

**Dear Friends ---**

I'm pleased to share the news of a recent grant from the **Oticon Foundation!** This generous contribution along with grants and support from the University Lions Club Foundation, Apex Foundation, AudMed, and Buffalo Tours Vietnam, and the donations of many compassionate supporters ensures that **we now have the necessary funding to bring this summer's Vietnam teacher training program to life!** A program that will benefit over 850 infants and young children with hearing loss.

This was certainly a moment to savor and celebrate. Now we're back hard at work. There is much to do before our program kicks off on July 12, 2010. This summer's event is the first of what we intend to be a 3-year initiative in Vietnam...so fundraising for 2011's program has already begun. Nevertheless, I am very proud of our stellar team and their efforts. A sincere Thank You to all of you for your ongoing interest and support of this work!

Warm regards,



Paige Stringer  
Founder and Executive Director



## Vietnam Program Update

### *Serving 850 Children With Hearing Loss*

- Our **Vietnam Teacher Training** workshop is scheduled for Jul 12 - Aug 6, 2010. Per the Vietnamese request, this summer intensive focuses on empowering teachers with the skills they need to help infants and children with hearing loss 0-6 years of age develop listening and spoken language skills.
- We are proud to introduce our team of professionals who will join us as lecturers in Vietnam. **Terra Bourse-Archaro, Maura Bernsden, Martha Harney, Judy Odendahl, Jill Bargones, Mary Daniels, Janet Fuller, Hillary Ganek, Kim Hamren, and Helen Zuganelis** combine to bring decades of experience across a variety of speech and hearing fields to the program. Please [Click Here](#) to read their bios and learn more about our terrific team!
- **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 event. The teachers will follow a rotating course schedule that features **106 sessions** covering audiology, early intervention, auditory verbal education/therapy, and speech pathology.
- In addition, **over 25 Vietnamese families** of children with hearing loss have signed up for the parent program. These families will engage in multiple sessions over 2 weeks covering Listening and Spoken Language and Hanen principles via lecturers and hands-on practicum. They will also have individual audiology and therapy consults.

- Our team is in the process of finalizing presentations. Each participant will receive a handbook of course materials that has been translated into Vietnamese.
- We thank two respected early intervention, auditory-oral programs - [Listen and Talk](#) of Seattle, WA and [Sound Beginnings](#) of Logan, UT for their continued resource support of our efforts. [Ho Chi Minh City University](#) has given our curriculum its endorsement, and we are collaborating with Vietnamese special education leaders on the program.
- 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](#). Teachers will share their learning with others, making these benefits exponential. With appropriate funding, we hope to make this a 3-year initiative in Vietnam.

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

## Kindle Promotion Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our One Year Anniversary Amazon Kindle promotion. We raised over \$1,700 to support our Vietnam teacher training program. The winner of the Amazon Kindle drawing was **Gretchen Raynak!** Congratulations Gretchen...and happy e-reading!

## How to Participate

We always enjoy hearing from you! Please email us at [info@childrenwithhearingloss.org](mailto: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:](#)

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