

## CID CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

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*The mission of CID is to teach children who are deaf and hard of hearing to listen, talk, read and succeed. We partner with families and collaborate with universities, educators and other professionals worldwide to help children communicate to achieve their fullest potential.*

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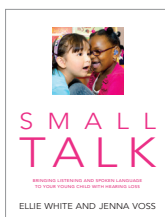
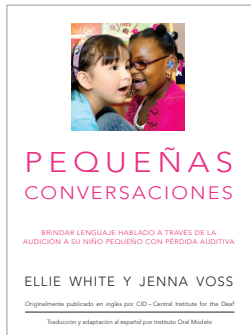
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## Whatever it takes for Trey

When their newborn son, Trey, passed his hospital hearing screening, Jen and Dieter Strathmann breathed sighs of relief. But once home, he struggled with chronic ear infections. It took a long time for him to start to talk. *Mamma, Dadda and stuck* were among the few words he said, and not clearly. After about 16 months, when the Strathmanns realized he had stopped saying *Dadda*, they were more than concerned. Two months later, an auditory brainstem response test showed sensorineural hearing loss in both ears. Trey's middle ear infections, common to young children, had misled everyone. "We weren't expecting that," Jen said. "We had waited over three hours in the hospital and were just chatting away. When they told us, I broke down. In fact, I wasn't able to talk about it for days without breaking down."



**Small Talk**  
English and  
Spanish  
e-books are  
available on  
Amazon.com  
and iTunes.  
[apple.com](http://apple.com).

Purchase the English print version at [cid.edu/professionals](http://cid.edu/professionals).

Triggered by the diagnosis, early intervention programs began calling the family and asking to meet. Chris Clark in the Joanne Parrish Knight Family Center waited a couple of days before checking in.

"Chris had a different approach that considered where we were emotionally," Jen said. Soon the family was welcoming a CID parent educator to their Herculaneum, Missouri home twice a month.

They also brought Trey to CID for audiological testing. Within weeks, he had digital hearing aids carefully tuned to his specific hearing loss in each ear. Thanks to his mom and his grandparents from Farmington willing to drive for hours each day four days a week, he was able to join the CID toddler class before he turned 2. Jen rearranged her schedule so she could observe his classes. "I was



Last year, Trey's grandparents, Alice and Don Starbird, helped drive him to and from CID.

amazed at the improvement in his speech in only the first month," she said. "I learned so much just watching."

Now Trey is 3 and starting to catch up, building vocabulary and social skills in the Anabeth and John Weil Early Childhood Center. Over the summer, the family moved closer to St. Louis so he could attend every day. His sister, Amelia, is a hearing peer.

## Small Talk takes on the world

In 2015, CID published a comprehensive guidebook, *Small Talk: Bringing Listening and Spoken Language to Your Young Child with Hearing Loss*.

Ellie White and Jenna Voss, a former CID preschool teacher and parent educator, respectively, wrote *Small Talk* to empower parents to be their children's best teachers and advocates. Sales immediately took off. Universities in Missouri, New York, Ohio, Utah and elsewhere are using it as a textbook in their deaf education and early intervention

degree programs. Early this year, CID partnered with our friends at Instituto Oral Modelo in Buenos Aires, Argentina to produce a Spanish version of the book. So far, we have sold nearly 400 books and e-books to people in at least 33 countries.

The department of education in Canada's northernmost territory, Nunavut, recently asked to translate a chapter of *Small Talk* to Inuktitut to help educate 130 school support assistants working with a high population of students with hearing loss.

## ABOUT THE CID FAMILY CENTER

Last year, CID served 237 students, including 101 children from birth to age 3, plus 278 moms, dads, grandparents and baby sitters.

Although the early detection system doesn't always work perfectly, most infants are screened at birth. The Joanne Parrish Knight Family Center runs year-round, averaging five to eight new families a month. CID parent educators travel to homes within an hour's drive and offer teleintervention services for those living farther away.

Our parent educators, pediatric audiologists and speech-language pathologists are part of a team alert for issues that need other kinds of attention as a child develops. On-site toddler classes for 2-year-olds include speech therapy pull-out sessions. When children turn 3, they move to settings appropriate to their individual needs.

CID is a Missouri First Steps and Illinois Child and Family Connections provider.

