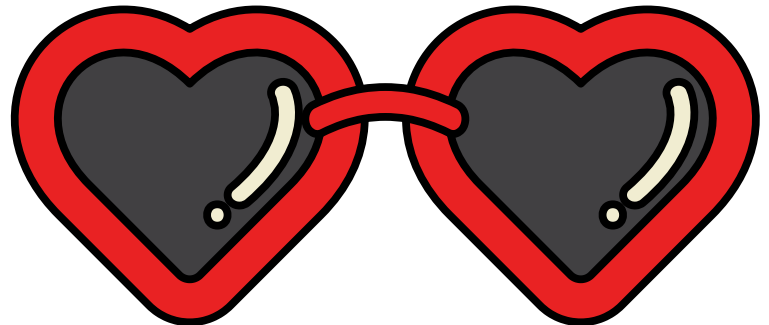
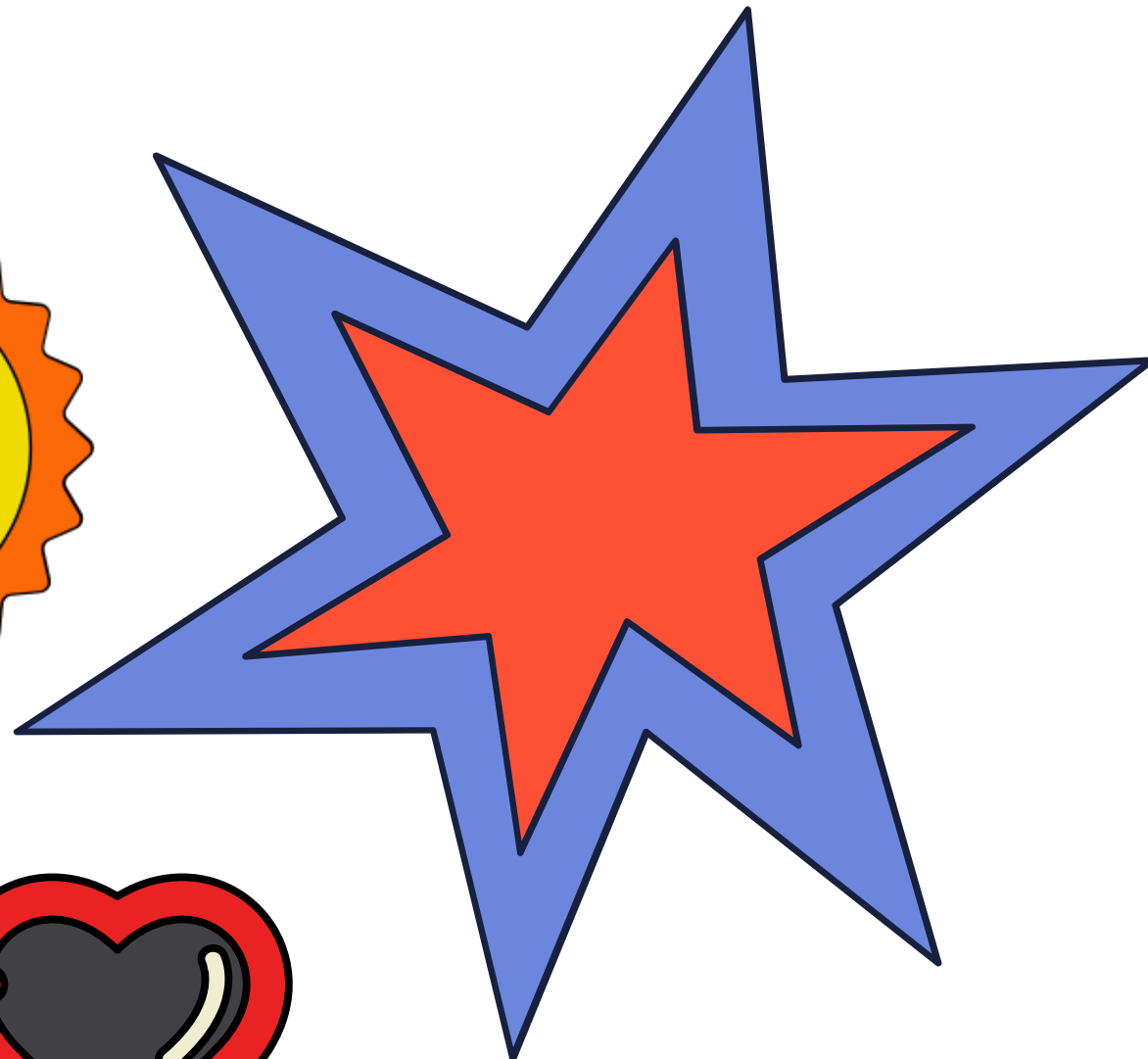
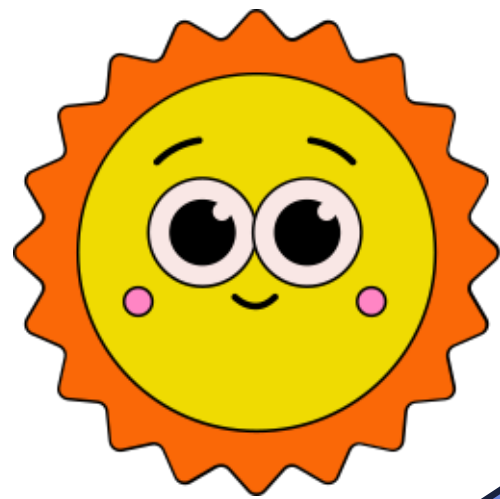


