



## March 2021 E-newsletter



### A Letter from a Graduate

We hope you enjoyed our 25 Excellent Years Virtual Birthday Party in February. We were thrilled to receive an e-mail from a graduate who saw herself in the broadcast!

Priyanka Gupte, class of 2005 (pictured to the left), writes, "It was really great to see some familiar faces after a long time. I enjoyed the event and the performances. I saw the timeline section of the event and I was surprised to see the pictures from 2003, where I was able to find myself there. My parents were able to recognize me in the pictures and keep remembering the days I attended Child's Voice."

Priyanka will be graduating from New York University in May and will go on to study Audiology. She tells us, "I decided to go into Audiology because I have been on the patient side since I was a child...I want to give the same care that I received growing up."

Thank you for writing us, Priyanka. We love hearing stories from alumni!

[You can watch the recording of the 25 Excellent Years Virtual Birthday Party here.](#)



### Words from Dr. Michele

In Chicago there is a saying: "Wait 5 minutes and the weather will change." So true. We experienced incredible snow this winter topping over at 40-plus inches. It snowed so hard and long traffic came to a stop. But in Chicago, traffic can come to a stop without snow. And now in the month of March the 40 inches has

Dr. Michele and two kiddos show off their green for St. Patrick's Day.

melted. In fact, signs of spring are popping up everywhere.

[Read more here.](#)

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## Get Ready for Giving DuPage Days

Giving DuPage Days is a fundraising opportunity that all Child's Voice supporters can be involved in. This five-day online community fundraiser to support nonprofit organizations serving DuPage County runs from April 26-30. The goal this year is to raise over \$300,000 for more than 100 local charities. Ninety percent of donations made through the Child's Voice giving page come to us.



[Click here to read more and to download graphics to help you spread the word.](#)

[Donate here!](#)

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## Audiology News: What is an Educational Audiologist?

Educational Audiologists deliver a full range of hearing services to all children, particularly those in educational settings. Educational audiologists are members of the school multidisciplinary team who:



- facilitate listening, learning, and communication access by using specialized assessments
- monitor personal hearing instruments
- recommend, fit, and manage hearing assistance technology
- provide and recommend support services and resources and
- advocate on behalf of the students.

Educational audiologists also provide evidence for needed services and technology (such as Remote Microphones), counsel children to promote personal responsibility and self-advocacy, collaborate with private sector audiologists, help with student transitions, and work with other school professionals to help effectively facilitate student learning.

*Thanks to Dr. Dawn Violetto for this information!*

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## Early Intervention News: Use Daily Routines to Develop Listening and Spoken Language

Sometimes families feel like they have to create a separate time during the day to teach their baby how to listen and talk. But don't forget that so much learning takes place during your daily routines.



Take feeding your baby for example. Your baby is close to you and is listening to the sound of your voice. You are close to your baby and can watch how she responds to sound. Here are some examples from the Hearing First website of what you can say while feeding your baby:

- “I bet you’re hungry! It’s time to eat. Mmmm.” (Say this to your child first without any visual cues. Then say it again when she can see your face.)
- “That’s my baby. Mommy’s here. Are you ready to eat?” You may notice that your child responds to your voice by smiling or reaching for you. You can respond by saying, “That’s right. I’m here.”
- Sing to your baby while you feed them. You can sing anything - “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star,” “Row, Row Your Boat” or another of your favorites.

Are you interested in learning more about how to practice listening and talking during daily routines? [Read the full article titled “Using Listening and Spoken Language in Routines With Your Baby” on the Hearing First website.](#)



In Chicago, we are so egg-cited to be part of the [Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce Belmont Bunny Hop](#)! The virtual scavenger hunt runs until April 4.

Find THREE hidden eggs painted in the window displays at our 1846 W. Belmont location and take a photo of each one. Show the photos at host business And Studio for the chance to get prizes. We love that our bunnies have hearing aids and implants!!

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## News For Parents and Families

### Hearing First Launches Starts Hear

Hearing First is dedicated to making sure all children born in the United States benefit from the availability of newborn hearing screening and all parents learn the status of their baby’s hearing first. Hearing is a foundational building block for children to learn to listen and talk, become healthy readers, and do well in school.



The [Starts Hear](#) campaign has been launched to inform soon-to-be moms and dads about the newborn hearing screening, what to expect, and how to follow up if their baby doesn’t pass. We are working to amplify this important message and reach even more families. Follow on social media and share with your friends and family — especially any

soon-to-be parents!



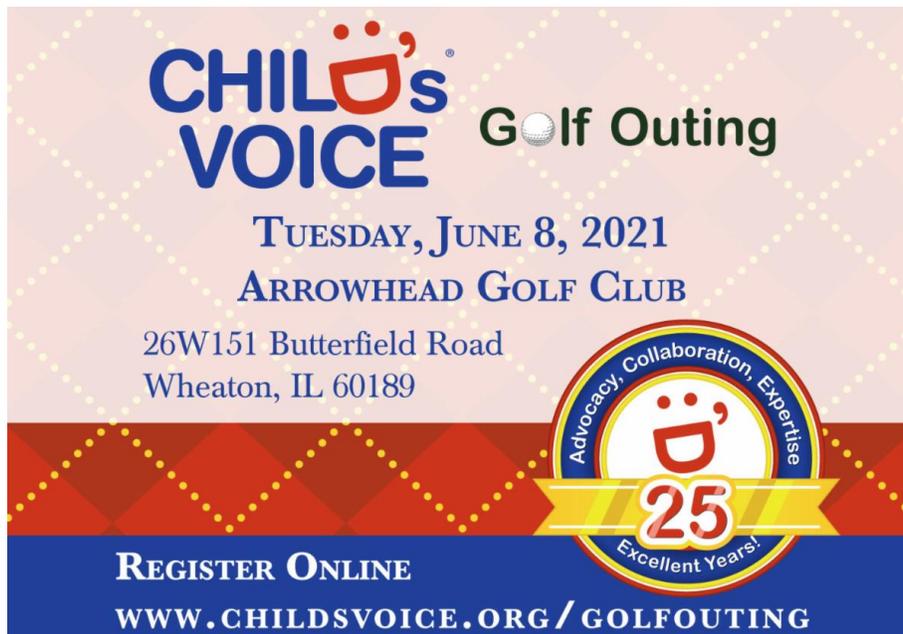
### Box Tops News

We have earned over \$120 with Box Tops this year and we can earn even more with your help! [Use this referral link](#) to join Box Tops and both parents and Child's Voice will earn 20 Bonus Box Tops.

Also this month Box Tops is having its Lucky #7 Sweepstakes and you could win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for Child's Voice when you scan a receipt through the app. Thank you for your support!

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### Join Us at Our Golf Outing



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### Are You Following Us?

Be sure you're following our social media sites to see the latest news, photos and fun updates from Child's Voice, including updates on our programs and wonderful photos of our students!



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