## Director's message

ROBIN FEDER, MS, CFRE

Executive Director rfeder@cid.edu



In February, CID joined forces with other Missouri professionals in Jefferson City to advocate on behalf of the state's children who are deaf and hard of hearing. Shown are Moog School executive director Betsy Brooks; St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf iHear St. Louis operations director Cheryl Brockelman; Robin Feder; Missouri State Senator Gina Walsh; Missouri Commission for the Deaf (MCD) director Ope Sotonowa, and CID board member and DEAF, Inc. director Thomas Horejcs.\*

## Widening our sphere of influence

As a leader in listening and spoken language education, CID carries responsibility for helping to improve early intervention and deaf education so parents everywhere can access critical services for their children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

In 2012, CID joined the Missouri Newborn Hearing Screening Committee composed of stakeholder organizations across the service continuum. Since then, CID family center and audiology staff, board members Jim Seeser and Craig Buchman and I have participated in regular committee meetings, identifying obstacles to care and discussing solutions.

While newborn hearing screening is mandated in Missouri and Illinois, one persistent challenge is that babies often are not brought back for testing after they don't pass the screening. In 2015, 1,141 children (of 76,166 births) did not pass the screening. Of those, 121 had a confirmed hearing loss, 658 had no loss or were subject to other variables (child died, moved out of state, etc.) and 362 did not return for follow-up. We don't know how many of those infants have an undiagnosed hearing loss.

Another challenge is conveying the urgency of seeking intervention early. Our field's benchmark is 1–3–6; that is, we want every child to receive a hearing screening by one month of age and follow-up testing by 3 months.

Those with confirmed hearing loss should receive amplification within weeks and be enrolled in an early intervention program by 6 months. Just under 77% of the 121 Missouri children with confirmed hearing loss were enrolled in a program by 6 months. Our work is aimed at impressing upon parents and physicians the importance of follow-up testing, amplification and enrollment as soon as possible.

Last winter, I had the opportunity to meet with Missouri State Senator Walsh and Representative Fitzwater about legislation to establish a statewide language assessment program for children with hearing loss. I was part of a group who wrote recommended amendments to two bills, still pending. Our goal is to ensure that children learning listening and spoken language are properly represented and supported.

This kind of work requires dogged attention to detail to understand how laws and government agencies affect service delivery systems. Results are not always clear-cut or close at hand and we don't always agree on solutions. I'm nevertheless proud of the strides we make together with leaders from many perspectives as we focus on our common goal to bring language, communication and opportunity to more children. — RF



A Troy, Illinois gas station recognized Landon Warren on graduation day 2017.

## Congratulations, CID graduates!



2017 graduates of the Virginia J. Browning Primary School: Jirhee Paster, age 12, of St. Louis; Nemi (LJ) Rodgers, age 12, of Valley Park, Missouri; Landon Warren, age 12, of Troy, Illinois, and Jocelyn Westerfeld, age 7, of St. Charles, Missouri.



2017 graduates of the Anabeth and John Weil Early Childhood Center, top: Addalyn and Mary\* Fete, age 4, of Fenton, Missouri; Audra Thompson, age 5, of Addieville, Illinois; James (Tre) Mays,\* age 5, of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and Eleanor Lutkewitte,\* age 5, of Eureka, Missouri. Bottom: LeighAnna Thompson, age 5, of Creve Coeur, Missouri; Mae Klein,\* age 4, of St. Louis; Liang Feng, age 5, of St. Louis; D'yami Pool-Ivery, age 6, of St. Louis, and Anthony Young, age 4, of Granite City, Illinois. Left: Ja'Niya Payton, age 5, of St. Louis.

\* peer with typical hearing



## Eclipse lessons

On August 21, 2017, the sun and the moon provided an awesome show to kick off the 2017–2018 CID school year. The children and staff shared the wonder as they witnessed the historic event on the edge of the path of totality. Related projects and classroom learning abounded!



\* Dr. Horejcs is now Associate Provost for Student Success and Academic Quality at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.



## Remembering CID leaders



**Irvin Shore,**  
former CID  
clinic director and  
school principal

**Irvin Shore**, director of CID's hearing clinics from 1966 to 1972 and principal of the CID school from 1972 to 1978, passed away in August 2017. He was 94.

Mr. Shore taught in the CID school while earning his second degree in 1952 from the then CID-based Washington University Department of Speech and Hearing.\* He served CID as a hearing clinician, then assistant director and director of the clinics. He became CID's fourth

principal, following Dr. Helen Lane when she retired.