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# IMPACT REPORT

**2022-2023**



# WORDS FROM WENDY

At Child's Voice, we believe that every child is unique, and it is our privilege to treat each child as an individual. We recognize that hearing loss is a journey that varies greatly from one child to another, and our approach is grounded in the belief that every child deserves to have their voice heard.

Our commitment to this belief extends to providing every child with hearing loss access to high-quality intervention and educational services tailored to their specific needs. This is made possible with the support of families, individuals, organizations, corporations, foundations, and more.

We have so many stories of our Child's Voice students, families, and alumni using their voices to demonstrate that individuals with hearing loss are successful in all areas of life. Because of Child's Voice:

- Bentley was asked to share his education experiences with his school board
- Jalesa has competed in national cheerleading championships.
- Marne, a college athlete, inspires other young athletes with hearing loss to celebrate who they are and to share their stories.
- Mr. Mitch uses his voice to teach the next generation of Child's Voice students.

During our 2022-23 school year we were honored to be part of these stories. Thank you for being there for our children with hearing loss and their families as they learn to successfully navigate the world today, and for your generous support for tomorrow's stories.

*Wendy Deters*

MS, CCC/SLP  
Executive Director



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Child's Voice is to empower children with hearing loss to be successful in all educational and social settings by optimizing their listening, speaking, and academic skills.

## OUR VISION

To be recognized as a global leader in listening and spoken language education and resources for children with hearing loss and their families.

## OUR VALUE STATEMENT

**Advocacy:** Support and teach our students and parents self-advocacy

**Collaboration:** Across disciplines, across the globe

**Expertise:** Professionals committed to being the best in their fields

**Community:** An environment of empathy, care, love, shared goals

**Commitment:** To children with hearing loss and their success

**Passion:** Started by families for families; impassioned teachers and staff



# WE HELP ALL CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS

Child's Voice is the only listening and spoken language program for young children with hearing loss in Northern Illinois.

Children and families get a full spectrum of hearing services from Child's Voice, from diagnosis through support after graduation, and from birth through adulthood.

Our focus on language learning means graduates have acquired vocabulary and articulation skills that are often more developed than their mainstream peers. They are confident and prepared for a lifetime of learning and possibilities.



# EARLY INTERVENTION

141 children birth-age 3 received listening and spoken language services last year.

They were served at both Wood Dale and Chicago locations and through home-based therapy.

Parent education and coaching was directly provided to 280 parents/caregivers and over 100 additional family members including parents, siblings, and grandparents.

Due to increased referrals, two staff members became initial evaluators last year, allowing our team to support and qualify families for Early Intervention services as soon as possible.

