



# CCHAT Center

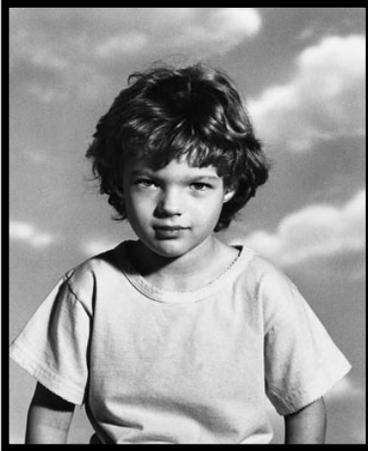
## Sacramento

Children's Choice for Hearing and Talking

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Dear Family and Friends of CCHAT,

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With the holiday season upon us, I find myself reflecting on the joys that this year has brought me. One of the biggest joys was becoming a teacher at CCHAT this past July. Never in a million years did I think my dream would come true of becoming a teacher of the deaf at the school that gave me language 21 years ago.

Born with a profound hearing loss, I came to CCHAT in 1996 and was part of the first graduating class in 1998, mainstreaming into kindergarten at my local neighborhood school. Thanks to CCHAT services, I thrived academically and socially with my hearing peers. Throughout the years, my family has been actively involved in CCHAT from my mom serving on the board to participating in fundraising events. My parents have always tried to find ways to give back since CCHAT gave me a voice. As my mom says, "We are so eternally grateful for everything they have done."

Now, it's my turn to give back. Since becoming a full-time staff member in July, I have found joy in the littlest moments. Each day I am greeted by children that tell me stories about their family or even something that happened on the playground. I am reminded day in and day out that CCHAT gives children who are deaf and hard of hearing a voice - a voice that could one day change the world. To know that I am just a tiny part of creating that voice is something that brings me great joy.

Creating that voice isn't easy and requires hard work. For a deaf child to learn to listen and talk, it takes a family that is willing to make sacrifices, friends who support them, teachers who have passion, speech therapists who don't give up, audiologists who persist until devices are working to the best of their ability, and donors that believe in what we do. For each student attending the CCHAT Center, approximately \$10,000 must be raised each year. Please consider donating. With your help, a child at the CCHAT Center will learn how to listen and have a voice.

Thank you for making the time to read my story and sharing in the joy and hope that CCHAT has brought to me, my family and many others. From my family to yours, we wish you a joyful and blessed holiday season.



Best regards,

Krista M. Rey

## ***Annual Giving 2017-2018***

At CCHAT Center-Sacramento, we believe that every child with hearing loss should have the opportunity to learn to listen and talk.

Your one-time or monthly gift of any size helps sustain a wide variety of specialized early intervention programs.

With your support, we can continue to provide at no cost:

- Timely clinical follow-up testing and diagnostic services for infants not passing Newborn Hearing Screening
- Baby & Me parent participation classes for newly diagnosed infants
- Intensive classroom settings through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Individualized speech therapy sessions
- Support and education for families

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- Krista Rey, Teacher of the Deaf



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