



THERE'S A LOT OF

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confidence dignity
inspiration independence

LEFT IN AN OLD HEARING AID.



AT THE COMMUNITY HEARING AID BANK, professional audiologists and volunteers can turn old hearing aids into custom-fitted, like new hearing aids for people who are losing their hearing and can't afford to do anything about it. • But now we're running out of used hearing aids, and our backlog of needy children, adults, and seniors is growing. Do you have an old one you can give us? Bring it in, or call us and we'll come get it. Someone's world is slipping away, and we'll do whatever it takes to help.



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YOU CAN HELP THE
COMMUNITY HEARING AID BANK
FIGHT THE LOSS OF HEARING,
SPIRITS, AND INDEPENDENCE.



Community Hearing Aid Bank

The Community Hearing Aid Bank is a program of Interpreting Service for the Deaf, Inc., a non-profit, 501(c)(3)-designated organization affiliated with the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults. Founded in 1975, the agency provides sign language interpreters and instruction, independent living services, job assistance, and many other services. The only comprehensive non-profit agency serving Memphis-area residents with hearing loss, Interpreting Service for the Deaf, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors composed of deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and hearing people from a variety of professions and backgrounds.



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SAVE the WORLD



FOR A PERSON WHOSE
HEARING IS SLIPPING AWAY



If you're on a fixed income and losing your hearing, you don't have too many options.

Hearing aids are expensive, and that's just the beginning of the costs. There's testing by an audiologist. The hearing aid then has to be configured precisely to address your specific hearing loss, and then there's training on the use of the hearing aid and costly follow-up visits for adjustments. Medicare won't pay for hearing aids and neither will most insurance plans.

Now imagine you are also losing your sight, or that you never had the opportunity to learn to read. As your hearing fades, so can your ability to catch a bus, order a meal, hold a job, or spend your retirement at home.

If you don't have the hundreds and hundreds of dollars you need to save your world, there's not much you can do as your independence slips away.



The Community Hearing Aid Bank

Ten years ago, the Interpreting Service for the Deaf saw a growing number of people waiting helplessly as their worlds went silent. So with a \$1,000 donation and a few used hearing aids, we opened the Community Hearing Aid Bank. In addition to providing reconditioned hearing aids free of charge to people with demonstrated financial need, we also provided all the testing, adjusting, training, and follow-up necessary to maintain maximum hearing.

We soon learned the need was a lot bigger than we had ever imagined. As word of the program spread, hundreds of people applied. One by one, we have tested, fitted, and provided free hearing aids to almost 1,500 people. But there are many, many more still waiting. And the clock is ticking.

A Small Gift. A World of Difference.

Every day, we meet people who are losing their hearing. Many are elderly. Many are alone. All of them, however, are poor and don't have the several hundred dollars it would take to save their independence.

With your gift of 60 dollars, we can recondition one hearing aid. With your gift of 30 dollars, we can pay an audiologist to administer a full hearing test. With your gift of 190 dollars, we can pay for the test and also send the hearing aid off to be calibrated.

And with your gift of 230 dollars, we can help one person maximize his or her hearing – from diagnosis to calibration to fitting to follow-up.

I'd like to make a world of difference for someone fighting hearing loss. Enclosed is my check in the amount of:

\$30 for a full hearing test

\$60 to recondition a hearing aid

\$190 for a hearing test and hearing aid calibration

\$230 to help one person hold on to their hearing

Other Amount _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____

Please make your check payable to Interpreting Service for the Deaf Hearing Aid Bank and mail it – along with this form – to Community Hearing Aid Bank, 144 N. Bellevue, Memphis, TN, 38104. ***