

THE VOICE



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Preparing for lift off

Six children sit in a semicircle around their pre-school teacher. She places six toy vehicles—a truck, a bicycle, a sports car, a caboose, a ship, and an airplane—on the floor in front of the children. She covers the vehicles with a cloth, removes one and says, “Kayden, can you tell me which one is missing?”

He thinks and says, “It’s the airplane.” He’s right.

A team of people have worked diligently alongside Kayden to help him arrive at, “It’s the airplane.”

Kayden was born three months prematurely to Tom Chen and Kelly Chang. His hearing was tested at birth, leading to early detection of his hearing loss and early intervention.

Tom, Kelly and Kayden started to work with Patty Juno, when he was just an infant. Patty is one of the early interventionists at Children’s Hearing & Speech Centre of BC. Her role, she says, is to mentor parents, guiding them to immerse their child in listening and spoken language strategies

because they are with their child 24/7, making them the child’s first and best teacher. “Tom and Kelly are fully engaged parents, which is the key to Kayden’s good progress,” says Patty. Even so, with only 10 words at age two and a half, Kayden’s language development tracked below normal.

Noting the delay, Patty referred the family to Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children where Kayden was diagnosed



Kayden, pictured here with mom Kelly and dad Tom, was born with hearing loss in both ears. A team of specialists at the Centre, along with his parents, are readying him for life in the hearing world.

with mild autism. Another layer of intervention was needed and provided by Monarch House.

Today, Kayden’s team at Children’s Hearing & Speech Centre of BC consists of his pre-school teacher, who is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing; two early childhood educators; the onsite audiologist; Patty who works one-on-one with Kayden twice a week, a behavioural interventionist from Monarch House, and his parents

who are involved in every aspect of Kayden’s learning. Everyone is working together toward the same goals, all leading to readiness skills for successful integration in his neighborhood school.

“This amazing support in the early years means Kayden will live a life in

mainstream society,” says Kelly. Her son is on track to transition into a school in the community in the next year or two.

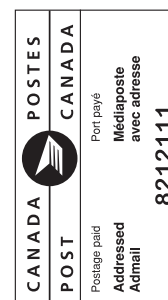
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The method is rooted in collaboration, pedagogy and neuroscience,” says Patty. “It works! Kayden is a fine example. His spoken language skills are really taking off.”

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— Patty Juno
Early Interventionist
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A boost, anyone?



A boost, that's precisely what a group of mothers want

to give the children at Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC. They have organized themselves into the Booster Club and are raising funds to outfit the Centre with a fleet of iPads.

"We want to be involved and

fundraise for our school, and

meet a very specific goal that directly impacts our kids in a tangible fashion," says Debbie Dumaresq, who along with three other mothers hatched the Booster Club. She says, "It's nice to know that one's contribution can achieve something inspiring." All parents of current or former students are welcome to join the Club. Everyone is encouraged to give.

"It is not an overstatement to say that technology is revolutionizing learning," says Janet Weil, the Centre's

principal and executive director. Sophisticated apps are turning learning into interactive play. The children's brains are engaged in ways that reward progress, identify areas of needed growth, and reinforce learning in those areas. "There are many wonderful apps specifically designed to teach children with hearing loss to access information and build communication and critical thinking skills," says Janet. "They add another engaging dimension to the children's ongoing development."

The use of specialized apps weaves beautifully into the teaching methods used at the Centre. But apps don't work on their own. They need a device, a tablet. This is where the Booster Club enters with its campaign for iPads.

Each iPad, is estimated to cost approximately one thousand dollars. Each will be fully loaded with apps designed to help children with hearing loss learn to speak.

To boost this effort with a donation, please use the form on pages 4.

If you wish to be involved or for information about the Booster Club contact development@childrenshearing.ca.

Hear, hear! Give the best gift of all.

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Hilda Gregory Life & Legacy

In the 1950s in the UK a young woman watched the film Mandy. The dramatization is about a deaf child who against the odds learns to listen and speak.