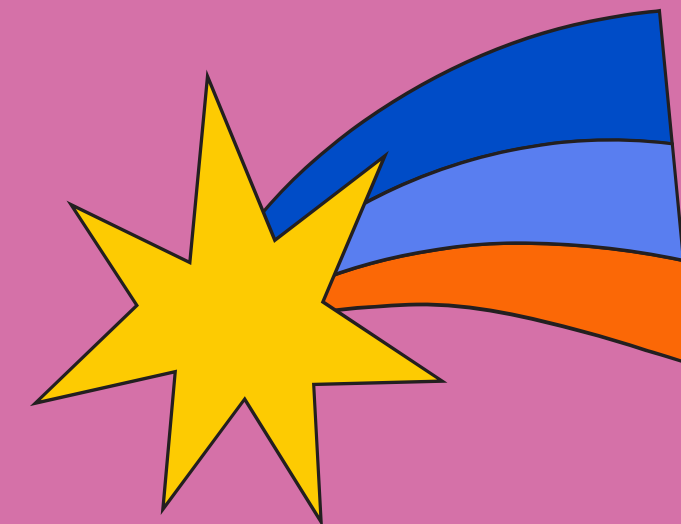


# GOOD NEWS FROM EARLY INTERVENTION

98% of children showed an improvement in their auditory-skill development.

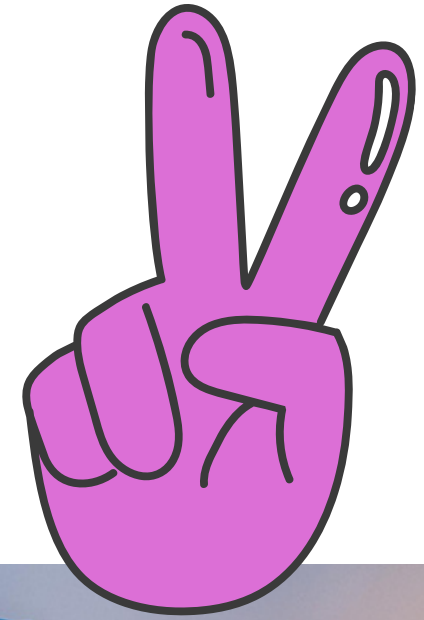
80% of children improved their language scores. This is a challenge for our students as they enter the program with little to no initial language skills.

90% of children improved their vocabulary, a critical building block for literacy and reading.



# SCHOOL PROGRAM

We welcomed 33 students in our School Program this year. Nine graduates went on to different schools after meeting their goals at Child's Voice.



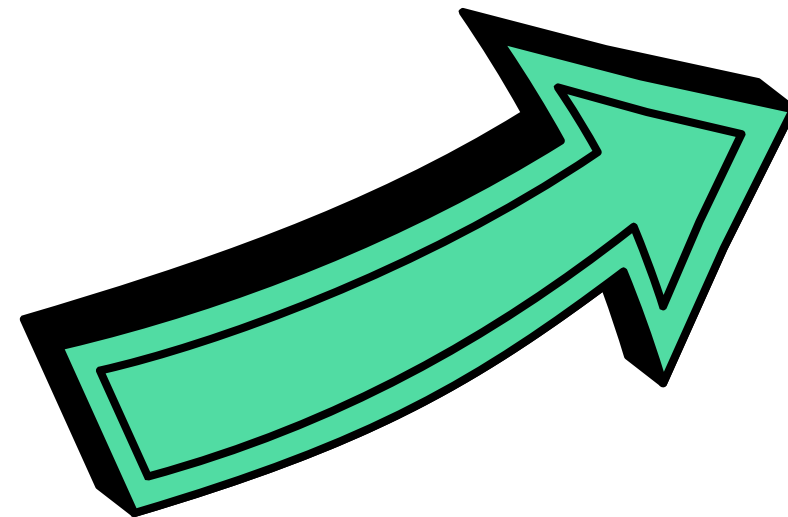
# SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER!

Our students have been able to learn more through hands-on experiences with the help of the STREAMM program through science kits, visitors, musical performances, and much more

We have been able to see an increase in our students' understanding of music, instruments, confidence and music vocabulary. Our students have been able to play musical instruments at our winter festival with only 4 months of learning.

In the garden, we have been able to create and maintain a butterfly, sensory and vegetable garden. Our students have received hands on experience with planting, growing, and creating food and experiences within the three gardens.

We are able to provide a comprehensive SEL program that teaches our students about their bodies, their emotions, and how we can regulate them.

