

# THE GLOBAL FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS

## Fall 2009 Newsletter

The Global Foundation aims to make a direct and lasting impact on the futures of thousands of deaf and hard-of-hearing children around the world by providing them with access to the technology, education, and resources they need to become contributing members of society.

We are collaborating with Vietnam's Thuan An Center to implement an intensive teacher training program for Vietnamese teachers of the deaf and hard-of-hearing in Summer, 2010.

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Thank you for your interest in the Global Foundation for Children With Hearing Loss. It has been an incredible seven months for our young organization. After we incorporated earlier this year, we secured our IRS tax-exempt status in a mere four weeks. Since then, our dedicated board has made great strides in promoting our mission and in efforts to fundraise. We have also established a stellar group of experts to help develop the curriculum for the teacher training workshop that we plan to implement in Vietnam next summer. I'm proud of all the work we have accomplished thus far - and am grateful to you for your support of our work.

I hope you find this newsletter informative. Please contact me at [paige@childrenwithhearingloss.org](mailto:paige@childrenwithhearingloss.org) - I always welcome your questions, input, and thoughts.

Thank you very much for your friendship.

## Seattle Lions Club Pledges \$10,000

The Foundation is currently raising \$140,000 for a teacher training program that will increase the number of qualified teachers in deaf education in Vietnam. We are pleased to share the exciting news that the University Lions Club of Seattle pledged \$10,000 to the Foundation in June to help finance this important initiative.

## Vietnam Training Program Update

The first Vietnamese teacher training workshop will focus on auditory-verbal principles for hearing-impaired children between 0-6 years of age. The first six years of life are critical to a child's language development. Our workshop will feature four core tracks: audiology, speech/language, early intervention, and auditory-verbal education/therapy. We have secured a core team of experts in each area to collaborate with the Thuan An leadership to develop each track, formulate a month-long program, and identify/invite lecturers to teach the material to 80 Vietnamese teachers of the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

## Global Foundation in the News

The Foundation received media attention this summer from the NW Asian Weekly and Vietnam America. Please visit [www.childrenwithhearingloss.org/projects.shtml](http://www.childrenwithhearingloss.org/projects.shtml) and scroll to the bottom of the page to read coverage.

## Next Up: Sept-Oct 2009 SE Asia

Paige will be traveling to SE Asia between Sept-Oct. She will work with the team at Thuan An to progress the teacher training workshop, meet with potential corporate supporters, and engage with a host of educators, doctors, and professionals who work in the hearing field in Vietnam and Cambodia. She has also been invited to join a UN People to People symposium and will give a little presentation about our project to about 40 speech language pathology delegates at the evening's dinner. This 6-week trip will be a great opportunity to work through details for our workshop, promote the Foundation's work, expand our network of contacts, and increase our understanding of the SE Asia deaf education landscape. Paige will be maintaining a blog while she is over there at <http://childrenwithhearingloss.blogspot.com/>