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Fiscal Period July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014 / Report to the Community

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL



Another year has zoomed by, and **what a year it has been**. We turned 50! It's a big accomplishment and we really celebrated. We connected with alumni and heard their stories. We sang. We raised money. We launched new initiatives. We forged a plan for the future. And we marvelled at how far the Centre has come and the impact it has made.

The Centre was established in 1963. At the time there were no services in BC for deaf or hard of hearing children under the age of five. Founder Hilda Gregory, C.M., O.B.C. and a group of parents believed deaf and hard of hearing children could learn to listen and speak. So they got to work. They rented space in a condemned wing of the Princess Margaret Children's Village (now Sunny Hill Health Centre of Children) in Vancouver. In those early years, teaching deaf and hard of hearing children to speak for themselves was considered to be risky.

We have come a long way. Today, the Centre's work is anchored in an acoustically-designed building on Kaslo Street in Vancouver. State of the art technology and teaching strategies (and the children who have come through the Centre) have proven that deaf and hard of hearing children *can* indeed listen and acquire sophisticated and age-level spoken language when given the resources.

In 1963, we started with just a few children and have grown to serve over 120 children and their families each year. One hundred and twenty children who would otherwise not have a voice! The impact of our work stretches from Vancouver to Kelowna, to Kamloops, to Penticton, to Quesnel, to Gold River and to Chemainus.

During the anniversary year, we stepped back and saw the big picture, and were reminded of just how many people—volunteers, donors, staff, leaders, community advocates—have been instrumental in building this provincial institution. And we were reminded of just how many individuals, families and communities are impacted by everyone who gave, who worked, who volunteered, who spoke up, so that BC's deaf and hard of hearing children could learn to listen and speak.

I extend sincere thanks to parents, staff, volunteers, donors, advocates and other friends in the community. Together we can take pride in the accomplishments of the past 50 years. And together we can look to the future and can create a day when every deaf and hard of hearing child in British Columbia has the opportunity to learn to listen and speak.

Looking forward, believing!

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Janet Weir". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director & Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & CHAIR



There's no time like a 50th anniversary year **to look to the future!**

Janet mentions in her letter that 50 years ago the oral method was considered to be experimental and risky. Today, thanks to advances in hearing technology, the newborn screening program and specialized teaching, deaf and hard of hearing children are learning to listen and speak beautifully.

Ninety-nine percent of the children who enrol at the Centre—including profoundly deaf children and children with issues in addition to their hearing loss transition to the hearing mainstream.

A sea change has occurred. The risky has become proven and reliable. And with that comes a responsibility to ensure that **every deaf and hard of hearing child in British Columbia has the opportunity to learn to listen and speak.**

We will accomplish this by:

- **Strengthening the core** by increasing institutional capacity and providing greater access to one-on-one instruction programs including the Speech and Language Program and the Language Acceleration Program.
- **Making services accessible throughout BC** by establishing a satellite site in the Fraser Valley and expanding tele-practice delivery, which is currently available to families in Kelowna, Kamloops, Penticton, Quesnel, Gold River and Chemainus.
- **Supporting parents** who need a helping hand to pay for tuition fees and specialized services.
- **Joining together.** It will take an entire community of people—staff, families, donors, volunteers, leaders, influencers, thinkers and do-ers—to realize this vision.

Our families are committed. Our staff is second to none. Our donors are wonderfully generous and the donor base is growing. Our volunteers go over and above. Our board is strong and visionary. I thank you all and invite you to join me in creating a future in which every deaf and hard of hearing child in BC has a voice. Together we change the lives of children and families and communities all across British Columbia.

Looking forward,



Board President & Chair

SAY CHEESE: THE YEAR IN PICTURES

TOGETHER...
WE CELEBRATED.



Pictured (l to r):
Janet Weil, Executive Director & Principal
Hilda Gregory, Founder;
Stephen O'Keefe, Board President & Chair

WE GATHERED.

