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APPLICATION FOR HEARING AID

Click www.lendanearoutreach.org
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St John's Golf & Country Club
Sampson Creek
219 St. John's Golf Drive,
St. Augustine, FL
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
11:30 a.m.



All proceeds go directly to the Vicars Foundation, which will benefit Lend An Ear Outreach, Vicars Landing Employee Assistance Fund, and Vicars Landing Foundation. 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/>

Lend An Ear by the Numbers 2021

Community Support has allowed us to provide hearing aids at NO COST to qualify individuals from school children to seniors.

- 113 patients fit with hearing aids in 2021 and 8 of them only needed one aid.
- Recipients served on a monthly basis in 2021 = 9.4.
- Big events: LAE targeted The Hurley Apartments and The Towers of Jacksonville. Total 33 people fitted. At no cost to them.
- 1,000 hearing evaluations have been conducted.
- Qualified recipients received 25 CapTel Phones for the hard of hearing.
- Hearing Aid Value to Cost was \$226,000 or \$2,000 per hearing set. No Cost to any recipient.
- LAE was able to accomplish this with funds of \$74,200 with suppling new hearing aids and professional services. This was approx. \$656 each patient.

To Donate:

For the upcoming years LAE would like to expand its services to surrounding counties. We need your help. Please donate to LAE at: lendanearoutreach.org

* * * Special Recent Events * * *

On December 10, Lend An Ear Outreach had a luncheon to honor our Volunteers, Audiologists, Lions Club partners, etc. We want to recognize Sonia M. a special award, and due to Covid, we have been waiting for a year and a half to present this to her.

Since 1993, The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach have bestowed the honor of "Local Hero" annually. The presentation of this award continues a longstanding tradition in which the local Rotary and newspaper honor "unsung heroes" who give back to the community and reflect the spirit of the Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self".

Sonia M. received her award in the "Disabilities Advocacy" category. She has worked as an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Program Specialist for St. John County School District since 2014, and is passionate about providing opportunities for students with disabilities. Als, she has been instrumental in establishing the school district's collaboration with Lend An Ear Outreach.



CapTel Corner...

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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.

Happy New Year from the Lend An Ear Outreach Team. We are gearing up for another rewarding year and executing our mission to provide quality hearing aids to qualified recipients at no cost!

1/19/2022 We kicked off January with three recipients coming in for adjustments and three recipients receiving new Hearing Aids. Roberto R and his Daughter... Came in to receive new hearing aids - she wrote he has not been able to hear for 4 years. "But today what a great day to witness a new person who now can hear me. Everyone one here today has been absolutely fantastic along with the education to get back to hearing!"



Barolito A... Came in with his brother - he said he faced every obstacle imaginable because of his hearing loss. "This was a wonderful experience; I recommend Lend An Ear Outreach. I can hear again!!"

Edna S... She said her son would come to the door and knock for a long time before she could hear him. And now that frustration will disappear with this gift of hearing. "This was a great experience - also I'll be able to hear my cell phone when it rings!"



Lend An Ear Outreach started the year off helping qualified individuals receive the gift of hearing. We cannot do this without you please spread the word as we need new recipients and donations. We are looking toward a groundbreaking 2022!

End-of-Year Events...

12/15/21 ~ As the year closed out, Lend An Ear Outreach had three more recipients obtain the Gift of Hearing just in time for Christmas!

Sarah G... I would recommend LAE without hesitation because your organization will now let me participate in regular conversation! Before I could not understand or hear normal small talk without someone yelling at me. Being hard of hearing is embarrassing, but without LAE I could never afford such a great gift! Thank You so much!

Eddie C... Looking forward to not saying, "WHAT, WHAT" anymore! To be totally honest I was really embarrassed by my lack of hearing. Had many broken relationships because of my hearing. Now I feel so blessed and would certainly recommend LAE to all. Thank you for the gift of hearing just in time for Christmas!

Patricia C (Recipient), Libby L (Daughter), and Lydia P (Granddaughter) - traveled 5 hours from Navarre, Fl, just outside of Tallahassee... Very grateful to have this opportunity. I hope with better hearing it will help my balance going forward. Waiting for Christmas to be able to hear my family for the first time in a long time!

We are anticipating great things in 2022 and some surprises!



Winter at the Beach

Photos Courtesy of Walle Waters

Spotlight... Lend An Ear ~ Scott Hetzinger, Executive Director

Scott Hetzinger was born in Buffalo, NY. In 1979, the family relocated to Jacksonville, Florida. In 1989 Scott accepted the position at Vicar's Landing, where he was named Director of Security and Transportation. His responsibilities at Vicar's are wide ranging, encompassing not only safety protocols for all residents and staff, but campus communications, IT, and oversight of certain aspects of campus infrastructure. Scott's duties have also given him significant familiarity with service organizations, providers, and vendors in the region, and also not-for-profit organizations and communities. At Vicar's Landing, Scott heads the community's Annual Golf Tournament, which benefits the community's Scholarship and Employee Assistance Funds.

Lend An Ear is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations. The organization was floundering due to a lack of leadership and funding, and at Scott's urging, the Board and management of Vicar's Landing accepted sponsorship in June 2016.

Lend An Ear Mission: To provide the gift of hearing by furnishing quality hearing aids to those with limited or no means, in an atmosphere of dignity and compassion. Contact Scott at: Scott@lendaneareoutreach.org.

