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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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A Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, I am thrilled to share with you the incredible journey of The Hearing & Speech Center and the remarkable achievements we have accomplished together. Your steadfast support and commitment have played a vital role in making this year one of unprecedented growth and impact.

At the core of our success is the unwavering dedication of our community- individuals, families, corporations, foundations, partners, and our entire team who all share our vision to ensure sound beginnings for all Kentuckians. Several key highlights from 2023 are featured in this annual report to include: program expansion, community engagement, financial health, and continued awareness of HSC's core mission.

Throughout 2023, our sixty-third year, The Hearing & Speech Center continued to grow and work relentlessly for Kentucky's children, adults, and families. I'm proud to share that we served a record number of clients/families, over 2,000, in all three core programs: Family Hearing Center, Speech Language Therapy Program, and the Early Learning Center from 72 Kentucky counties!

Thank you for being an essential part of The Hearing & Speech Center's team. We are providing sound beginnings, together!

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcey Ansley".

Marcey Ansley



CORE VALUES

Collaborative Compassionate
Supportive
Invested Inclusive

WHO WE ARE

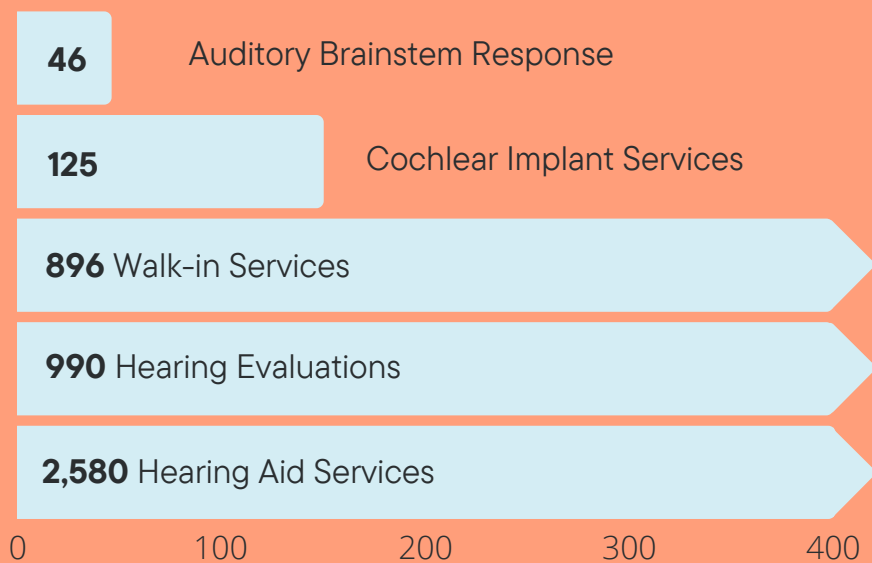
- We work relentlessly to overcome challenges by staying focused on the outcome not the obstacle.
- We lift one another so that we all can rise together.
- We apply our unique expertise independently toward one goal in unison.
- We seek out opportunities for continuous improvement so that we evolve with relevance.
- We show up in every single moment like we are meant to be there.
- We honor every person's story with empathy.

The Family Hearing Center



The Family Hearing Center at The Hearing & Speech Center provides comprehensive hearing healthcare for all ages, "twinkle to wrinkle", to ensure an improvement of quality of life for our clients.

4,662 Completed Appointments



1,470 Clients



72 Kentucky Counties Served

Adair	Clinton	Jackson	Mason	Robertson
Anderson	Daviess	Jefferson	McCreary	Rockcastle
Bath	Estill	Jessamine	Menifee	Rowan
Bell	Fayette	Kenton	Mercer	Russell
Boone	Fleming	Knott	Montgomery	Scott
Bourbon	Floyd	Knox	Morgan	Shelby
Boyd	Franklin	LaRue	Nicholas	Taylor
Boyle	Garrard	Laurel	Ohio	Washington
Breathitt	Grant	Lee	Oldham	Wayne
Campbell	Green	Leslie	Owen	Whitley
Carroll	Greenup	Letcher	Owsley	Wolfe
Carter	Hardin	Lincoln	Perry	Woodford
Casey	Harlan	Madison	Pike	
Clark	Harrison	Magoffin	Powell	
Clay	Hart	Marion	Pulaski	

Celebrated
Dr. Jeanette Miller's
20 Years of providing
sound beginnings



Speech Language Therapy



The Hearing & Speech Center provides speech-language pathology services to infants, preschool and school-aged children. Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) provide diagnostic assessments, family education and treatment for children with language and speech disorders due to a variety of causes.

