

The annual 50/50 Raffle is on!

50% will go to the winner and the other 50% will benefit HEAR Wisconsin's programs. See page 2 for more information on how to participate.

Need to Stay in Touch?

Get financial help to purchase assistive technology to ease communication with family, friends, and co-workers. See page 2 to learn more about the TEPP Voucher.

Corks & Kegs 2020 Going Virtual!

Register for free to see the exciting silent auction items you can bid on! Read below on how to register to bid and to watch the live show on September 24th!

The Conduit

HEAR Wisconsin's newsletter about clients, donors, and events
In-print and online



Corks & Kegs is Going Virtual

Join us for an exciting evening of fun!

P.S. Registration is free to this event!
P.P.S. We are unveiling a new community initiative that you won't want to miss!

Grab a glass of wine, some appetizers and get ready to sit back and enjoy Corks & Kegs! Invite another couple or two to join you for the evening (with social distancing in mind, of course)!

HEAR Wisconsin's virtual event will be held on Thursday, September 24, with the countdown beginning at 6 pm and the live program starting at 6:30 pm.

The event committee, sponsors, emcees, and supporters are not letting the pandemic derail this year's Corks & Kegs. Registration is **FREE** and open to everyone! The event will have open captions and a sign language interpreter to ensure full accessibility.

We will share stories, announce a new transformative statewide community initiative, and people will have a blast bidding on
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Register now for this FREE event at
<http://bidpal.net/corksandkegs2020>

United Way Partnership, 73 Years Strong

Stepping Up Support During the Pandemic

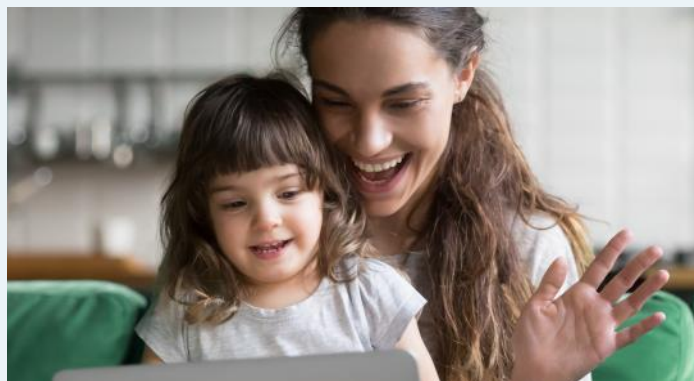


HEAR Wisconsin's Board of Directors and staff want to thank United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County for their continued partnership with HEAR Wisconsin, now in its 73rd year!

In 1947, United Way recognized the importance of early childhood development and so began their commitment to support our organization (back then known as Milwaukee Hearing Society). We are proud to work with United Way through our Kellogg Child & Family Program, to ensure that children receive early intervention services and that their families get the needed educational support to help their children thrive.

Since the pandemic's arrival, United Way and their donors have stepped up tremendously by making sure HEAR Wisconsin and other nonprofits have everything needed to keep staff and clients safe. Hand sanitizers, disposable gloves and masks, thermometers, alcohol wipes and more were

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Kellogg Child & Family Program's clients continue to receive early intervention services, with funding support from United Way.

Streamline with Smart Assistive Technology Devices

Can't hear your phone? Trouble hearing the TV? Check out HEAR Wisconsin's online store at hearwi.org/our-store to browse the wide variety of equipment including iPads, amplified phones, Pocketalkers and more!

Ask about the Telecommunication Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP)! It provides vouchers for Wisconsin residents to purchase equipment needed to use basic phone services at low or no cost.

Funding is available for anyone Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or having a speech, mobility or motion disability.

For appointments with one of our technology consultants, call 414-604-2200 or if using a video phone, call 414-395-2117. You may also send inquiries to info@hearwi.org. ■

Photo: Andrew was overjoyed when trying out the installed communication aid software on his iPad for the first time!

"I want to thank you for all of your help and kindness. Having gone through the tedious and time consuming processes of buying special needs items for Andrew over the past 19 years is a job in itself. This was so easy and so fast - not something I'm used to. I'm so happy you were referred to me by Andrew's aide. I'm keeping your contact info in case someone I know is looking for help with a device."

