

Listen Up

COVID DISCLAIMER: Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, Lend An Ear experienced unintended delays with hearing events, fundraising, and individual participation for hearing program. All upcoming Lend An Ear Outreach events and dates are subject to change.

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Upcoming Events...



St John's Golf & Country Club
Sampson Creek
219 St. John's Golf Drive,
St. Augustine, FL
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.



All proceeds go directly to our employee scholarship benefit and Lend An Ear's mission to give those who have limited means access to quality hearing aids. The event will feature a prize raffle, putting contest, 50/50 drawing, skills clinic, and much more. Ticket price includes admittance, boxed lunch, 2 drink tickets, cart fees, range fees, admission to dinner banquet, and much more. For more information and to register, go to: <https://golftournament.vicarslanding.com/>

In Our Upcoming Newsletter...

Eighty-Six year old gets New Hearing Aids from Lend An Ear and Arlington Lions. See full story in our next Newsletter. <https://www.firstcoastnews.com/video/news/local/outreach/nonprofit-helps-woman-who-lost-everything-including-hearing-aids-in-christmas-day-fire/77-5c8bd891-6e34-4441-8f84-7dd257785d88>

Latest Happenings...

12-17-2020...Lend An Ear Outreach is on the move again doing research and development. First meeting was at McCoy Institute of Hearing and Balance, which provided an introduction of new volunteer audiologists that will be joining the LAE Team, and also some brainstorming for 2021. Second meeting was at the Lions Club in Arlington to discuss a partnership with LAE so that both organizations can help recipients in both the vision and hearing areas. These two very productive meetings will launch a great vision for 2021.



12-9-2020...LAE got the Mobile Unit fired up to give an update to the employees of Ryan, Marks & Stromberg, real estate law firm. We received a generous donation that will fund one of the upcoming major hearing events for 2021. We want to Thank Ryan, Marks & Stromberg for their support to LAE and giving the gift of hearing to students, adults, and senior citizens.

12-8-2020...LAE did a presentation to the Towers of Jacksonville, who have been providing quality affordable housing since 1972. Their Mission is to provide housing options and services for older adults in an environment that enhances their quality of life-physically, mentally, and spiritually. We met with the Property Manager and Service Coordinator to lay the groundwork for a future hearing event in 2021. The Towers of Jacksonville is a part of Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF), which is one of the nations largest Non-Profit providers of housing and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and low income families.



12-1-2020...LAE went to Arlington Eye Clinic in Jacksonville, which also provides audiology services. The clinic is completely funded and run by the Arlington Lions Club, and serves people who lived in NE Florida with no health insurance or means to pay for optometry or eyeglasses. They also offer hearing screenings free of charge to individuals who meet the financial qualifications.

SOUND ADVICE

TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT HEARING LOSS

Talking about hearing loss can be a challenging topic. Here are some tips to approach the conversation with sensitivity.



ANTICIPATE DENIAL

Recognize this subject may come as a surprise or be embarrassing. Let your parents articulate how they feel.

RIGHT TIME AND PLACE

Pick a quiet, comfortable, private spot - ideally at home - where you can speak freely for an extended period of time.

CapTel Corner..

OEI, working on behalf of CapTel Outreach, gets the word out that if you or someone you know has difficulty hearing over the phone, there is a solution. Along with presenting other hearing health-related resources, we can help provide a CapTel Captioned Telephone at no cost to the user.

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PROVIDE DETAILS

Share what you've observed - the extremely loud TV volume, asking people to repeat themselves, or missing parts of the conversation.



OFFER SOLUTIONS

Recommend simple approaches that make an immediate difference: assistive listening devices, CapTel captioned telephone, or closed captions on the TV.



GIVE THEM TIME

Don't expect your parents to accept the situation immediately, but raising the issue can be an important first step.



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Recent Events...

11-19-2020... Lend An Ear had a chance to revisit the Riverwood Men's Club at Del Webb Ponte Vedra. We had an opportunity to present the Hastings Project, our mission statement, the upcoming Golf Outing, and our partnership with the St. John School system and beyond, to 48 members of the club. Scott did a great job fielding questions from club members who donated six pairs of used hearing aids and packs of useable



batteries. We thank all the members and Board for their generosity and support of LAE and upcoming hearing events. Back in October, the Board gave us a generous donation, which will be used to give the gift of hearing to a future recipient. Their Mission is to provide social gatherings for the Men of Riverwood/Del Webb Ponte Vedra. They host community-wide events for all residents to enjoy, and they raise funds for donation to our Del Webb community and to local charities. LAE wants to Thank the Board of Riverwood Men's Club for their continued generosity.



