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## More 2008 Gala Photos...



Elaine Parisier, joins with (left to right) CHI Chair and Vice chairs Leonard Boxer and Andrew Tisch, and Peter Frelinghuysen, Chairman of the Board of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.



Leonard Lauder, Chairman of the Board of the Estee Lauder Companies, and dinner co-chairman, pays tribute to Burt Tansky during the dinner program.



Melissa Rivers and Elie Tahari, dinner co-chairman.



Burt Tansky and Roger Farah, Chief Operating Officer, Polo/Ralph Lauren, who served as the Dinner Chairman.



Dr. Simon Parisier, President and Founder of The Children's Hearing Institute, joins with D. McWilliams Kessler, President and CEO of The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and CHI Board member and Director of The Ear Institute Dr. Ronald Hoffman, during presentation of the Children's Hearing Institute's \$250,000.00 contribution to The Ear Institute. Drs Parisier and Hoffman made this presentation on behalf of the Board of Directors of The Children's Hearing Institute. This gift represents CHI's ongoing commitment to support pediatric clinical services at The Infirmary's Ear Institute, a state of the art facility located at 380 Second Avenue in New York City. Additional information about the Ear Institute is in this issue of Echoes.



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## CHI Opens 25th Anniversary Celebrations

In 1983, Dr. Simon and Mrs. Elaine Parisier founded The Children's Hearing Institute, which celebrates its 25th Anniversary during 2008-2009. For 25 years, the Institute has been a catalyst in providing services to deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. The 25th Anniversary will include a number of celebrations, conferences and seminars to mark this important occasion.



Burt Tansky, 2008 recipient of CHI's Jule Styne Humanitarian Award, delivers remarks after receiving his award.



Dr. Simon and Mrs. Elaine Parisier (center) are joined by Children's Hearing Institute cochlear implant recipients (left to right) Molly Kestenbaum, Joseph Gigante, Matthew Wolff, and Jackie Light Van Hook, who participated in the award presentation.

## 2008 Gala Honors Burt Tansky

Over 550 guests gathered on November 3rd in the newly renovated Grand Ballroom of the Plaza hotel to celebrate the Children's Hearing Institute's 25th Anniversary, and to pay tribute to the 2008 recipient of the Jule Styne award, Burt Tansky, Chairman and CEO of the Neiman Marcus Group.

In opening remarks, Leonard Boxer, CHI Chairman and Gala co-chair paid tribute to the Institute's founders, Elaine and Simon Parisier, and presented them with engraved Steuben crystals. Dr. Parisier expressed his and Elaine's deep gratitude to all who have done so much.

Benefit Chairmen Roger Farah and Leonard Lauder paid tribute to Mr. Tansky's leadership and business acumen in the retail field, spicing up remarks with good-natured ribbing and personal anecdotes.

In acceptance remarks, Burt Tansky expressed his gratitude for the generosity of all present, particularly in the tough economic times confronting the industry. He also expressed his family's appreciation for the efforts of The Children's Hearing Institute, which has helped so many families like his conquer the challenges presented by deafness.

The event raised over \$900,000.00 to support The Institute's programs and services.

In addition to Messer's Boxer, Lauder and Farah, Penny Glazier of the Glazier Group and Andrew Tisch of Loews Corporation served as Gala co-chairs; Bob Klein, Chairman of Assured Environments served as Journal Chairman.

## Martini Night



Pepsico employees Bill Wilson, Terry Ryan, Don Thomas, and Tony Foley with Event Co-Chair, Allison Kunis.



Jason Boxer enjoys the evening with Committee members.

On June 19th over 300 guests gathered at one of New York City's most dramatic sites, the roof deck of the Time Warner Building, for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to benefit The Children's Hearing Institute. Sponsored by CHI's Young Professionals, the Martini Night raises funds for committee designated projects, which have included audiology research booths at the new Ear Institute of the NYEE Infirmary. The 2008 Committee has designated funds to benefit the Hearing Aid Dispensary Program of the Ear Institute. With today's technology for early hearing loss detection through newborn hearing screenings, it is possible for infants as young as 3 to 4 weeks old to be fitted with hearing aids and other amplification. On behalf of the event co-chairs, Jason Boxer, Allison Kunis and Lisa Weinberg, we would like to thank all our Corporate Sponsors who contributed to the success of this event: Weinberg Properties, Rare Bar & Grill, The Glazier Group, The Abernathy MacGregor Group, Empire Merchants, Kleinfeld, and The Needlers Foundation.



Founders of The Children's Hearing Institute Elaine and Simon Parisier with Event Co-Chair and Board Member Jason Boxer.

# Educational Program

Melissa Willis, CHI Director of Educational Programming, has planned a wide-ranging program of conferences and seminars for professionals, children, and parents as part of CHI's 2009 Educational Outreach Program.

The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary's staff of well-recognized professionals will be joined by respected leaders in the fields of



Ear Institute staff presents at "Optimizing Auditory Skills Development," a three day conference organized and sponsored by CHI. (Left to right) Liz Ying MA, Director Hearing Habilitation, Camille Massa, MA, Speech Language Pathologist, Sandra Delapenha, Supervisor, Clinical Audiology, Meg Webster, MA Speech Language Pathologist.