We love to hear what our alumni are up to. Here are two young people who “came home” to the open house:



Jordan Carhoun started receiving early intervention services in 1993 and attended preschool and early elementary classes at the Centre's off-campus classroom. He received the Centre's itinerant support for this remaining elementary and secondary school years. He is currently managing a business.

Evan Franey began attending the Centre in 1992 as a one year old and was enrolled in the preschool and kindergarten programs. He attended grade one to three at the Centre's off-campus classroom and received the Centre's itinerant support for the remainder of his schooling. Evan is completing his final year of a Psychology Major at UBC.

WE SANG.

We say thank you for the music. The students had a blast in music class in 2013/2014. The beautiful thing about the Centre's Music Program is that it not only brings song and melody to the children's lives, but by design it builds the children's confidence to speak and advocate for themselves in the hearing world.

April 12th was a remarkable day: 1) We enjoyed an amazing concert with Jennifer Gasoi, 2014 Grammy Award Winner for Best Children's Album; 2) We received a sound boost to our fundraising efforts. The concert raised \$20,000 for our audiology program!

Photos (l to r):

1. Family Concert with 2014 Grammy Award winner Jennifer Gasoi
2. Music with Gill
3. Carter at the talent show



WE LEARNED.

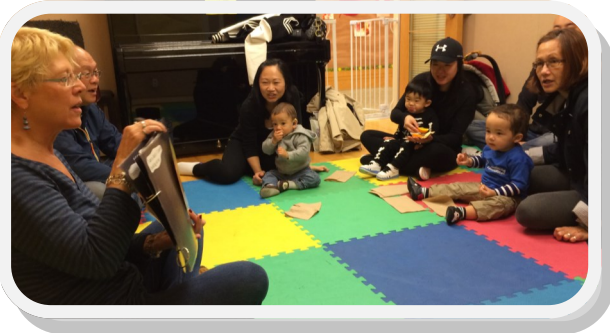
Who thought learning was boring? At the Centre, our professional staff use proven strategies to make learning fun. The results are encouraging with 99 per cent of our students transitioning with ease and confidence into the hearing mainstream. Centre-based programs begin at birth and continue through to early elementary school grades with itinerant support available for students who transition to independent schools.

This year we served 120 families!



1. Digging for worms. Pictured (l to r) are Shiloh, Jordan and Matthew
2. Ooey gooey experiments. Pictured here Danella
3. Learning through fun and games. Pictured here are teacher Kristyn, Kristi, Craig, and baby Eli
- 4.. What do you hear? Pictured here are teacher Loretta, with Brooke and baby Wesley
5. Wow. That's scary! Pictured (l to r) Alan, Danella and teacher Lauren

WE LAUNCHED.



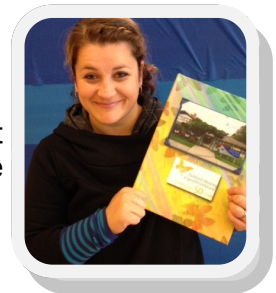
Our **Mother Goose Program** is off to a terrific start. Each week babies and toddlers gather to learn songs and stories with their families in a supportive group setting.

Pictured (l to r) teacher Loretta, Richard, Evelyn, Julien, Leo, Jacqueline, Noah, Margaret



The **50th Anniversary Butterfly Donor Wall** is up and flutters with lovely wings. Thank you to every donor and to the talented Mark Anson and Dave Dempster, who built the Butterfly wall board.

We're looking good in print. Thanks to Catherine Kalchbrenner we have our first **yearbook!** Not only is this book full of fun-to-read memorabilia, it archives the year for future generations.



HOOP-LAW CHARITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HELPS!

The verdict is in: Vancouver's legal community cares for kids! Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC received a whopping (or should that be a hooping?) \$29,280 from the Hoop-Law Charity Basketball Tournament, which pits law firm against law firm, barristers against solicitors, and youth against experience. We are so grateful to the downtown lawyers and UBC Law students who organized the Hoop-Law tournament and to the many volunteers, donors and participants. It's because of people like you that deaf and hard of hearing kids are learning to listen and speak.