Mr. Shore was an associate professor of audiology at Washington University and a fellow of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA). He served as president of the Speech and Hearing Association of Greater St. Louis. He was a workshop leader and consultant to schools for the deaf and university speech and hearing programs across the country.

## Doris Blanchard

CID school alumna (1932) and former board member **Doris Blanchard** of Glendale, Missouri, died in January 2017 at age 98.

Mrs. Blanchard attended the College of Wooster and Columbia University Teachers College. She worked as a research chemist, then later taught science at Lexington School for the Deaf. She was CID's oldest living graduate.



**DORIS  
BLANCHARD**

"Doris brought a very special perspective to board meetings," executive director Robin Feder said. "Her institutional memory and faithful attendance made her a valuable part of our team. We will miss her."

## Always in our hearts

*We mourn the loss over the past year of individuals who will forever be part of CID. We are at the same time moved by the kindness of those families who asked for donations in tribute to their loved ones.*

**Lewis Moehlman** died in January 2017 at age 72. Born deaf in Pasadena, Texas, Mr. Moehlman was a residential student at the CID school who graduated in 1959. He later earned his bachelor's degree in math at Texas A&M University.

In 1968, he returned to St. Louis to take an engineering position at McDonnell Douglas Corporation. Mr. Moehlman was a past treasurer of the CID Alumni Association.

**Alice Ruback** of Denver, Colorado passed away peacefully in February 2017 at age 91. She was the grandmother of 1996 CID school graduate Jeffrey Zuckerman.

**Claude Niswonger** of Fenton, Missouri passed away in March 2017. He was the great-grandfather of 2015 CID alumna Ellie Lomax.

**Donna Brinkley** of St. Louis died in June 2017 at age 73. Her son Timothy attended the CID school.

**Eileen (Lupo) Speiser**, 90, of St. Louis passed away in October 2017. Mrs. Speiser graduated from the CID/Washington University deaf education program\* in 1948.



## St. Louis turns out loud for CID!

*In May, Wells Fargo Advisors presented CID OUT LOUD! at The Ritz Carlton, St. Louis. Led by event chairs Karen and Terry Leebolt and committee chairs Shelby Reneski and Liz Buchman, our donors, guests and volunteers helped raise more than \$240,000 to enable CID students to listen, talk, read and succeed. Find photos at [cid.edu/support\\_us/cid-out-loud](http://cid.edu/support_us/cid-out-loud). Thank you, St. Louis!*

Next year's gala is on May 5, Cinco de Mayo!



At the 2017 CID Young Professionals Trivia Night, the Berghoff table stole the show dressed as characters from Saturday Night Live!

*There's still time to register for the next CID Young Professionals Trivia Night on January 20, 2018! Secure a table and/or become an event sponsor before January 17 at [cid.edu/support\\_us/trivianight](http://cid.edu/support_us/trivianight). (Dress as your favorite idiom or pun.) At last year's (2017) event, 550 guests raised more than \$20,000 for the school. Help us raise even more in 2018! Contact Lesley at [lheine@cid.edu](mailto:lheine@cid.edu) for details.*

## CID Young Professionals 9/1/2016-8/31/2017

Mr. Benjamin P. Arenberg  
Ms. Kailie Asam  
Ms. Mariquita L. Barbieri  
Ms. Sarah E. Blasko  
Mr. Mark S. Cochran  
Ms. Abigail L. Duethman  
Mrs. Ellen M. Eckert  
Mrs. Katie M. Feuerbacher  
Ms. Lauren E. Freeman  
Mr. Christopher W. Goble

Dr. Thomas P. Horejes, IV  
Mrs. Katie A. Kirk  
Mrs. Michelle A. Kositzke  
Mrs. Meghan M. Lamping  
Mrs. Meara C. Lindley  
Ms. Ellen M. Malecek  
Ms. Lauren W. Mangano  
Ms. Stephanie Mueller  
Mr. Anthony F. Nozewski  
Mr. Eric J. O'Neill

Ms. Melanie B. Patocoff  
Mr. David C. Rath  
Ms. Mallory Stumpf  
Mr. Samir A. Tayob  
Mr. Jeffrey R. Tucker  
Dr. Peter M. Vila  
Mrs. Jennifer E. Voszler  
Mr. Ryan T. Voszler  
Ms. Bethany A. White