Tricia, mom of Andrew

Client Spotlight:

Laurie Flores, HEAR Wisconsin's Director of Outreach and Technology, recently worked with mom, Tricia, to get a speech disability TEPP voucher and obtain assistive technology equipment for her son, Andrew, who is diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome (a genetic disorder that causes delayed development, including issues with speech, balance, intellectual disability, and, sometimes, seizures). The voucher allowed her to purchase an iPad with an installed application to aid Andrew in communicating with his family.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Please note:

The 3rd Annual Fall Fest, originally planned for October 10, has been cancelled, but we will still host the raffle drawing!

Save the date!
Hope to see you at
next year's Fall Fest,
on Saturday,
September 25, 2021!



50/50 RAFFLE!

Virtual Raffle Drawing at 1:30 PM
Saturday, October 10

Check on HEAR Wisconsin's Facebook for the announced winner – [facebook.com/HEARWI](https://www.facebook.com/HEARWI)

50/50 Raffle Tickets
1 for \$5.00
3 for \$10.00
8 for \$20.00

Winner receives 50% of the money collected. The remaining 50% will benefit HEAR Wisconsin's programs. We will directly contact the winner to arrange delivery of the money.

The more tickets we sell, the more YOU could win!

How to purchase raffle tickets:

- Visit HEAR Wisconsin during normal business hours
- Call 414-604-2200 to purchase raffle tickets with a credit card
- Email info@hearwi.org with requested # of tickets to mail, and then send a check in with the ticket stubs filled out

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auction items. Maybe you will take home a one-of-a-kind painting, win a sailboat excursion, catering event, or new top-of-the-line hearing aids!

Some of the exciting items to bid on:

- Bourbon Tasting Party Package
- Treiber and Straub Jewelry
- Green Bay Packers Memorabilia
- Artwork by HEAR Wisconsin Clients
- Self Care Basket
- Giannis Signed MVP Jersey
- Date Night at Home Basket
- Autographed Star Trek Memorabilia
- Original Paintings by Gini Bunnell
- Zilli Food Catering Experiences
- 4 Weeks of Music Lessons
- Harley-Davidson Gear
- ATX Jerky & Artisan Market Basket
- And More!



Sign in and register to bid on the silent auction items at <http://bidpal.net/corksandkegs2020>



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donated to HEAR Wisconsin over the last five months. At United Way, Nicole Angresano, Vice President, Community Impact, shared that "United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County is humbled by and grateful for the work of our non-profit partners over these past months. Social services often require direct contact with clients in order to address basic needs--and COVID cannot interrupt therapy and other supports provided by HEAR Wisconsin. We were honored to be able to support their need for PPE to keep their staff and clients as safe as possible, while they continue to provide much needed services."

HEAR Wisconsin is honored and grateful also for being one of the recipients of United Way's Urgent Need grants to area nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. This fund helped HEAR Wisconsin to improve the overall technology infrastructure and allowed expansion of our online early intervention therapy, telehealth, and consultation services.

"Feelings of isolation, anxiety and depression are heightened during this challenging time, so it's critical that we meet our clients' needs, now more than ever, whether in-person or through an online platform," says Jill Van Calster, CEO and President of HEAR Wisconsin. "People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing can quickly feel more isolated if they don't have the technology needed (hearing aids, specialized telephone and related equipment) to stay in touch with family, friends and colleagues. It is also critical that families with young children continue early intervention services without interruptions, as months matter for language development for little ones. Having that extra support from United Way and from our donors is much appreciated by all at HEAR Wisconsin." ■

Thank you, United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County and donors!

MEET OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS



Sydney Champion, M.S., CF-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist, Clinical Fellow

Sydney provides speech therapy services for young children. She recently graduated with her Master's degree from University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire, and she's so excited to be on the HEAR Wisconsin team!



Dr. Kimberly Knudsen, Au.D.
Doctor of Audiology

Kimberly has been an Audiologist for nearly 30 years. She believes that hearing is a vital sense that can affect quality of life. She thoroughly enjoys helping patients hear better. She graduated from Purdue University (BS and MS) and earned her Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) from Arizona School of Health Sciences. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Audiology and is a member of WSHA, ASHA and AAA.



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