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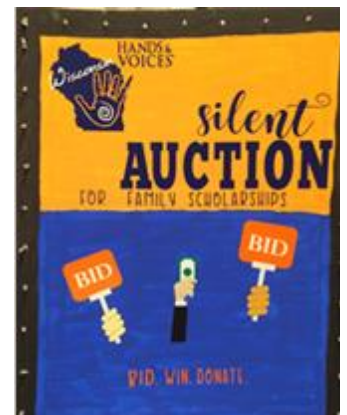
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## **Milestones! Looking back at WI Hands & Voices Silent Auction and Fundraiser for Family Conference Scholarships**

It's the end of an era. WI H&V will no longer hold its iconic Silent Auction Fundraiser for Family Scholarships at the Statewide Family & Professional Conference. Earlier this year WESP-DHH Outreach announced that instead of the big annual Conference they will offer small events across the state.

So, now is a good time for us to look back! We raised a lot of money to help a lot of families attend a beneficial event over the past 10 years! From 2008 through 2017 WI H&V offered Family Conference Scholarships to Wisconsin families with children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-plus. The Scholarships covered registration fee or hotel costs to attend the Conference weekend of learning and sharing with other families. Tens of thousands of dollars directly benefited diverse families from every corner of Wisconsin. WI H&V provided \$33,748 in scholarships just since 2011. Twenty-five or more families applied for and received Scholarships in each of the busiest years.

WI H&V raised funds for Scholarships in many ways: through the Auction, direct donations from families, individuals, or corporations, and book sales and other projects. The Silent Auction was most visible, involved the most people, and fun! Remember the American Girl Dolls with Hearing Aids? The handicrafts? The Baskets of Goodies? The Packer and Badger memorabilia? And more!



Thank you again to everyone who donated auction items or money, everyone who bid on items, and everyone who worked to put on the auction and raise donations over the years! Your contributions are remembered and deeply appreciated!

Looking ahead, an exciting new project is under construction at WI H&V! Our aim is to support Wisconsin youth who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-plus in a fresh new way. Look for more details on this new opportunity for WI H&V members in 2019!

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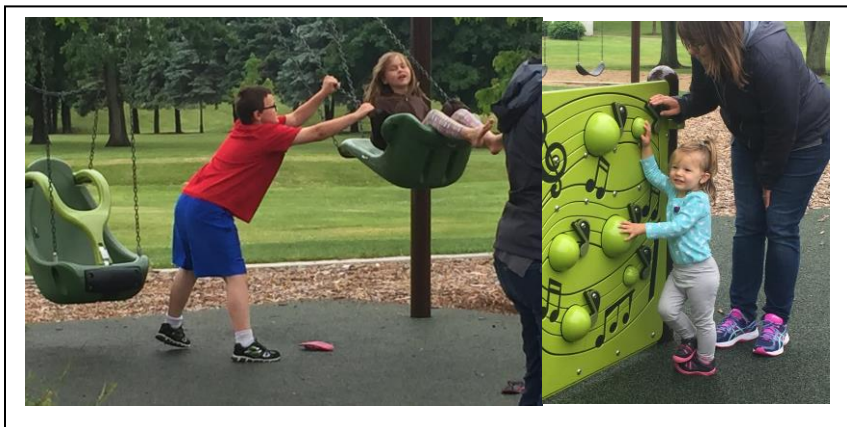


## WI Hands & Voices Summer Picnics 2018

June 10<sup>th</sup> in Elkhorn & July 15<sup>th</sup> in Verona

Rain and shine! Seventeen families with children of all ages enjoyed conversation, food, and fun together at our great city park pavilions!

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