\*Became the Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences (PACS) at Washington University School of Medicine in 2003

BOB BRODY



IRWIN LEE BRODY



## Writer Bob Brody explores his father's childhood in St. Louis

In October, we welcomed Bob Brody, son of 1941 CID school alumnus Irwin Lee Brody, a pioneer in helping deaf people use the telephone to communicate. Bob is a widely read essayist whose work has appeared in *The Atlantic* and *The Wall Street Journal*, among others. *The New York Times* called his recently published memoir, *Playing Catch with Strangers: A Family Guy (Reluctantly) Comes of Age*, a “winsome idiosyncratic odyssey.” He visited St. Louis to travel the path of his father, who first came to CID by train (nearly 900 miles from Newark, New Jersey) at age 5.

Over the next decade at CID, Lee Brody learned to listen and talk and gained the confidence to explore his possibilities. In 1949, he earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and pursued graduate studies in psychology. After college, he took up real estate, but soon found his calling was to help other deaf people.

Lee was both an innovator and a humanitarian. In the 1960s, he started New York/New Jersey Teletype, a nonprofit TTY relay service. In 1969, he began adapting teletype machines to work with the public telephone system. He distributed these devices to deaf people throughout the northeast, enabling them to

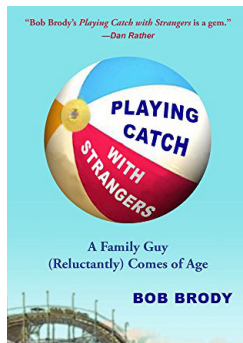


communicate directly by phone for the first time. He distributed his devices to schools, hospitals, libraries, police and fire departments so deaf people could access public services. He also invented a Braille TTY. Through his work, he dramatically improved life and security for countless individuals and their families.

In 1978, Bell Telephone accepted I. Lee Brody into the Telephone Pioneers of America. President Ronald Reagan later sent him a congratulatory letter. More than 500 people attended Brody's 1997 memorial service.

Through his book of poignant essays, Bob Brody brings both his own story and his father's story to light. While in St. Louis, Bob met with CID alumni, donors and staff and Washington University historians. He read at a local library event and joined CID executive director Robin Feder on a St. Louis Public Radio live interview program.

“We were thrilled when Bob showed us letters his dad wrote home as a boy,” Feder said. “It was also quite moving to read one from Dr. Goldstein offering to reduce the tuition so Lee's family could afford to send him to CID.”



You can purchase Bob Brody's memoir at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

## TPA funds CID summer programs

In August, Travelers Protective Association (TPA) donated \$20,000 to CID as part of its Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired initiative. Established in 1975, the Trust provides financial aid to people with hearing loss.

“Our generous members have banded together to ensure that children have access to the services CID offers,” Albert Shoemaker, TPA's chief administrative officer, said. “It means so much for us to support their mission and help these kids.”

The donation was used to fund CID 2017 summer programs, including a toddler class, extended school year classes for students ages 3–12 and an enrichment camp for graduates ages 7–12.

“We're extremely grateful for this generous gift,” CID executive director Robin Feder said.

“Children who are deaf and hard of hearing can't afford to lose learning during summer vacation. TPA has helped us give them what they need to learn and grow.”

## President signs EHDI Act of 2017

In October, U.S. president Donald Trump signed the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Act of 2017 after it was approved by both the Senate and House. The EHDI Act will fund continued research and improve program development for early hearing detection and intervention in newborns and young children with hearing loss.

The EHDI Act is designed to help states improve critical programs that diagnose and treat

babies with hearing loss. Objectives include improving access to medical follow-up and intervention services when a hearing loss is diagnosed.

“We cannot overemphasize the importance of this Act,” Kathy Gallagher, director of the CID Joanne Parrish Knight Family Center, said. “It's a lifeline for young children with hearing loss whose intervention might otherwise be delayed.”

## Supreme Court rules on IDEA

In a March 2017 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that public schools must provide students who have disabilities more than a minimal benefit. The Court's ruling asserted a high standard for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The IDEA mandates that children with disabilities be provided a free and appropriate public education.

The ruling came in the case of *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District*, brought by the parents of a Colorado boy with autism. The parents placed their son at a private school and sought

reimbursement from their school district, saying he had made little progress in public school. A lower court rejected their claim because the boy had received “some” educational benefit.