11-13-2020...LAE Executive Director Scott delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the Rotary of St. Johns, which was chartered in September 1989, and offers local residents with business, professional and / or community service backgrounds a way to actively contribute to the betterment of their communities. Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Dr. Melisa Sharpe was also in attendance who is one of our Volunteer Audiologists. Her company, First Coast Mobile Audiology, believes the best place to try hearing aids is in the comfort of your home with friends and family. Dr. Sharpe has been practicing audiology for over 20 years with experience in tinnitus, amplification, hearing protection, and many disorders of the ear. Scott cast a future vision of LAE along with some of the major hearing events for 2021, and a possible Clay County event. We want to thank the Rotary of St. Johns for giving us an opportunity to share our mission.

Recent School Events...

9-23-2020...Turned out to be a very busy day for LAE. First, we met with Amy Lane, Program Administrator FDLRS/NEFEC (North East Florida Educational Consortium). Amy also received Phonak Hearing Aids, which are made with child-specific design to support children of all ages. These hearing aids provide an optimal listening experience in situations like noisy classrooms and outdoor playgrounds. NEFEC Consortium is a regional, nonprofit, educational service agency established to provide cooperative services to small rural member districts. Baker, Columbia, Flagler, Dixie, Nassau, Hamilton, etc. are some of the counties under NEFEC. Of those, Dixie and Hamilton are the poorest - many of these counties have a population that are under-insured and disadvantaged. These hearing aids were made possible by the Gooding Foundation to support children in Northeast Florida. Thanks again, Gooding Foundation, for providing a life-changing difference in the lives of rural students with hearing difficulties in Northeast Florida.



Next LAE met with Carol Carberry, St. John's County teacher for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. She received Phonak Hearing Aids geared to help overcome even the most difficult hearing situations, and provide hearing care professionals with tools to fit client's efficiently and accurately. Phonak AutoSense Sky OS Hearing Aids are the world's first operating system built specifically for children. These hearing aids were made possible by the Gooding Foundation. Hearing Loss can make social interactions difficult, especially in noisy environments. St. John's School system has roughly 156 Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and or have some kind of impairment. Thanks again, Gooding Foundation, in providing a life changing difference in the lives of the St. John School system.

Lastly on this same day, LAE stopped at Palatka. We met with Kori Gedris, who is Itinerant Teacher for Deaf/Hard of Hearing-Alternate Assessment Coordinator and ASD District Contact Palatka. Kori coordinates over 28 Deaf/Hard of Hearing students in Putnam County - there are 6,635 total students in the school system. Palatka ranks in the top three poorest counties in Florida on a consistent basis and is a Title I County. With a grant from the Gooding Foundation (they like to help school aged children) we were able to give Kori new Phonak Hearing Aids for her district. Big thanks to the Gooding Foundation for providing a life-changing difference in the lives of our students in Northeast Florida.

Audiologist Corner / Spotlight...

Dr. NaTalla S. McCoy, Au.D., CCC-A, CPS/A



A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Dr. McCoy obtained her Doctorate in Audiology from Nova Southeastern University. Prior to obtaining her doctorate, Dr. McCoy graduated from the University of Florida, with a degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders. Upon returning to Jacksonville, she established a private practice as the Clinical Director of the McCoy Institute of Hearing and Balance.

As a board-certified audiologist, Dr. McCoy evaluates, diagnoses, and treats hearing loss and balance disorders in all age groups. Dr. McCoy's clinical focus is in the treatment and care of active duty military and veterans, in addition to seniors.

Dr. McCoy's outreach efforts afforded her the opportunity to tour Central America in 2011. In Guatemala, Dr. McCoy provided audiological services to those who otherwise could not afford it. Dr. McCoy is a Clinical Director for Lend An Ear Outreach, a local program that provides hearing care free of cost to low-income individuals. Dr. McCoy is proud to serve the community as an ambassador for healthy hearing.

