



Global
Foundation
For Children
With Hearing Loss



Dear Friends--

The Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss wishes you the happiest of holiday seasons. We are busy getting ready for a new year full of projects and promising potential. You'll find a short summary of our activities below, but before we share all the exciting news, I want to send a heart-felt THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your interest and enthusiasm of the foundation and our work this year. The fact we are a growing organization making a difference in the lives of deaf and hard of hearing children around the world is largely due to our network of compassionate people -- including you. This foundation has always been a team effort and I am very grateful for your support. I hope you enjoy reading what's in store for us ahead...and here's to 2011!

Warmest regards,

Paige Stringer
Founder / Executive Director

January Mobile Mission -- Our team of professionals will be traveling to Vietnam January 10 -21 to schools for the deaf in Dalat, Lai Thieu, Da Nang, and Ho Chi Minh City. The team will provide in-classroom mentorship to teachers and educate families about listening and spoken language development in children with hearing loss. Our audiologists will test hearing and fit hearing aids on 95 children who need them but whose families cannot afford them. A Saturday lecture will provide information about language development, hearing technologies, and audiology practices to approximately 100 medical professionals, teachers, and families. Thank you to Oticon and Phonak for their donation of hearing aids and to Oticon Foundation, Kopernik, University Lions Foundation, Apex Foundation, and Cochlear for their generous support.

Summer 2011 Vietnam Teacher Training - Building on the success of last summer's Vietnam Teacher Training program, the foundation's team will return to Thuan An Center in June 2011 for the second year of our multi-year training initiative. The 90 teachers who traveled from 35 schools for the deaf in South Vietnam to attend the first year's workshop will be invited to return. They will engage in practicum and lecture during the one month program to build on their knowledge of audiology, speech language pathology, early intervention, and auditory verbal teaching strategies. A new contingent of 40 teachers will be invited to participate as well. There will be a program for families, consultations for parents, and expanded training for staff who do audiology work at the schools. Thank you to Aud-M-Ed and the American Consulate General in Vietnam for their support of our efforts in 2011.

Making An Impact -- Since 1 teacher works with 10 children, our Vietnam Deaf Education Program, which encompasses Teacher Training and the Mobile Mission is **benefiting the education and spoken language development of over 900 children with hearing loss**. Since teachers share their learning with others, the benefits are exponential.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association published our online exclusive "[The Ripple Effect of a Powerful Idea](#)". We hope you enjoy reading and then watching our [Video](#) for a look at last summer's experience in Vietnam.

Inspired to help in Vietnam? Check out our [Netbook promotion!](#) Be sure to act by **December 15** to participate. We are grateful for all donations to support our work.

Collaboration in DR Congo -- The Global Foundation is partnering with Solar Ear, GEO Outreach, Symbiosis, and Aru School for the Deaf in DR Congo. Proposed program to provide hearing aids, audiology services, and training of ENTs, teachers, and families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing in Congo. [Click here for more details.](#)

Join us on our next adventure!-- Follow us during our January Mobile Mission at our [blog](#). We're also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@GFhearingloss).

Thank you for your continued support and Happy Holidays!

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