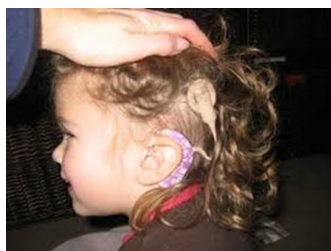


1. Janet Weil Executive Director & Principal on the court with Former Attorney General and Former BC Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Justice Wally Oppal Q.C.
2. One of the many Hoop-Law volunteers scores for the kids

"The Hoop-Law 2014 Charity Basketball Tournament was a huge success, thanks in large part to the help we received from the team at the Children's Hearing & Speech Centre. We enjoyed supporting and partnering with the Centre and look forward to an even better tournament in 2015."

Mark Neighbor, Member of Hoop-Law Organizing Committee

HERE'S WHAT THE CENTRE FAMILIES ARE SAYING.



The words in the cloud were provided by alumni who attended the 50th anniversary celebration and represent the role the Centre has played in their lives.

WE RAISED \$410,000.

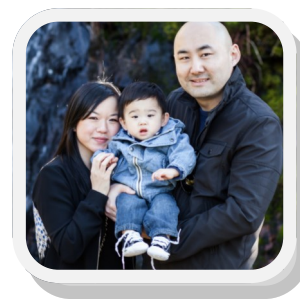
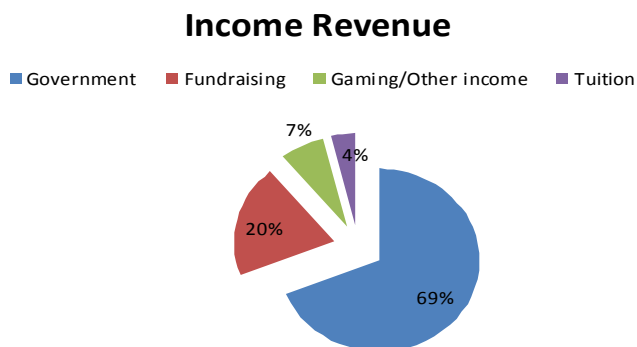
Four hundred and ten thousand dollars makes a tremendous difference and touches every part of the Centre, including:

- First Words Program (newborns to age 3)
- Mother Goose Parent and Child Sessions (newborn to age 3)
- Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Programs (age 3 and 4)
- Primary School (Kindergarten to Grade 3)
- Language Acceleration Program (Preschool to Grade 3)
- Speech and Language Program (Preschool to Grade 3)
- Tele-practice
- Music Program
- Occupational Therapy Program
- Itinerant Services
- Audiology Services
- Parent Education Meetings
- Parent Support Groups

In support of the vision to bring about the day when every deaf and hard of hearing child in British Columbia has the opportunity to learn to listen and speak, the Centre has launched **Vision 2020**, a fundraising focus designed to advance three goals:

1. **Strengthening the core** by increasing institutional capacity and providing greater access to one-on-one instruction programs including the Speech and Language Program and the Language Acceleration Program.
2. **Making services accessible throughout BC** by establishing a satellite site in the Fraser Valley and expanding tele-practice delivery, which is currently available to families in Kelowna, Kamloops, Penticton, Quesnel, Gold River and Chemainus.
3. **Supporting parents** who need a helping hand to pay for tuition fees and specialized services.

We encourage you to support the vision and we look forward to reporting progress in the coming months and years.



"We feel so welcomed at the Centre and it truly feels like a family. We are so very grateful for the resources available to our son and our family. We have learned so much through attending our weekly sessions with Loretta and use those skills at home every day. It has made a tremendous difference and we thank you for taking this journey with us."