“A student offered an educational program providing merely more than the minimum progress from year to year can hardly be said to have been offered an education at all,” Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the ruling. “The IDEA demands more. [Individualized programs] must be appropriately ambitious in light of [the child's] circumstances. ...”



## Blues bring hockey to CID students



The St. Louis Blues Street Blues initiative is a free ball hockey program aimed at getting elementary and middle school-aged children interested in the game. In the past year, the Blues held two hockey camps at CID. The children had fun learning the game from experts.



CID executive director Robin Feder joined fellow Ladue Horton Watkins High School alumni who received 2017 Local Hero Awards. Recipients included leaders in business, athletics, volunteer activities, education, philanthropy, law, media and the arts.

## Robin Feder receives Ladue Local Hero award

CID executive director Robin Feder received a 2017 Ladue Horton Watkins High School Local Hero Award for a lifetime of contributions that have significantly impacted the St. Louis community — in her case, helping children who are deaf and hard of hearing learn to listen, talk, read and succeed.

At the awards luncheon, Feder talked about her pride in the success of another Ladue High School alumnus who first

graduated from the CID school. Jeff Tucker, profoundly deaf since birth, was a high school debate champion who later became a lawyer.

Feder is a 1969 alumna of the high school. She earned her master's degree in 1976 from the then-CID-based Washington University program in deaf education. She taught at CID for the next 12 years. In 1988, then-director Donald Calvert, PhD tapped her to establish a

development/public relations office at CID. In 2003, the board named her executive director. In her 40+ years at CID, she has helped bring listening and spoken language to thousands of children through teaching and leadership.

Since 2003, the number of children served at CID has tripled. CID has also broadened its role as a resource for educators, speech-language pathologists and other professionals throughout the world.

*Washington University has been working on its multimillion-dollar plan to turn the 1929 CID school building at 818 South Euclid Avenue into apartments for medical students. They cleaned the building and are meticulously restoring its exterior features while updating and renovating the inside.*



*In October, Channel 5 on Your Side featured 1985 CID graduate Jamie Eyrich (right). His popularity as an Ellisville McDonald's employee for nearly 30 years earned him local fame. News anchor Rene Knott (left), who lives in his area, called him the unofficial Mayor of Ellisville.*



*Jocelyn Westerfeld of St. Charles and her mom, Katie, were interviewed on Fox 2 when Jocelyn graduated from CID in May 2017. Jocelyn's honors included the President's Award for Academic Excellence.*



## Gift of gratitude

Derek and Stacey Hibdon were concerned when the hospital referred their newborn son, Elliot, for hearing testing. Later, when those tests revealed that he did not have permanent hearing loss, they were relieved.

Early this year, when it came time for them to name a charity to benefit from their annual Bogies for Babies golf tournament, they remembered that experience. In June 2017, at their event in Columbia, Illinois, a record 136 golfers raised \$7,000 to help the children at CID, including



infants with newly diagnosed hearing loss.

"We're very grateful to the Hibdons and to everyone who participated in the event," CID executive director Robin Feder said. "Their thoughtful generosity will help bring hope and opportunity to another family."

**DEREK, ELLIOT, STACEY AND BRYNLIE HIBDON**



## Forever family

Below are excerpts from a letter written to the CID staff by a mother on the occasion of her son, Mack, graduating from CID in 2016.

Mack and his twin brother, Rhett, are now third-graders at St. Teresa, a neighborhood school. For a look at his life post-CID, watch the video, "Mack in Action," at cid.edu.



## Tears of happiness, tears of accomplishment

"In fall 2011, I walked into CID pregnant (with Maryn) and crying about the uncertainty of the future of my Mack James. We could hardly believe he had lost so much of his hearing without us knowing. We knew no one else who had a child with hearing loss. We had no idea what to expect of the journey we had begun. What we did know is that we wanted the best school, with the best staff, and we wanted to get started right away.

"Although an educator myself, I knew I was out of my league when it came to educating someone who is hearing-impaired. However, it doesn't take a degree in education to identify a dedicated and knowledgeable staff. We knew immediately CID was the right choice.

"... CID will undoubtedly be Mack's most important schooling. The staff has taught him how to listen and speak. How could I possibly say thank you for giving my son the gift of communication? We will forever be indebted to the school. Because of CID, our dreams for Mack are no different than our dreams for [our other children]. CID has given him the confidence and tools to succeed. You have given him a beautiful future. ...