Serving 277 Kentucky Children

Tiny Tots Talking
Expanded to 8 Classrooms
227 Sessions with 85 Children

This program is dedicated to developing a foundation for literacy in our Early Learning Center classrooms for children 0-3



4,954
Individual
Sessions

Including **881**
Listening & Spoken
Language Sessions
for Children with
Hearing Loss

Megan Brown

Listening Spoken Language Specialist

After five years of specialized training, mentoring and lots of studying, HSC SLP, Megan Brown, passed the Listening Spoken Language Specialist Auditory Verbal Therapy (AVT) Examination! There are fewer than 10 AVT speech therapist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky..we are lucky enough to have two of them! HSC appreciates Megan's commitment to serving infants and children with hearing loss and their families, supporting their desire to pursue listening and spoken language.



Reading Intervention

Expanded to 3 Classrooms
29 Sessions with 42 Children

This intervention program provides our Pre-K and Kindergarten students the solid foundation they need to be successful with reading and spelling in the higher grade levels

Ended 2023 with 4 full-time and 6 part-time speech pathologists

Early Learning Center



The Early Learning Center at The Hearing & Speech Center offers a variety of early educational programming:

- Day School for children as young as six weeks
- Preschool
- Full-Day Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten program
- Summer programs, including camps for children through second grade

Children with and without hearing loss or speech/language delays can benefit from our inclusive classroom settings. All classrooms and activities at the Early Learning Center feature language and literacy enriched curriculum with small student to teacher ratios. The listening and spoken language based programs provide a superior educational foundation for all children.

255 Enrolled Children

183

Day School; Pre-school; Kindergarten

54

Big Kid Summer Camp

18

Lightening Bug Language Summer Camp;
Bookworms Summer Camp



54% of children
enrolled are
receiving speech and
or audiology services

KY-ALL Star Rating

Our ELC participates in the KY ALL Stars Quality Rating Program. The evaluation measures practices and procedures in every area of the classroom through a rating scale of one to five. We are SO proud to announce that our Early Learning Center received the highest honor with a FIVE-Star Rating!



\$76,595 in
Scholarship
Funding

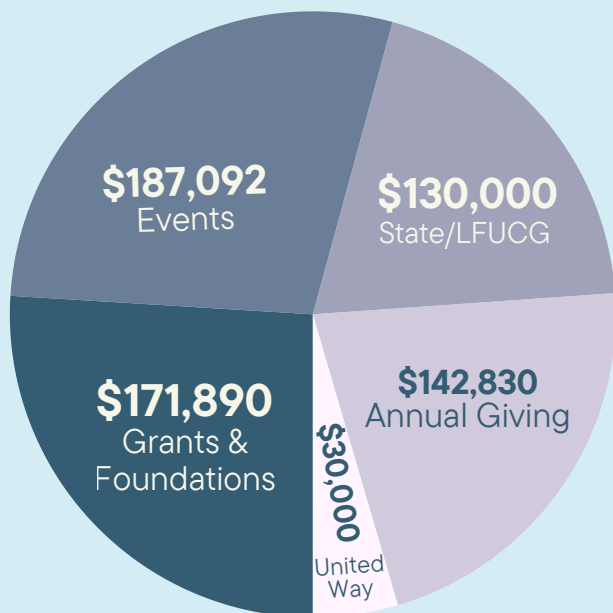


Fundraising



As a private nonprofit organization, HSC relies on the generous financial support of donors to support our high quality programming. HSC is grateful to all our friends who donate to continue the mission for a “sound beginning.” Support from foundations, corporations and individuals ensures we will achieve client/family goals, and make a lasting community impact.

\$661,812 Raised for Sound Beginnings



Thank you 2023 Grant and Foundation Supporters

Beulah S. Mays Charitable Endowment
Bluegrass Charity Foundation
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Copia Foundation
Dollar General Literacy Foundation
Good Samaritan Ministry
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
Julie Beth Hayden Foundation
Keeneland Foundation, Inc.
King's Daughters And Sons Foundation

Lexington Fayette Urban County
Government
Lexington Lions Club
Lexington Medical Foundation
Oberkottor Foundation
Orphan's Society
Psi Iota Xi Sorority/Theta Nu Chapter
The Catherine Cropper Foundation
The Rotary Club of Lexington
WHAS Crusade for Children

2023 Board of Directors

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Frankel Hall of Fame

In 2023, we inducted the Julie Beth Hayden Foundation into our Frankel Hall of Fame for their generous funding of our low income pediatric audiology programs. The Julie Beth Hayden Foundation was created to honor the life of Julie Beth Hayden and to continue her legacy of serving the hard of hearing, the deaf, and deaf-blind individuals.





Thank you for taking the time to
read our 2023 annual report, we
can't wait to see what 2024 brings!

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