



Global
Foundation
For Children
With Hearing Loss

Spring 2010 Newsletter

Dear Friends ---

The Global Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss is celebrating its first anniversary this Spring, and we've got a lot of exciting news to share with you! Be sure to check out details below about our Anniversary Sweepstakes for a chance to win an Amazon Kindle while supporting our cause. I'm proud of all that the foundation has accomplished in its first year, particularly the progress we've made with our Teacher Training Program in Vietnam. We have a fantastic team of professionals who have selflessly volunteered their time and expertise. I'm grateful to every one of them -- and to you -- for supporting this important work. Thank you and here's to another year of success!

Warm regards,

Founder and Executive Director



Development Report

Thank you to **Apex Foundation** for its recent grant to support our work! We are grateful to them for their generous contribution along with those of the **University Lions Club of Seattle** and **Buffalo Tours Vietnam**. Thank You!

Vietnam Program Update

Serving 850 Children With Hearing Loss

The foundation's development team has completed the curriculum design and daily agenda for our **Vietnam Teacher Training** workshop scheduled for Jul 12 - Aug 6, 2010. Per the Vietnamese request, this summer intensive focuses on empowering teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing with the skills they need to help infants and children with hearing loss between 0-6 years of age develop listening and spoken language skills.

Eighty-five Vietnamese teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing will travel to Thuan An Center from 34 schools and early intervention centers throughout Vietnam for the month-long event. In addition, **over 20 Vietnamese families** have signed up for evening sessions to learn how to help their young children with hearing loss. Ho Chi Minh City University has given our curriculum its endorsement, and we are collaborating with Vietnamese special education leaders on the program. With appropriate funding, we hope to make this a three-year initiative.

The World Health Organization estimates that about 38,000 deaf and hard of hearing children - over 100 per day - are born in SE Asia every year, a rate that is disproportionately high compared to the rest of the world. As more hospitals continue to conduct hearing tests in Vietnam, the number of identified infants and children with hearing loss will increase, and the already strong demand for trained professionals to help these children acquire language and education will rise dramatically.

Our teacher training program helps serve this significant need. Since one teacher of the deaf works with 10 children, **a single workshop will directly benefit the language development of 850 children with hearing loss.** Furthermore, teachers will share their learning with others, making these benefits exponential.

Your contributions are helping to ensure that this teacher training program attains its maximum potential. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Amazon Kindle Sweepstakes

Support our Vietnam Teacher Training Program

The foundation is giving away an Amazon Kindle in a drawing on April 7, 2010 to celebrate its one year anniversary. **Donate \$25 or more between now and April 4 and you will receive multiple entries into a drawing to support our Vietnam Teacher Training Program.** The more you contribute, the more entries you get and the greater your chance to win the Kindle! To learn more, please visit: <http://www.childrenwithhearingloss.org/difference.shtml>

In the News

We were honored to receive media attention from these terrific publications in March. Please click on the links to read their coverage:

- [Hearing Loss Magazine - March/April 2010 issue](#)
- [University of Washington Columns alumni magazine](#)
- [Evergreen Speech and Hearing Clinic newsletter \(page 2\)](#)

Also, look for a mention of us in the March 15 issue of the American Speech and Hearing Association's **ASHA Leader** in a story about the United Nations People to People Ambassador program which traveled through SE Asia last winter.

Thank you to our friends at **Bonneville Media** for helping to promote the foundation and our Vietnam program on its radio stations, including 710 ESPN, 97.3 KIRO FM and 770 KTTH in Seattle. You can listen to one of the radio spots by clicking on the PSA link at the bottom right of this page here: <http://www.childrenwithhearingloss.org/about.shtml>

Books We Love

Do you enjoy reading inspiring books about the ingenious and can-do people of this world? Well, so do we! **These are a few such books from our library that we simply couldn't put down...and we thought we'd share them with you.** Click on the titles under the book jackets to learn more. Email us at info@childrenwithhearingloss.org with your own favorite books about people and organizations doing good in the international community along with a brief overview of why they resonated with you. We'll read your suggestions and post our favorites in future newsletters!

			
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How to Participate

We always enjoy hearing from you! Please email us at info@childrenwithhearingloss.org with thoughts, questions, ideas, or suggestions. **Here are some other ways to stay engaged with what we are doing and support our work:**

- Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@gfhearingloss)
- Forward this newsletter to your circle of friends and family
- Help us network with individuals and organizations interested to learn about us
- Notify us of speaking engagements or promotional events to share our work
- Download our [Good Search Yahoo toolbar](#). Good Search will contribute a penny to the foundation every time you search the web, and a percentage of every online purchase you make at participating outlets. There is NO cost to you. Its simple to set up too. Just click on the gold box labeled "Download Toolbar" located [here](#).
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