"[Graduation day] will be bittersweet for us. I will be crying as I walk in the door. Please know that the tears are tears of happiness and accomplishment, not of fear or uncertainty. While we are physically leaving the school, the school and its staff will never leave our hearts."

— Adrienne Neville



Last spring, friends gathered to honor Dianne Gushleff, who retired after 34 years at CID. Dianne managed school services, workshops, online courses and publication sales.

Front row (left to right): Debbie Timko, Robin Feder, Dianne Gushleff, Marcia Tash. Middle row: Laura McCann, Barb Lanfer, Pat Wasserman, Ann Cordeau, Debbie Carter. Back row: Ellie White, Ann Holmes, Peg Merlie, Amy Hudson and Lisa Davidson.

## Tribute gifts 12/1/2016 –9/30/2017

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#### Dr. Donald & Rae Calvert

Clare H. Kanoya



2017 CID Summer Sleuths participants, clockwise, from the front: CID graduates Kennedy Berghoff (2011), Peter Griggs (2012), Shayna Hemesath (2012), Terran Shaw (2011), Celia Pursifull (2015) and Nico DelRosario (2011)

#### Theodore A. Clark

Mr. & Mrs. David C. Clark

#### Dr. Kathryn D. "Kathy" Cramer

Laura & Mike Herring

#### Lillian (Nathanson) Cutler

Arthur E. Cutler

#### Paul Goldman

AnnRita Edelberg

#### Kay F. Graham

Robert L. Graham

#### Anthony "Tony" Herget

Carol & Peter Olson

#### Doug Horton

Arlene Simerman

#### Sandra "Sandi" Huff

Stephanie Kilham

#### Ralph W. Kalish, Jr.

Beverly & David Carmichael  
Lucie G. Watel

#### Ralph W. Kalish, Sr.

Lucie G. Watel

#### Charles F. "Chuck" Knight

Robin & Gary Feder

#### John T. Maloney, Sr.

Kathy & Jim Yates

#### Bev Mattison

Travis Mattison

#### Lewis Roger Moehlman

Anonymous

Donna & Paul Abrams

Dottie Bini & Family

Steve & Marlene Bricker

Becky & Bob Doley

Roger L. Eades

Niccole Eye & Friends

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Richard & Sally Meyer

Bill & Irma Moehlman Family

Ms. Nancy Morris

Ms. Kay Painter

Debbie & Dale Poslosky

Mr. Samar Sikka

Milo & Chere Wharry

#### Charles Murphy

Tony & Zita Cafazza

#### Claude D. Niswonger

Jim & Johanna Dillon

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Gerry Leeker

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#### Irvin Shore

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Louis & Colleen Messmer

#### Dr. S. Richard Silverman

Dr. & Mrs. Philip Bresnick

#### Dr. Audrey A. Simmons-Martin

Anonymous

#### Catherine "Katie" Stewart

John & Dolly Darmody

#### David Michael Stillpass

Michael Cary

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Hope H. Metzger, PhD

Bill Miksicsek

#### Dr. J. Richardson "Rich" Usher

Dr. & Mrs. Charles R. De Armas, Jr.

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#### Larry T. Welter

Patricia Welter



◀ Our thanks to volunteers from the Washington University tennis team! Current program co-director Michael Laycob and his son, Ethan, joined grandparents Paul and Betty Mendelson at the 2017 CID tennis program finale. ▼



## Remembering Charles F. Knight, a St. Louis legend

## CID completes 13th tennis season

*"Did you see Logan?  
Look how much he's grown!"*

Paul Mendelson called to his wife, Betty, as CID students filed into the gym last spring to thank them for developing and running the after-school tennis program. Logan and the other students have learned tennis skills from Paul, Betty and a group of devoted volunteers twice a week each fall for 12 years — and counting.

As Paul and Betty greeted the line of students waiting to thank them, the affection was apparent on both sides. All of CID seemed to have a coach, mentor and de facto grandfather in Paul. Each child received a greeting, a hug and words of encouragement.

When the Mendelsons took a tour of CID 13 years ago, they had no idea they would be running a tennis program for the next decade. Paul was so impressed with the students and the work at CID, he wanted to get involved. An avid tennis player, he thought the sport would be good for CID students because it's an individual activity that doesn't require hearing buzzers or other teammates. The children jumped at a chance to play. He rallied his tennis-playing friends, donated equipment and, with the support of CID staff, got started.

