

Imagine Trying to Learn a Second Language When You Can't Hear

A Letter From Dhan Rai

My name is Dhan Rai and I come from Bhutan. I have hearing loss in my right ear which I have had since about age five when I got sick and was given too much medicine. My left ear has a moderate to severe hearing loss and I couldn't hear much except for very loud, almost shouted speech.

I lived in a refugee camp called Beldangi Two in Nepal for 20 years before I came to Aurora, Colorado with my mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and uncle in October 2011.

In the refugee camp I was a Community Medical Assistant. I was able to diagnose and treat certain diseases and give injections, start IV's, provide medicine, check vital signs, take blood pressure and dress wounds.

I met Maggie Gourd-Barrett and Arlin Radeake when I attended a pre-employment training program at Spring Institute in Denver, Colorado. Maggie is a teacher and Arlin is a volunteer there. Maggie noticed my severe hearing problem and the additional challenges this was



Residents of the refugee camps are there because of religious or political reasons. They apply to leave and then they wait—sometimes years—to be chosen. The International Office for Migration places them and provides secure and cost-effective services for persons who require international migration assistance. The United States accepts a certain number of refugees per year, as does each state.

causing in learning a new language.

Maggie, her husband Jim and Arlin helped me get my hearing tested at the Center for Hearing, Speech and Language. A new hearing aid was provided by the Starkey Hearing Foundations's Hear Now Program. The Center is one of the Hear Now providers.

My audiologist Jill recommended the Vocational Rehabilitation Center where I have been interviewed and am on a waiting list for services.

I am currently employed at Sandalwood Manor in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. My dream is to become a pharmacy technician.

Everyone was so helpful to me and I am very happy I

can hear much better now.

Thank you very much for telling my story.
Sincerely, Dhan Rai



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CHSL's Sound Solutions Division Listened to Our Clients!

Sound Solutions provides on-site hearing testing in our mobile unit which visits over 300 Colorado companies every year that are required to provide hearing conservation programs for their employees in order to comply with OSHA and MSHA regulations for their industry.

We surveyed our clients as to what they liked and didn't like about the testing

environment and we listened! As a result, we bought a brand new testing trailer. What our clients will now experience is a more comfortable setting with much improved climate control and better sound proofing from exterior noises.



Southwest and Arapahoe Sertoma Clubs Organize Another Successful Charity Golf Tournament

A big thank you to all of the sponsors, participants and volunteers for helping make the 17th annual charity golf tournament benefitting Sertoma charities and CHSL a big success! We had a day full of smiles, laughs, a few errant golf swings and everyone had a great time.

We especially thank Southwest and Arapahoe Sertoma Clubs and the ladies from LaSertoma for their dedication and hard work that makes this such a successful event.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Susie Wargin, the morning weekday sports anchor for 9NEWS who served as Master of Ceremonies.



The tournament raised \$22,000 for CHSL. Watch for announcements about next year's tournament!



Golfers enjoyed a sumptuous buffet lunch before teeing off.



Award-winning Pinehurst Country Club provides the perfect setting for the tournament.



The ladies of LaSertoma organized the silent auction which was filled with wonderful items.

Please Consider a Donation

We are the only nonprofit of its kind in Colorado. We depend on contributions to make our programs and services available to low-income families.



What if your world was becoming silent and you couldn't afford to fix it?

People don't think about the hardships endured by those who can't hear... the sadness, the isolation, and the difficulty in doing activities that most of us

take for granted. We help clients by offering evaluations, hearing aid fittings, repairs, and earmolds. Our Hearing Aid Bank provides resources for those who are unable to pay.



What if your child was falling behind in school because of an undetected vision, hearing or developmental issue?

Early Detection is critical in avoiding long-lasting academic challenges. Screenings are not

routinely available to all children through their school or healthcare provider. Our KidScreen program is a hearing,

vision and developmental screening program to promote early identification of communication and learning problems. Last year we screened 5,359 children in our community and over 13% were referred for follow-up care.



How can an at-risk child be ready for school if there's no access to preschool literacy programs?

Children fall behind and have difficulty catching up if they aren't ready for school. Many children do not receive preschool services due

to life circumstances. Our early literacy program equips preschoolers and their families with fundamental tools to develop English language skills needed to speak, read, write and interact with others.

The Center has a waiting list of people that we can help! A small donation will go a long way in helping people of all ages who are cut off from life.

CHSL relies on the generosity of people in the community who have been touched by our services or who understand how precious the ability to communicate can be. Thank you for your consideration of a donation so we can help even more people next year.

Celebrating Our 95th Anniversary

CHSL was originally formed in 1918 as an informal club that offered lip-reading classes.

The organization has expanded and changed over the years and now offers audiology services, literacy programs, speech and language therapy, and screenings in schools to continue to meet the changing needs of people with barriers to communication. CHSL is committed to serving everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

Just as former board member Lewis Levistein urged testing children in public schools for hearing loss in 1939, CHSL has continued the convention by providing not only hearing screenings for children, but also screenings for vision and developmental milestones through our KidScreen program.

In 1970, we pioneered a nationwide hearing conservation program for businesses called Sound Solutions which generates revenue for the charitable services we provide.

In 1974 audiology services expanded to the Colorado Springs area.

In the mid 1980's, the agency assumed its current name—Center for Hearing, Speech and Language.

And now, 95 years later, we are proud and

committed to continue providing quality services in Denver and Colorado Springs.

To reach this milestone is a credit to our clients, supporters, volunteers, staff and board members who have supported CHSL through the years.

To commemorate this achievement, we held a birthday celebration coupled with a fundraiser at Hudson Gardens in Littleton, Colorado.

This event marked 95 years of helping people improve the quality of their lives. People don't often think about the hardships endured by those who can't hear, or kids who struggle in school due to hearing, vision or speech issues.

We had a wonderful turnout and thank our sponsors, silent auction donors and ticket buyers who made the event such a success. We couldn't have done it without the hard work of the staff and the generosity of the board.

Anniversaries are always times to celebrate the best of the past while we work and aspire toward the brightest possible future for us and our clients.



RISE is Helping Parents Too

RISE (Read, Imagine, Share & Explore) is CHSL's literacy program for at-risk preschoolers to increase their ability to be ready for kindergarten and enable them to succeed in school and later in life.

One of the RISE sites is Hope Community's Hidden Brook. Hope Communities' mission is to create diverse, healthy communities through quality, service-enriched affordable housing. Hidden Brook is offering on-site ESL (English as Second Language) classes for all residents in the community.

Over the past month—since school started—the parents at Hidden Brook have started coming to the RISE sessions with their children. And they have been coming



every week. There seems to be a desire among families to augment their ESL classes with the lessons being taught during RISE sessions.

The parents are participating along with their children in the readings and related activities. This has become a terrific opportunity for these parents to gain more exposure to the English language and to participate in something that they can do jointly with their child, namely, supporting their development of life skills.





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*Special thanks to the ladies of
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Auction for the tournament!*

We are most grateful to them!

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About Sertoma Clubs

Southwest and Arapahoe Sertoma are dedicated to fundraising for many local charities in which their members are involved. The primary goal of Sertoma is assistance for the speech and hearing impaired. However, over 30 charities have been recipients of their fundraising efforts over the years.

The Southwest LaSertoma Women's chapter focuses on youth and community needs through person-to-person assistance, scholarships to women college students and donations to local charities.