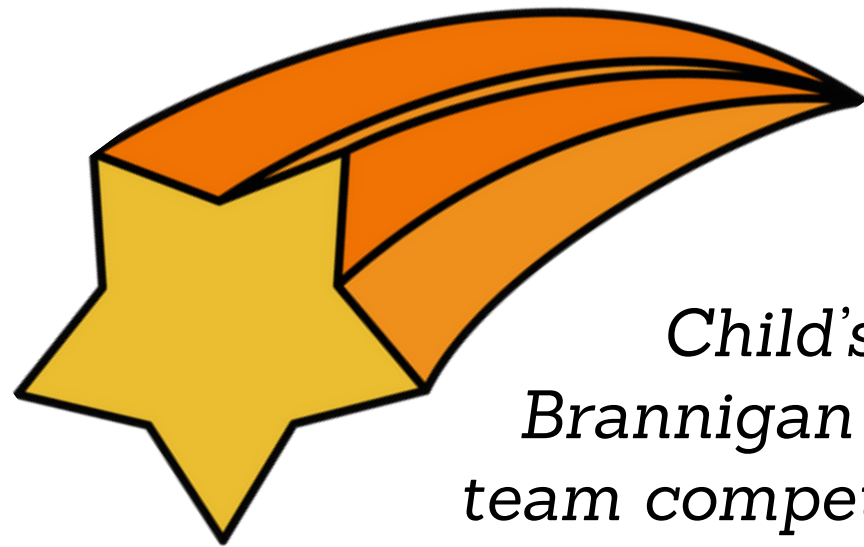


# SUPPORT SERVICES

Our students also work diligently to develop self-advocacy skills, becoming their own advocate and champion.

Staff visit students in the mainstream for 3-5 years after graduation and evaluate them not only on academic performance but also how well graduates have adjusted to the classroom.

Child's Voice alumni receive audiology services for life after graduation. But they also visit during school breaks to report on their success.



*Child's Voice alum Tessa Brannigan ('14, front) and her team competed as a part of the Team USA this past April!*



# AUDIOLOGY

The Audiology Center provides on-site support for students in the Early Intervention and School programs. This allows teachers and therapists to focus on skill-building with students. Our audiologists also test and diagnose pediatric patients referred to us.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, the Audiology Center:

Supported 240 pediatric patients and families.

- Provided diagnostic testing to 36 infants/newborns at risk for hearing loss. The average age of diagnosis was 8.6 weeks.
- Welcomed back 30 Child's Voice alumni for check-ups and device support.

*Dr. Dawn Violetto, Director of Audiology, attended the Phonak National Sales meeting with alumni. The Wayman and Goodwin families shared how Phonak products and hearing technology have impacted them.*



# AUDIOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

The Audiology and Early Intervention teams now offer co-therapy via Zoom when needed.

This has allowed us to improve a family's comfort with their child's device. Therapists work to ensure better use of the hearing aid/cochlear implant in that speech session and at-home outside of sessions.

A collaboration with a local educational co-op to provide audiology testing, device support, and services throughout the school year will allow us to increase the reach of Child's Voice programs and better support more children that are already in their schools.

*Our extern, Dr. Alyssa, gives a tour of the Audiology Center during our Gallery Night fundraiser.*



# WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

*“PKF Mueller supports Child’s Voice because we believe in the same mission – lifetime success. We take great pride in supporting impactful organizations that make positive differences in the lives of others..”*

*“Perillo Chicago is proud to partner with Child’s Voice with sharing a similar mission to enhance the lives of children. Perillo has been a proud sponsor of the annual Child’s Voice Golf outing and looks forward to future endeavors..”*



# THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Child's Voice programs rely on private support to help meet the needs of each and every child and family. We couldn't possibly list every single contribution and opportunity we are thankful for, but wanted to share just SOME of our highlights from this year:

All who attended, bid, and donated during Cheers to Child's Voice and our Golf Outing

Early Intervention supporters Grace Bersted Foundation, Helen V. Brach Foundation, Fuchs Family Foundation, McGraw Foundation, Topfer Family Foundation, Barrington Junior Women's Club, Wal-Mart/Sam's Club stores in Northlake and Elk Grove Village, Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates

Audiology donors: Duly/DuPage Medical Group Charitable Fund, George M. Eisenberg Foundation for Charities

STREAMM: Driskill Foundation, McMahon Family Fund

All of our volunteers, including Art and Community leaders, virtual readers, event helpers, and parents and staff



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