Jacqueline Pau, First Words Program Parent

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC is committed to operating in a fiscally responsible manner. Indeed, no organization can flourish for more than 50 years, as we have, without a strong understanding that its resources are finite and must be managed wisely. Of course, there have been some challenges along the way. Most recently, following the global financial crisis of 2008, the Centre lost a substantial amount of funding from the Oberkötter Foundation. We also experienced, as did most other not-for-profit organizations, a heightened level of austerity amongst our normal sources of support, including foundations, corporate and individual sponsors. Finally, our assets—namely, Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC Foundation—suffered losses and struggled in an increasingly low rate environment.

This confluence of headwinds forced the Centre to report an operating deficit for several years, which was funded by a reduction of capital from our Foundation's assets. Recognizing that this situation was both untenable and unsustainable, the Board embarked upon the very difficult task of balancing the budget. No decision was easy, and none was ultimately made without a great deal of analysis and debate. But ultimately, by raising tuition rates modestly, eliminating some support staff and restructuring several contracts, we managed to close a substantial financial gap, without compromising the services provided. For the current fiscal year we now project a small operating surplus.

The Board and finance committee are also committed to rebuilding the Foundation's assets. Last year the Centre hosted a 50th anniversary fundraiser for the school, which reached out to an extensive network of contacts, including friends, families, corporate supporters, foundations, and alumni. After a great deal of planning and hard work, a very successful event was held with tremendous results. Including funds donated directly to Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC Foundation, we raised \$90,537 net of all related production expenses.

Despite all of these significant achievements, the Board does not consider our job done. Being fiscally responsible is a mindset and a philosophy, not something born out of mere necessity. Our school provides services—namely, the mainstreaming of children born with hearing loss and other challenges into fully functional, independent members of society—that benefit the public at large, not just those who use them. We will continue to manage our resources with this broad group of stakeholders in mind.

The following statements have been derived from the complete audited financial statements for the July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014 year. If you would like more information about our fiscal activity or to view the Centre's audited financial statements please contact the Centre at 604-437-0255.

Ben D. Cherniavsky
Chair, Finance Committee

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

CURRENT ASSETS	\$
Cash	60,570
Short-term investments	
GIC, operating funds	50,325
GIC, deferred revenues	111,020
Gaming GIC, deferred revenues	72,279
Accounts receivable	2,992
GST/HST recoverable	5,183
Accrued interest receivable	24,443
Prepaid expenses	12,632
Prepaid rent - current portion	12,500
Prepaid rent - to September 15, 2037	275,000
Property, equipment and intangible assets	<u>1,918,686</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,545,630</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	163,628
Government remittances	41,217
Deferred contributions	
Ministry of Education, 2014-15 Special Needs	55,632
Provincial Health Services Authority, Early Hearing Program	25,025
Gaming	72,267
Donations	30,000
Audiology fees	375
Due to Vancouver Oral Centre for Deaf Children Foundation	193,752
Net assets	
Invested in property and equipment and intangible assets	1,918,686
Internally restricted capital replacement	100,000
Unrestricted	<u>(54,952)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,545,630</u>



STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

REVENUES

Government funding*	\$
Ministry of Children and Family Development	558,932
Ministry of Education	178,511
Provincial Health Services Authority	155,750
Gaming	105,483
Independent Schools Contracting	538,155
Tuition	83,642
General Fundraising	319,034
50th Anniversary Fundraising Event (net funds applied to liability to Foundation)	70,649
Income Distribution - Vancouver Foundation	32,325
Interest and other income	4,148
Total revenues	<u>2,046,629</u>

PROGRAM & OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and employee benefits	1,743,534
Fundraising, marketing and communications, and IT infrastructure	32,974
Utilities and janitorial	34,964
Education, audiology and supplies	32,194
Administration - office, meetings, memberships, postage, bank charges and AGM	30,551
Facility maintenance and repairs	22,050
Insurance	21,992
Car allowances	12,099
Accounting and legal	10,934
Professional development and travel	7,145
Amortization and rent	121,621
Total program & operating costs	<u>2,070,058</u>

