SHARING WHAT WE KNOW... through your support!

Our regional reputation of excellence continues to grow! The State of Vermont has requested mentoring from hear ME now for their Early Intervention providers.

Mentors are LSLS™ certified professionals who extend their professional experience and knowledge to help support and develop new LSLS professionals during the application process.

All applicants for the LSLS certification must be mentored by a LSLS certified professional over a 3-5 year period of time to become eligible to take the LSLS exam.

HEAR ME NOW’s own Carrie Chojnowski began to counsel and guide professionals seeking certification to prepare them for the LSLS exam and to position them to be effective listening and spoken language specialists over the summer of 2015. Stay tuned for more as these relationships evolve!

SAVE THE DATE!

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14th Annual
Break the Sound Barrier
Ski Race
Shawnee Peak, Bridgton
MARCH 6, 2016

FAMILY FUN & SONG
Our summer celebration put music in everyone’s heart!

“Summer Picnic with a Soundtrack” for hear ME now families!

Matt Loosigian charmed the kids
Bluegrass by Pejepscot Station

Sponsored by B’Nai B’rith,
July 23 at Back Cove in Portland was a magical musical event

Director’s Update
Pam Dawson, Executive Director

You will read many hopeful stories in this newsletter. None would be possible without your ongoing support and your shared belief that families deserve the choice of Listening and Spoken Language in Maine.

Please take a few moments to look through these pages and enjoy learning about:

Music —
The gift of hearing through cochlear implants has brought this important shared human experience to both a pre-teen and a kindergartener.

Our Summer Community Picnic included music for kids and adults alike!

hear ME now helps other professionals —
We have provided training and support to over 100 teachers in 17 school districts in Maine.

Other states in New England recognize us as a resource – and are partnering with us. Our teleintervention results are receiving national attention.

Thank you for helping us help others – we can’t do it without you!

Music —

The gazette of hear ME now
FALL 2015
Meet . . .

Nadia Rosenberg—two Cochlear Implants bring music and dance into her very full life!

Nadia Rosenberg was born hearing but became profoundly deaf with a rare autoimmune condition when she was about 16 months old. Implanted with two cochlear implants at 26 months of age (the first simultaneous implants at Boston Children’s Hospital) and activated at 27 months of age, Nadia was three-and-one-half years old when she learned to sing “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.”

Now almost 11 years old, Nadia is an eager consumer of all kinds of music, enjoys attending concerts, and participates in her school’s chorus and band programs. “I love everything about music,” says the active and independent pre-teen. “Sometimes it feels like the world is made up of music, so it feels important to me. I love all music—rock music, singing only, instruments only. And the dancing that can go with it. Except tap dancing—that’s just a bunch of ‘clickety clack’!”

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Listen to Nadia sing “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” at 3 1/2 on our Facebook page or website (www.hear-me-now.org/music)

At Boston Children’s Hospital this June — Nadia is a self-sufficient pre-teen!

The Buzz Continues…

Maine Chapter of Widows Sons REVVED UP the fun for families at their annual Moto-Run for hear ME now!

MIXING with the riders are Thomas & Natalie Morin and Lucas Ng at the July BBQ, an annual fundraising tradition

ADULT COCHLEAR IMPLANT SUPPORT GROUP
MOVIE & CONVERSATION

What: Watch “Lost and Sound” an award-winning, captioned, documentary about music and deafness & enjoy post-movie conversation & snacks

Where: hear ME now, 4 Fundy Rd, Falmouth, ME 04104
When: Wednesday, 10/28/15 from 1:30 p.m.
RSVP: Call Donna at 207-781-7100 or email dmarsh@hear-me-now.org

“Thank You!”

You’re invited!

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Read the full study report on our website: www.hear-me-now.org