"I didn't know who would show up any given week, but it caught

on," Paul said. "We played in the gym with smaller nets and racquets, and balls with less bounce so we wouldn't have to chase them as far. It was a fast-paced gym with balls flying and children running. But the kids gave us energy to keep coming back. They loved it and wanted to learn more."

At every lesson, a team of volunteers was needed to make it work, with one volunteer per player, two in the back of the court and two to run down balls. "It was a lot of people to get to commit each week, so we reached out to the universities," Paul said. "Washington University, St. Louis University and Missouri Baptist College got involved. They gave us student volunteers and expertise in teaching and coaching tennis."

As the program grew, Paul and Betty remained involved, ushering dozens of children through CID. "I'm so fortunate to have had this opportunity and so grateful to be a part of the CID family," Paul said.

"The students at CID gave us more than we ever gave them," Betty said. "It was a joy to watch them grow as students and players."

This year, the Mendelsons' grandson, Michael Laycob, co-directed the program with CID board member Dave Schepers, a longtime volunteer. In November, after the last practice, the children celebrated with trophies.

Charles F. "Chuck" Knight passed away in September 2017 due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. He was 81.

Mr. Knight, former CEO of Emerson Electric Co., was married to CID board member Joanne Parrish Knight. CID's Emerson Center for Professional Development, among other St. Louis service organizations, bears his company's name.

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* identified him as a "powerful force behind the region's medical and academic infrastructure." He served as president and chairman of Civic Progress, the group of chief executives who at the time set the agenda for St. Louis leaders. He served on the Washington University board of trustees and

was chairman emeritus at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC).

Mr. Knight was generous to the CID school and the St. Louis community. The Emergency Trauma Center at BJC bears his name, as does the Charles F. and Joanne Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Washington University School of Medicine. His wife is a champion of all the babies and toddlers who receive services in the CID Joanne Parrish Knight Family Center.

The Knights have led fundraising efforts for CID, the Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club and the Annie Malone Child and Family Service Center, among others.

## CID graduate leaves special thank you

1951 CID school alumnus Donald Sessions of Marietta, Georgia, passed away in March 2017 at the age of 79. As a boy,

Mr. Sessions lived in the CID dormitory and learned to listen and talk at the CID school. Later, he had a successful business career at Lockheed Corporation. Recently, we learned that he had named CID among the beneficiaries in his will. We are touched by his special gift.

Mr. Sessions had an abiding love for trains, which started while traveling to St. Louis to attend CID. As the train rolled along, he could feel the vibrations. When people later visited him in Marietta by train, he announced their arrival well before anyone saw or heard the train by feeling the tracks for vibrations.

"Due to our age difference, he was almost a second father," his brother, Lee, wrote in his obitu-

ary. Lee remembered summer afternoons when Donald taught him how to play baseball and read lips.

Mr. Sessions stayed friends with his CID classmates throughout his life and considered the deaf community a great source of support. His love of baseball was also lifelong. He filled his apartment with memorabilia from his two home teams: the St. Louis Cardinals and Atlanta Braves.

After he retired, Mr. Sessions spent a lot of time in town talking and joking with friends from every walk of life. He liked to point out streets named for prominent family members, including ministers, bishops, a mayor and a state governor.

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Congratulations to 2001 CID alumna Sonya Smith, crowned Miss Black Deaf America 2017! Smith graduated from National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology in 2016. She is a career consultant at J.M. Davis Group.

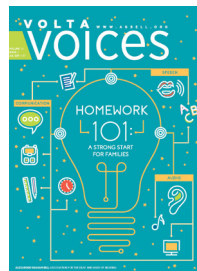


*It was great to see everyone at the 2017 Summer Bash Picnic! CID, CIDAA and DEAF, Inc. co-hosted the event at Shaw Park in July.*



## 100 speech bubbles to celebrate 100 years!

*In appreciation of gifts of \$250 and more to our centennial campaign, our "speech bubble wall" features messages from some of our generous donors. The wall was installed early this year on the second floor of CID. Thank you!*



Volta Voices magazine recently featured the article, "Homework 101: A Strong Start for Families" by CID teacher and instructional facilitator Amanda Dunaway.