

# Holley Ear Institute

## FACT SHEET

**MISSION:** To assist the Deaf, Deaf/Blind and hard of hearing and provide services and programs aimed at improving their quality of life.

**PROGRAMS:** The Holley Ear Institute (HEI) has promoted the universal screening of all newborn infants for deafness and hearing loss at St. John Hospital and Medical Center since its founding in 1993. Nearly 4,000 infants are screened by Holley Ear Institute volunteers and audiologists each year.

Since opening its Family Village in 1996, HEI's summer and winter programs have served thousands of Deaf individuals and their families. These programs include educational and recreational programs for Deaf families, hearing families with Deaf children, Deaf teens, Deaf/Blind adults and teens, Deaf seniors and hard of hearing and late-deafened adults and art seminars and workshops for Deaf students.

HEI also offers classes in American Sign Language (ASL) at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and St. John Senior Community Center in Detroit and St. John Macomb Hospital in Warren.

**FUNDING:** The Holley Ear Institute is primarily funded by private contributions. The Institute owns and operates the Holley Family Village in Brooklyn, Michigan. St. John Hospital and Medical Center provides office space and a small operating budget for the Institute's Center for Communication Excellence. The interest from our endowment partially supports our summer programs.

**HISTORY:** The Holley Ear Institute is a non-profit organization founded in 1993. It is a consortium of medical and non-medical professionals, as well as volunteers including: doctors, teachers, religious leaders and support technicians. The Institute is the creation of its president, Ardis Gardella, whose son is hearing-impaired, and its medical director, William Rice, M.D., a retired otologist; both continue to work for HEI without financial compensation.

**AFFILIATION:** The Holley Ear Institute shares a close relationship with St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

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