



Dear Hear Indiana Supporter,

December 5, 2009

**What an amazing year it has been for hard of hearing and deaf Hoosier children!** We would like to thank you for supporting Hear Indiana and our efforts around the state which have allowed more families to pursue the option of spoken language. Let's take stock of our 2009 accomplishments:

- Hear Indiana hosted our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Talk Walk Run 5K Fundraiser. In spite of a down economy we saw a 100% increase in participation and revenue – raising a record setting \$45,000!
- Hear Indiana hosted our first-ever week-long Youth Leadership Camp providing scholarships to one-third of the campers. Thanks to your support no child was turned away because of an inability to pay.
- Our database grew from 500 names to more than 2000, and we've upgraded our internet presence as well. Check out our YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/hearIndiana](http://www.youtube.com/hearIndiana)) and social networking sites on Facebook (Hear Indiana fan page, Doing Deaf Differently Cause, and Youth Leadership "Campers Only" page).
- Hear Indiana's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Listening and Spoken Language: "Hear Here" proved to be the most successful to date. With 20 exhibitors, 215 attendees in Indianapolis, and another 30+ via Webinar, our conference attendance has increased by 225% in only four years!
- Since July 2009, more than \$5000 worth of scholarships have been awarded to graduate students and professionals who are completing special training in oral deaf education. All recipients have demonstrated a commitment to work in the State of Indiana, and are utilizing the funds for additional instruction in listening and spoken language development.

**Hear Indiana could not have accomplished these goals without your support.** We know that 2010 will also be a cause for celebration, as more and more families are doing deaf differently. ***On February 5, 2010, please join us for our Inaugural Not-so-silent Auction to celebrate how far we've come.*** As a result of our continued work together, more children will receive appropriate instruction and go on to become successful and independent members of society.

Sincerely,

Naomi Horton, Executive Director