



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: November 8, 2017

RE: Program Donation

The Mid-Valley hearing Itinerant Program raised and donated \$250.00 to Hear the Cheers in memory of Nicholas Hanson, brother of Ian Hanson. *Hear the Cheers* is a program designed to providing hearing aids and related audiology services to children all across Chicago and the Chicagoland suburbs, because every child deserves the chance to "Hear The Cheers!" Since its inception, more than \$100,000 for hearing aids and equipment has been raised.

Nicholas Hanson, a 2016 graduate of Geneva High School and brother of Ian Hanson, passed away a few weeks ago due to a vehicle accident. Ian Hanson has been a student in the Hearing Itinerant Program since Kindergarten. As a result, the Hearing Itinerant Program teachers wanted to do something special for this wonderful family.

The Program teachers sought a collection and chose to donate the funds to *Hear the Cheers*. *Hear the Cheers* is a non-profit organization started by a former students from the Hearing Itinerant Program, Eliza Peters. The purpose of *Hear the Cheers* is to raise funds for the purchase of new hearing aids for children whose families need financial assistance. Hearing aids cost \$2000 - \$8000 each and are not covered by health insurance. Ian Hanson was the recipient of hearing aids through *Hear the Cheers* a few years ago and the program teachers wanted to extend the family support. After this decision, the family opted for donations to *Hear the Cheers* in lieu of flowers. They were very touched by the donation.