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## Board of Directors Elected

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As of 2013, Children's Hearing and Speech Centre of BC is celebrating half a century of teaching hundreds of deaf and hard of hearing children to listen and speak, and to fully participate in the hearing world. We are pleased to announce our 2013 elected board of directors:

W.J. Sterling Sunley, President  
Stephen O'Keefe, Vice President  
Michael Currie, Treasurer / Secretary  
Edward Neighbour, Past President  
Ben Cherniavsky, Member  
Izaru Derby, Member  
Dr. Matthew Dickson, Member  
Loretta Evans, Member

Coreen Geddes, Member  
Martin Karcz, Member  
Magdalena Ivanova, Member  
Margaret Liu, Member  
Scott MacKenzie, Member  
Edward Neighbour, Past President

In 1963, a group of parents, along with Hilda Gregory [C.M.](#), [O.B.C.](#), a gifted and dedicated educator of the deaf, founded the Vancouver Oral Centre for Deaf Children (VOC). Today known as the Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC (CHSC), we are the first and still the only independent school in Western Canada to offer listening and spoken language education.

Listening and spoken language education is based on the assumption that children learn to speak because they hear. In 1963, before sophisticated hearing technology was available, Hilda Gregory was one of a handful of deaf educators who believed that even children with profound hearing losses, wearing hearing aids, had enough residual hearing that they could learn to listen and talk. The model of small classes and individual sessions that was the cornerstone of the children's success at VOC is the one we still use today. We provide our children with the listening and spoken language skills, education and confidence to pursue their dreams to the highest level.

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