Deficiency of revenues over expenses for the year **(23,429)**

Affiliations

- Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC is an independent special needs school with certification through the [BC Ministry of Education](#) (Office of the Inspector of Independent Schools) and the [Ministry of Children & Family Development](#) (Provincial Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing).
- Children's Hearing & Speech Centre First Words Program, Pre-School Program and Pre-Kindergarten program are CARF accredited.
- Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC is licensed by [Vancouver Coastal Health](#) for Group Child Care and Preschool.
- Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC is a member of: [Option Schools International](#), the Federation of Independent School Associations ([FISA](#)), Council of Service Providers.

*We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR REMARKABLE DONORS!

Whether you give \$1 or \$50,000, know that Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC needs you and your gift is making a difference. We know there are many worthy causes asking for your support. We can't thank you enough for choosing to give a voice to children in British Columbia who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Partner \$25,000 - \$49,000

The 1988 Foundation, Hoop-Law Society, Rotary Hearing Foundation

Supporter \$10,000 - \$24,999

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"When we were told that our son was profoundly deaf in 1968, we considered ourselves very lucky to be put in touch with the Vancouver Oral Centre. It was at a time when there were few believers in the oral method. We had faith in the Centre then, and continue to support it now, as it has never wavered from being a centre of excellence and hope."

Brenda O'Keefe, alum parent

Friend \$1,000 - \$9,999

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"RBC is committed to helping improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities, we believe the health and wellness of local communities is of vital importance. We are proud to support Children's Hearing & Speech Centre and its educational programing; we believe these programs will make a meaningful difference for those involved, not only helping by enhance literacy skills but also inspiring a love for learning."

Heather Clarkson, Royal Bank of Canada



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"United Way helps me say thank you. Children's Hearing & Speech Centre has helped my son to listen and talk. By pledging thru United Way, monies are conveniently deducted from my pay cheque and matched by my employer."

Kulvinder Sahota , alum parent

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of our donor lists.

Please notify Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC if an omission has occurred.

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A gift in honour or in memory of someone is a meaningful way to recognize a special person in your life while helping Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC.

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Ben Cherniavsky
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Thank you doesn't say enough!

These volunteers organize events, publish yearbooks, build displays and props, bring in food, foster spirit, raise funds, invest time...so BC's deaf and hard of hearing children can learn to listen and speak for themselves. To you our volunteers we extend a great, big thank you!

Chantelle Adamson, Mariane Adamson, Jamal Ahmelich, Johanna Ahn, Maha Ali, Cortnay Anger, Mark Anson, Lucas Birdsal, Beth Bogner, Craig Brod, Mandeep Chatha, Ericka Chang, Jessica Chang, Xiu Jen Chen, Donna Chisholm, Heather Clarkson, Cecille Cohen, Richard Davidson, Dave Dempster, Bik Dhindsa, Emily Do, Kate Drumbell, Debbie Dumaresq, Loretta Evans, Richard Evans, Gail Feldman, Ivan Gasoi, Chris Gehler, Joy Gong, Josie Gregorio, Marla Groberman, Apple Hang, Beckie Harcourt, Mike Harcourt, Sarah Harrison, Beth Harrop, Barry Hildebrand, Steve Hoivik, Coby Hoivik, Anthony Holloway, Keegan Hoyt, Sidney Hughes, Emma Johnson, Catherine Kalchbrenner, Amanda Kaye, Katherine Kim, Minjee Kim, Minjung Kim, Blair Leavitt, Thea Leavitt, Allan Leclair, Bonnie Leclair, Alyssa Lee, Hong Li, Jessica Liu, Darwin Ma, Andrea Manchon, Christy Martin, Sarah MacKenzie, Rose Mikelberg, Dave Moody, Lorene Morgan, Brent Morgan, Dawn Morrey, Steve Morrey, Mark Neighbor, Ted Neighbor, Rae Nix, Emile Nollette, Thoralee Nomm, Adam Norris, Eunji Oh, Hyuna Oh, Brenda O'Keefe, Ron Paollala, Anne Penman, Pam Pike, Rina Pinsky, Janet Prowse, Jennifer Prowse, San Jey Jordan Rai, Gabriela Raymond, RBC Renfrew Branch staff, Marian Reid, Candyse Roberts, Carol Ruan, Maria Ruiz, Kulvinder Sahota, Cassandra Savage, David Scott, Raminder Sidhu, Gita Silver, Carolyn Smith, Judy Sproule, Daniela Sukorova, Kirsten Sullivan, Jodie Sunley, Cathy Sutton, Bowan Tang, Linda Tang, Michael Tanner, Sarah Thompson, Jonathon Udovicic, Peter Udovicic, Michael Washington, Shana White, Julia Wynne, Kelly Ye, Wendy Zhang, Lippy the Clown, Yeehaw the Clown

