Services Center on campus also allows for immediate intervention for a student's change in hearing status because our audiologists can transition from the education to the medical setting for efficient care. Educational audiology, at its core, provides consistent and optimum access to sound. Our audiologists have a more intimate understanding of each child's hearing and ear health allowing for a customized educational plan. Daily consultations between audiologists and teachers allow for adjustments to meet the need of each student and/or classroom acoustics. Management of both the hearing and balance portions of each child's ear allows for customized eye and ear exercise designed to improve early reading skills.

I encourage you to call us at (502) 515-3320 to schedule a tour and see firsthand how our clinic and academy work together so that children who are deaf or hard of hearing do not go without sound or language.

Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

-Brett

Brett Bachmann, CEO
Heuser Hearing Institute



Save the Date: Sound Beginnings Breakfast

Join Heuser Hearing & Language Academy and special guest Teddy Abrams for the Sound Beginnings Breakfast, sponsored by Delta Dental. The support raised at this event helps give children who are deaf or hard of hearing in our community the gift of sound and language.

This event is free, but registration is required. To register or for more information on how to become a sponsor or table host, **contact Shannon Kisselbaugh, Director of Philanthropy, at (502) 515-3320 or shannonk@thehearinginstitute.org.**

When: Thursday, May 10, 2018, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Where: Heuser Hearing & Language Academy, 111 E. Kentucky Street, Louisville

Mikey's Bowls



Nearing his graduation from Heuser Hearing & Language Academy, Michael "Mikey" Horton needed a way to keep track of his hearing aids. Jill Hedges, his art teacher, helped him immediately come up with a solution. He decided to make a bowl to hold his ReSound hearing aids.



Michael "Mikey" Horton at Heuser Hearing & Language Academy displaying his bowls.

Heuser Hearing & Language Academy and ReSound, a provider of hearing aids and diagnostic audiological instrumentation in more than 80 countries, have partnered to help children with advanced needs for their hearing aids or FM programming at no cost. With Mikey's new hearing aids, he has access to sound and is succeeding in school. He is ready to graduate.

donated them to Heuser Hearing Institute. Mikey wants to make sure other children never go without sound.

ReSound was made aware of Mikey's Bowls and his gift to those with hearing aids. On December 19th, two representatives from ReSound presented Mikey with an extended warranty for his new hearing aids and provided pizza for Heuser Hearing & Language Academy students for helping him with his Mikey's Bowl's project.



Support Us While You Shop

Help give children in our community the gift of sound while you shop! Support Heuser Hearing & Language Academy with AmazonSmile and Kroger Community Rewards.

Amazon Smile

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Search for Heuser Hearing & Language Academy.
3. Begin shopping! Once you've selected your charity everything else functions the same. Shop for your favorite products or the perfect gift. Most products are eligible on Amazon Smile—if not, you'll be notified. You can checkout normally as well. No extra cost is passed onto you—Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Heuser Hearing & Language Academy.

Kroger Community Rewards

1. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com and either Sign In or Create an Account
2. Click Enroll Now
3. Scroll down to Community Rewards and click Enroll
4. Search for Heuser Hearing Institute
5. Click Enroll
6. Shop and Check Out with your Kroger Plus Card and help HHLA earn a quarterly rewards check!

Sa'Niya Beecham: Part of the HHI Patient Family



Sa'Niya Beecham at the downtown clinic with one of her favorite HHI staff members, Tiffany Price, Clinical Administrative Supervisor.

"Sa'Niya is a joy to be around. She looks forward to her appointments at HHI because she gets to play with Dr. Angie Beach and Tiffany Price and Dr. Angie Fuller. In this photo, she wanted to show that she had lost her first tooth. It is great to share in milestone moments with our patients."

When Sa'Niya Beecham was born, she failed her hearing screening at the hospital and her mother, Andrea Johnson, was referred to Heuser Hearing Institute for an evaluation and additional testing. Sa'Niya passed 2 follow up hearing evaluations and was then officially diagnosed with a permanent hearing loss in December 2014. Sa'Niya regularly wears her hearing aids and is learning to be proactive and advocate for herself. She is full of personality and the staff enjoys when she comes in for her appointments.

Andrea recalls, "I never noticed anything wrong with her hearing. Once I talked to Dr. Beach, I remembered that she was asking her father to repeat himself and realized that she couldn't hear him because he has a deep voice. Dr. Beach helped us with hearing aids for Sa'Niya and she started receiving speech therapy. She's been doing great ever since. When Sa'Niya comes in, she goes behind the desk like she works there and hugs everyone and wants to know who is going to play with her. The staff loves to see Sa'Niya and she doesn't want to leave! They make time for her and make us feel comfortable."

Andrea's words of advice to new parents about hearing loss? "Educate yourself about hearing loss and the warning signs. Do your research and make sure you are aware of what your child is hearing or not hearing."

The Silent Messenger



Have you noticed the new addition to the downtown campus entrance?

Kosair Charities installed The Silent Messenger statue at Heuser Hearing Institute in December. The Silent Messenger stands as a lasting representation of the commitment that Kosair Charities has for our community and the children in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. These statues are strategically placed to denote those who carry out the Kosair Charities mission. A dedication ceremony for the statue will be held in conjunction with the Heuser Hearing & Language Academy Graduation in May 2018. Thank you, Kosair Charities!



Poor Heart Health May Lead to Hearing Loss

If you don't watch what you eat and fail to exercise regularly, poor cardiovascular health is only one risk you'll face. New evidence shows a link between poor heart health and hearing loss. The reason for this surprising correlation? The inner ear is extremely sensitive to blood flow, so obstructions in the arteries and veins – symptoms of impaired cardiovascular health – can impact the peripheral and central auditory systems, leading to hearing impairment. Conversely, when the heart is healthy, and the flow of blood is unimpeded, hearing problems are fewer.

The cochlea, a fluid-filled tube in the inner ear that translates sound into nerve impulses, fails to function properly when damaged or subjected to decreased blood flow. A study of 1,600 patients with a history of cardiovascular disease showed they were 54% more likely to experience impaired cochlear function, further evidence of how essential blood flow is to good hearing.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle will not only add years to your lifespan, but will reduce your odds of developing hearing loss. Doctors recommend taking preventative measures such as eating healthier, losing weight, quitting smoking, and maintaining a healthy blood pressure. Individuals with hearing loss are encouraged to undergo cardiovascular screening to determine whether there is an increased health risk. And patients already diagnosed with heart disease should consider a hearing evaluation by an audiologist.

Hearing loss can result in isolation from family and friends, so if you or a loved one has a history of heart-related illness, schedule an appointment at Heuser Hearing Institute today by calling (502) 584-3573.

2017 Calendar of Events

For more information on the calendar of events, call **(502) 515-3320** or visit **www.thehearinginstitute.org** and click on Event Calendar.

February 12 | 2:15 p.m.

HHLA Valentine's Day Party hosted by Woman's Club of Louisville

Cancelled - February 26

Butterfly Society Event - Cancelled due to inclement weather makeup day.

May 10 | 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Sound Beginnings Breakfast

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