Otology, Audiology, Speech Language Pathology, and Educational Advocacy, as well as a large variety of other disciplines.

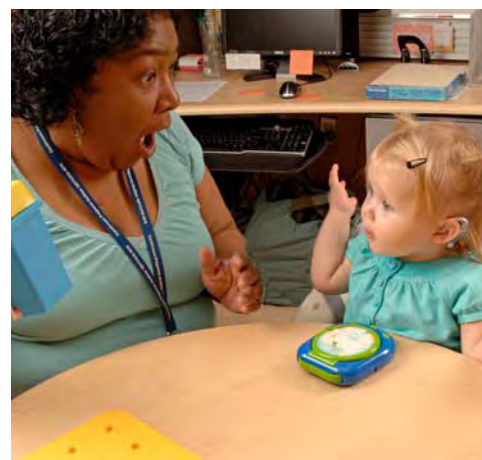
The exceptionally well-received parent, teen, and child workshops will return, with events scheduled throughout the year.

A complete schedule follows. For further information visit the CHI website at [www.childrenshearing.org](http://www.childrenshearing.org).



Over 125 professionals attended CHI's "Sounds In Motion" conference in the fall. The "Sounds in Motion" approach provides techniques to elicit listening skills and spoken language in small children. Conference participants (above) engage in one of the many "hands on" activities.

# Ear Institute News



In March of 2009, the Ear Institute/Cochlear Implant Center of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary will celebrate its first anniversary at 380 Second Ave in New York City. The Children's Hearing Institute's offices are located at this facility, and CHI is a strong supporter of The Ear Institute's pediatric services. Parents, children, and staff are unanimous in their enthusiasm for the facilities and services.

The facility includes state-of-the-art audiology booths, a fully equipped hearing aid center, cochlear implant programming rooms, and offices for auditory therapy, patient counseling and consultation.

Services at The Ear Institute are consistent with The Children's Hearing Institute's goal of helping the "whole child". By having all services under one roof, parents can conveniently access the services they need, and clinicians can closely work on treatment strategies, share pertinent information, and enjoy collegial collaboration.

Ear Institute otolaryngologists (physicians specializing in the ear, nose and throat) and audiologists are experienced at diagnosing, testing, and treating individuals of all ages, from newborns to the elderly. These experts utilize a variety of tests and techniques to diagnose the type and severity of hearing loss and to prescribe the appropriate therapies.

When a hearing loss is identified in a newborn, Ear Institute audiologists are able to dispense hearing

aids to even the youngest infants. State of the art hearing aids are dispensed, custom-fit by the audiologist to meet the individual child's amplification needs. Parents are provided with a wealth of information, as well as hands-on instructions on how to manage their child's hearing aids. If the team of specialists determines that the degree of hearing loss requires a cochlear implant, the otologic (ear) surgeon performs the surgery at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Once implanted, children return to the Cochlear Implant Center for programming, continued audiological assessment, and a multifaceted and unique hearing, speech, and language rehabilitation program.

The Ear Institute also houses offices for educational audiologists, consulting teachers who help students in mainstream school settings, and clinical researchers.

Of particular interest is the recent installation of two otolaryngology examination rooms. These exam rooms, generously underwritten by Children's Hearing Institute donors, will enable Infirmary physicians to examine and treat patients on premises.

"Adding the examination rooms will enhance our ability to deliver comprehensive services in a state-of-the-art facility, which I know will be very welcome by our families," said Dr. Ronald Hoffman, (left) Ear Institute Director, and Children's Hearing Institute Board Member.



# 25th Anniversary Cocktail Party

Friends of The Children's Hearing Institute and its 2008 honoree, Burt Tansky, Chairman and CEO of the Neiman Marcus Group, gathered at the home of Simon and Elaine Parisier to kick off efforts for the November 3rd Gala, and celebrate The Institute's 25 years of helping deaf and hard of hearing children.

In welcoming remarks Dr. Parisier extended his thanks to all gathered, as well as to all supporters who had enabled CHI to succeed beyond its wildest dreams. He commented on one of CHI's most significant accomplishments: participation in the creation of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary's Ear Institute. "The opening of the CHI supported Ear Institute is a great step, enabling us to further expand our efforts to help our kids."



Dr. Simon Parisier and cochlear implant recipient JQ DePaiva.

Leonard Boxer Chairman of the CHI Board expressed gratitude to Simon and Elaine for their generosity and leadership.

In short talks, CHI parents Kassie DePaiva (of daytime drama "One Life to Live") and Regina Soares testified to the tremendous impact CHI efforts have had on the lives of their children, enabling them to fully participate and succeed in their educational and social lives.

In closing remarks, Burt Tansky spoke about the remarkable effect technology and quality clinical services have had on his hearing impaired granddaughter and son. "The results of this technology are nothing short of miraculous", he said.



Leonard Boxer, Chairman of the Board of The Children's Hearing Institute and his wife, Mrs Enid Boxer.