The young woman was Hilda Gregory. She was so inspired by the film, she walked out of the movie theatre, turned to her friend and said: I know what I am going to do with my life: Become a teacher of the deaf. She became a teacher and enrolled at the University of Manchester where she specialized in the education of the deaf, learning to teach young children how to listen and speak.

In 1962 Hilda came to Vancouver to visit her sister. While visiting, she found employment at the Provincial School for the Deaf. In 1963, she met a group of parents who wanted instruction for their children in the oral method. Hilda told them that if they were willing to take the risk, she was willing to start something. And start something they did. Together they established what is now Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC.

The events of Hilda's life read much like a script for a movie. It's a good story — a drama in which the lives of all the characters, from children and families to teachers and donors, are changed for the better.

Hilda passed away in November 2014. In her Will she left a gift of more than \$100,000 to the Centre. In accordance with her wishes, the funds have been designated to the Hilda Gregory Bursary Fund, which is managed by Vancouver Foundation.

Is legacy giving right for you?

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For more information about planned giving, please call us or visit leavealegacy.ca. We also encourage you to consult an accountant or a legal professional.

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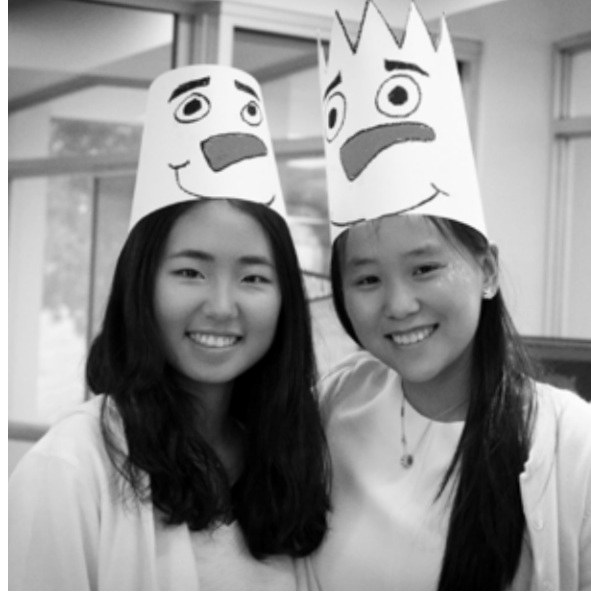
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Vision 2020

To give a voice to deaf and hard of hearing children across BC, by:

1. Strengthening the core by increasing access to our one-on-one instruction programs from twice a week per child to five times a week per child.
2. Making services accessible throughout BC by expanding tele-practice delivery and opening a satellite site in the Fraser Valley.
3. To continue supporting parents who need a helping hand to pay for tuition fees and specialized services.

GIVING & RECEIVING

“The Centre is the only one of its kind in Western Canada and it relies on families like ours for much of its funding. Our family is thrilled to direct its giving to help children with hearing loss participate fully in the hearing world.

Deb & Jim Yeates
Proud supporters of Children’s Hearing & Speech Centre of BC

“We are pleased to support the Children’s Hearing & Speech Centre of BC because it is so allied to our mission: to support programs that help enhance children’s self esteem. We admire the professionalism and compassion with which the school operates. One site visit and we were hooked!”

Roberta Lando Beiser
Chair, Edith Lando Charitable Foundation
Proud supporter of Children’s Hearing & Speech Centre of BC

“I have a moderate-severe hearing loss, but it has not stopped me. This spring I’m graduating from high school. I want to give a ‘shout out’ to Children’s Hearing & Speech Centre of BC—and everyone who supports it—for the unflinching support I have received. I am especially grateful for being awarded the 2015 Post-Secondary Scholarship. Oh the places I’ll go!”

Min Jee Kim (Grade 12 student)
Proud alumnus of Children’s Hearing & Speech Centre of BC



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