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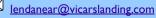
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# What a Gift to Live in Florida...from Sanrise to Sanset!







Photos courtesy of Walle Waters

# Listen Up





# Vicars Landing Golf Charity Event on April 13 was a Continued Success!

We hosted 88 golfers and an additional 26 guests for dinner when we met at the St. Johns Golf and Country Club in St. Augustine to enjoy great weather, fellowship, and some good golf along with a delicious meal! The annual Vicars Landing and Lend An Ear Golf Tournament was filled with raffles, games and a fabulous barbecue banquet. We appreciate all the support from our vendors and other organizations for this event. All proceeds will go to the Vicars Landing Foundation, Employee Assistance Fund, and Lend An Ear Outreach Programs. This could not be a success without your support. We'll see you next year!



## CapTel Corner...



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### To Donate:

For the upcoming years LAE would like to expand its services to surrounding counties. We need your help. Please donate to LAE at: <a href="lendanearoutreach.org">lendanearoutreach.org</a>

### LATEST Events...

4-8-2022 ~ The LAE Team was out in Green Cove Springs to see five people today. Three came in for some follow up work and adjustments, and two walked out with hearing aids.

Tony S...I'm looking forward to not saying "WHAT" or "SPEAK CLEARLY" and finally "TALK LOUDER". Also hearing complete conversations.

Penny M... I want to thank the friendly and wonderful people at First Coast Mobile Audiology and Lend An Ear Outreach for this amazing experience while getting my new hearing aids. Actually the first time I can hear people without reading lips or asking them to repeat themselves! Again thank you so very much.



We are always welcomed with open arms at THE WAY Clinic and the staff is always friendly. It is a pleasure working here as we keep developing this marketing area for Lend An Ear Outreach and the strategic partnership with the Clinic. Thank You so much for your support.

3-23-2022 ~ Testimonies today at Lions Club Eye and Hearing Clinic.



Lindbergh B... I would recommend LAE - they made me feel great. They were so helpful in the process and I'm one happy person.

Shirley C... Frustration is the key word for me. I'm a retired nurse; I'm a people person and it is terrible to have hearing problems. Very difficult due to my love for conversing and interacting with former patients, and Church is a big part of my life. It will make me happy in not struggling to hear. The blessings of this organization is nothing one human can put into words. I would recommend Lend An Ear to

all.

Carol W... Everyone here is so helpful and are focused to help. I have tinnitus and cannot hear in my left ear. It is nerve-wracking for me and I couldn't get relief! But now my hearing has improved and the ringing is almost gone!! Thanks LAE.

Nancy B... I would recommend LAE to anyone - one word comes to mind and that they are such professionals. Now I can enjoy my friends, the games I play like Trivia, and really enjoy my TV.

Another great day for Lend An Ear Outreach as we keep fulfilling our mission to provide the gift of hearing by furnishing quality hearing aids to those with limited or no means, in an atmosphere of dignity and compassion.

**3-4-2022** ~ THE WAY Free Clinic and Lend An Ear Outreach have developed a partnership and in the second month it is producing results. Four new recipients came in unfortunately some needed ear molds and will return after we reschedule them. See the below Testimonies:

Yahata... I would like thank LAE for providing my mother these hearing aids. She has had hearing issues for some time. Due to the lack of funds and insurance we have not been able to provide her with this tool. Thanks to LAE she can hear again. My family and I are grateful for this organization, the people who work within and the donors. May God bless you all.

Lucila T... For the past ten years I've had a hard time hearing. My son found out that LAE would help people in need with hearing problems. My son spoke to Scott; I got the appointment and now I am so happy that I can hear. Thank you Lend An Ear Outreach.

Our goal going forward is to reach and help between 6-8 people at THE WAY Clinic once a month. As the word spreads in Green Cove we feel we will have new recipients in the near future.

2-23-2022 ~ LAE did a presentation to the Women's Club of Jacksonville. Dr. Melisa Sharpe addressed the Club and explained the mission of LAE along with past success and gave a peek into the future. Women's Club representative gave a donation to Scott Hetzinger, our Executive Director, that will give recipients the gift of hearing in the near future. The Woman's Club of Jacksonville supports the development of special programs that give guidance and support to women. The mission of the Women's Club of Jacksonville is to work for the improvement, benefit and advancement of womankind in every direction, and to give aid to worthy causes. We want to thank the Women's Club for the opportunity to share the Lend An Ear Mission and for their donation.

2-16-2022 ~ LAE and the Volunteers are back at the Lions Club Eye & Hearing Center to reach out to new recipients receiving life changing hearing aids!

Here are some Testimonials.

Eugenia M... One of my big obstacles was putting the TV on so loud that everyone complained. That feeling was the worst. But now what will make me happy is I will understand when people are talking to me. This experience with Lend An Ear has been amazing!!! Giving all of you high recommendations.

Inell R... I was so tired and embarrassed asking people to repeat what they are saying! I would shout at people I CANT HEAR YOU! Lend An Hear has changed my life Thank You Lord! Please bless this organization!

Always a great day to help individuals who are so grateful to receive the gift of hearing! We had some people who had to wait till they get ear molds and be rescheduled in a couple of weeks. We keep fulfilling our mission.

### Spotlight... Sonja McGonigle ~ St. Johns County School District ESE Program Specialist

Ms. McGonigle has been working with students with communication disorders, hearing loss, and other disabilities in the public schools of since 1995. She has served as Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Program Specialist for the St. Johns County School District in St. Augustine, Florida since 2014. Prior to that Ms. McGonigle spent 10 years working as a speech-language therapist and 8 years as a teacher of the Deaf in public schools in Memphis, Tennessee and Montgomery County Maryland. She was the founder and director of the non-profit, Deaf Family Literacy Mid-South in which deaf adult role models mentored families with children with hearing loss, concentrating on early literacy in both ASL and English. This experience led to an opportunity to serve as a National Deaf Family Literacy Consultant with the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. She is a graduate of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences and an M.A.T. from the University of Memphis in Educational and Curriculum Leadership with a concentration in Special Education and Deaf Studies.