## 2009 Educational Outreach Events

For further information or to register, contact Melissa Willis at 646-438-7858.

### Professional Workshops

#### February 26-27

*Controversial Issues in Pediatric Audiology (CEU Course)*

February 26: Auditory Verbal Day

February 27: Audiology Day

The Graduate Center - CUNY

#### March 16

*Counseling Workshop (CEU Course)*

Beth Israel Medical Center

#### March 26th-March 28th

*Mirco-Dissection of the Temporal Bone*

A Three Day Course (CEU Course)

New York Eye & Ear Infirmary

#### May 16

*Bone Anchored Hearing Aids:*

*A Technique for Every ENT*

New York Eye & Ear Infirmary - Micro-Surgery Lab

#### July 30

*Wrightslaw Special Education Law*

*and Advocacy Training Seminar (CEU Course)*

New York, NY

### Parent/Teen/Elementary Workshops

A social workshop series with emphasis on pop music for kids while parents meet with an Education Specialist.

#### March 11 and April 29

##### Elementary Group

6:30pm Welcome/Pizza Party

7:00-9:00pm Workshop

Four Points Sheraton, Plainview Long Island

#### March 18 and April 22

##### Teen Group

6:30pm Welcome/Pizza Party

7:00-9:00pm Workshop

Four Points Sheraton, Plainview Long Island

#### May 20

*Combined Networking Meeting (Both Groups)*

6:30pm Welcome/Pizza Party

7:00-9:00pm Workshop

Four Points Sheraton, Plainview Long Island

### Parent Workshops

#### May 8 -9

*Parents Connecting with Parents*

*Speaker: Dr. David Luterman*

6:00-9:00pm on May 8

9:00am-4:00pm on May 9

Four Points Sheraton, Plainview Long Island

#### July 30

*Wrightslaw Special Education Law*

*and Advocacy Training Seminar (CEU Course)*

New York, NY

### Courses, Papers, Books and Presentations

■ **Parisier, Simon C., M.D.** American Academy of Otolaryngology Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, Sept. 21-24, 2008. Faculty, Instruction courses: 1. *Management of Cochlear Implant Complications*. Sept 22, 2008; 2. *Treatment of Chronic Mastoiditis and Cholesteatoma*. Sept. 23, 2008.

■ **Parisier, Simon C., M.D., Moderator, Resident Panel:** *Challenging Cases for the Resident Physician*. Triological Society, Boston, MA. January 23-25, 2009.

■ **Hoffman, Ronald, M.D., Madell, Jane R., Ph.D.** Spoke to Our Way parents—Our Way is an organization of Jewish Orthodox families with children with disabilities. May 30, 2008.

■ **Madell, Jane R., Ph.D.** AG Bell Conference, Milwaukee, WI, June 26-30, 2008. 1. *Maximizing Speech Perception*; 2. *Maximizing Technology*, with **Batheja, Reva, M.A.**

■ **Ying, Elizabeth, M.A.** AG Bell Conference, Milwaukee, WI. June 26-30, 2008. *Developing Speech Perception*.

■ **Madell, Jane R., Ph.D.** NC Academy of Audiology, Sept. 13, 2008. *Audiologist as Magician*.

■ **Madell, Jane R., Ph.D.** Oticon Conference, Washington. Sept. 20, 2008. *Maximizing Auditory Performance*.

■ **Madell, Jane R., Ph.D.** Audiology Online, Feb. 4, 2009. *Behavioral Evaluation of Infants—Yes You Can!*

■ **Madell, Jane R., Ph.D., Batheja, Reva, M.A.**, *Controversial Issues in Pediatric Audiology*, New York. Feb. 26-27, 2009. *Developing Auditory Goals for Children with Hearing Loss*.

### Books

■ **Parisier, S.C., Fayad, J.N.**: *Revision Surgery for Cholesteatoma, Chronic Otitis Media, in Edelman DR, Revision Surgery in Otolaryngology*. Thieme Medical Publishers, Inc., New York, 2009.

■ **Parisier, S.C., Fayad, J.N., Kimmelman, C.P., Sciafani, A.P., Alexiades, G.**: *Microtia, Canal Atresia and Middle Ear Anomalies* in Ballenger's Otolaryngology Ed. Snow JB and Wackym PA, DC Decker, People's Medical Publishing House, Shelton, CT, 2009.

### Articles

■ **Causetti, M., Lindstrom, C., Alexiades G., Tessema, B., Parisier, S.C.**: *Glomus Tumors in Patients of Advanced Age: A Conservative Approach*. Laryngoscope 2008, 118:270-274.

■ **Alexiades, G., De La Asuncion, M., Hoffman, R., Parisier, S.C.**: *Cochlear Implants for Infants and Children*, in Madell, J.R. and Flexer, C., *Pediatric Audiology*, Thieme Medical Publishers, Inc. New York, 2008.

### Honors

■ **Parisier, Simon C., MD.** *Citation Award, Guest of Honor*. Eastern Section Meeting, Triological Society, Boston MA, January 23-25, 2009.