"My take away after volunteering with the Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC: Great staff making a wonderful lifetime contribution to amazing children."
David Scott, volunteer

A SALUTE TO THE “BEST EVER” LEADERS!

You can't find a finer group of leaders anywhere. We are indeed fortunate to attract the calibre of individuals to serve in a volunteer leadership capacity. They are parents of children with hearing loss and they are individuals with no connection to us except a mission they believe in. They think strategically, invest time and leverage their influence...to provide outstanding opportunities for BC's deaf and hard of hearing child. On behalf of the children and families we work with, thank you!

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Educational Advisor

Hilda Gregory, C.M., O.B.C.



It is with a profound sense of loss that we share the sad news of the passing of our Founder, Principal for 33 years and friend, Hilda Gregory, C.M., O.B.C. on November 16, 2014.

HATS OFF TO A STAFF WHO MAKE THE CENTRE SING!

They say that an organization is only as good as its staff. It is so true. And our staff is remarkable through and through. On paper, their credentials are second to none, with a professional staff that all hold graduate degrees. In practice, their skill, dedication and passion is reflected in the children's outcomes and in the joyful spirit you feel whenever you walk in door. Thank you for the early mornings, the late nights, the Saturdays, the phone calls, the volunteer roles... You are remarkable.

Lauren Adirim, Dr. Christine Cheung, Sarah Chodos, Tricia Eckels, Joanne Enns, Megan Feist, Gill Homan, Beth Hume, Judith Jordan, Patty Juno, Lisa Labere, Shawn Leclair, Michelle Milne, Tara Morgan, Kristyn Payne, Kathy Pompura, Loretta Richardson, Agnes Ruest, Brenda Temple, Helen Tuck, Janet Weil, Stacey Welsh, Alison White, Judi Wilson, Joyce Yung



Pictured (l to r) Marla Groberman, Anne Penman, Janet Weil, Loretta Evans, concert chair

"I first became involved with this remarkable place approximately 4 years ago. I will forever be indebted to Loretta Evans (past board member) for facilitating an outing to the Centre. All one needs to do is walk in the front door to be hooked!"

The welcoming staff (who obviously love their job), Janet Weil whose energy and enthusiasm for the Centre know no bounds, and the children who are the reason for everyone's being, are an immediate catch.

I am a retired teacher who was passionate about my career for 37 years. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your fundraising picture, continuing in my love of lifelong learning, spending time with the children who are growing and learning daily, and sharing in a place that is remarkable in every way!!

May your school and organization continue to flourish and may the children continue to speak, sing, learn, dance and grow...AND may I be lucky enough to watch this happen and continue to be a small part of its future."

Marla Groberman, volunteer



Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC

We are a family-focused clinical and educational centre that teaches deaf and hard of hearing children to listen and to speak (not sign). Programs begin at birth and continue through the early elementary years. When students transition to hearing mainstream independent schools they are supported through our Itinerant Program. The years at the Centre give the youngsters the skills and confidence they need to achieve their full potential, to have the same opportunities—social and economic—as their hearing peers.



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