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Our new hearing healthcare clinic staffed by MCW audiologists can find the perfect device for your budget and your hearing needs.



Assistive listening devices, like amplified and captioned phones, can make communication easier. And with the Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP), they may be available at little to no cost.



All purchases support our children's programs, and we won't recommend something you don't need or won't benefit you.

Our Birth-to-Three program provides critical early intervention services for children with hearing loss. Toddler Communication Groups take place at HEAR Wisconsin twice per week and are open to children ages 15 months through three years old who are enrolled in Language Access Services at HEAR Wisconsin. Each group provides a natural play setting rich in auditory, speech, and language stimulation to enhance children's functional communication. In addition, children are provided with opportunities for social interaction with peers and adults who use a similar communication mode, including oral communication or sign language.

## Message from our new President and CEO

am thrilled to write to you today as the new President and CEO of HEAR Wisconsin and am humbled to have been chosen to lead this 91-year-old organization as it embarks on its next chapter.

Prior to joining HEAR Wisconsin, I spent more than two decades serving local nonprofit organizations in various capacities and have a passion for missionbased organizations that improve the quality of life for the persons served.

Although I was very gratified at the Wisconsin Philanthropy Network, a statewide professional association serving more than 600 individual members through programs designed to promote and strengthen effective philanthropy, I missed the rewarding work accomplished by human service organizations. Because of this, I was immediately drawn to the mission of HEAR Wisconsin.

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I am eager to continue HEAR Wisconsin's mission to help infants, children, and adults by eliminating communication and language barriers through personalized services, technology, and education.

In my first few months, I enjoyed getting to know the talented and passionate team of employees, our dedicated Board of Directors, many of our clients and their families, and several of our generous benefactors. I am awed by the passion everyone has for this organization and have heard many great stories of how the services provided at HEAR Wisconsin have impacted our clients' lives.

Respectfully, Van Calster

Jill Van Calster President and CEO

Meet our audiologist, Dr. Brooke Lewandowski

A quick hearing test in our state-ofthe-art soundbooth helps determine your hearing care needs.



HEAR Wisconsin has had the privilege to work with many wonderful volunteers over the years. These volunteers have helped us update our facility and make sure our events and fundraisers run smoothly.

Recently, the New Berlin Lions and Lioness Clubs have volunteered their time to cook at our WTMJ radio event and run activities at our Zoo Party for our child and family program.

Lions Clubs International aims to meet the needs of communities on local and global scales. The New Berlin Lions Club was established in 1950 and the Lioness Club followed shortly after in 1977. Both clubs have more than 30 members each and work as one to help hearing and visually impaired individuals and organizations.

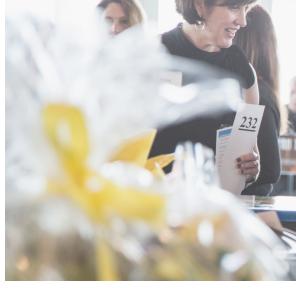
Over the years HEAR Wisconsin has received the support of twenty-five Lions and Lioness Clubs in Milwaukee and the Greater Milwaukee area.

We greatly appreciate their support and look forward to continuing our relationships with them! We're excited to offer comprehensive audiology services to the community as part of our mission to provide better communication and improved quality of life for the growing population of older adults with hearing loss. Last year we renovated our first-floor space to create a state-of-the-art hearing healthcare clinic, and partnered with the Medical College of Wisconsin to staff our new facility with a doctor of audiology.

Through this partnership, patients are provided with first-class resources and a highly skilled audiologist. Brooke Lewandowski, Au.D. CCC-A, is the fulltime audiologist at HEAR Wisconsin. Dr. Lewandowski has worked for nonprofit organizations for several years and enjoys the advantages that a nonprofit can provide to a patient, including a wide range of treatment options for any budget. HEAR Wisconsin offers all hearing aid styles and levels of technology from all seven major hearing aid manufacturers and a complete array of assistive technology products.

Our hearing healthcare clinic and assistive listening device store gives patients access to a diverse array of products and services that can be tailored to each person's needs and budget. And there's no pushy sales pitch. Our staff won't recommend something you don't need, and you can feel good knowing that any purchase you do make helps support our Birth-to-Three early intervention program for children with hearing loss and their families.

Come in for a visit, meet our dedicated team, and see how HEAR Wisconsin can help you, a friend, or a family member. Mark your calendars for Corks & Kegs 2018





May 17th from 6 - 9 PM at Red, White, and Blue 1044 N Old World 3rd St

## Beer • Wine • Auction • Live Music • Great Food



Join us at a whole new venue and a whole new Corks & Kegs experience in 2018. Bring your friends and support our critical children's programs, while listening to great music and sampling great food.

Interested in sponsoring? Send an email to info@ hearwi.org or call 414-604-2200. Corks & Kegs is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business by supporting a great cause.



HEAR Wisconsin is a nonprofit that helps infants, children, and adults with hearing loss by eliminating communication and language barriers through personalized services, technology, and education.

## WISCONSIN'S RESOURCE FOR HEARING AND COMMUNICATION FOR 91 YEARS.

We strive to help both families and individuals with hearing loss or deafness find the best way to communicate effectively. From early years to golden years and from mild hearing loss to deafness, HEAR Wisconsin offers resources and options - including audiology services, assistive technology, American Sign Language, listening and spoken language, and teletherapy - for everyone.

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