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## **Hand-N-Hand fundraiser raises \$16,000**

*Making a difference award presented to Dr. Jeffrey Block*

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(Green Bay, WI) [Hand-N-Hand of Northeastern Wisconsin's](#) fundraiser, "Casino Night: One Voice Makes a Difference," raised \$16,000 to help support programs and education to those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Hand-N-Hand is a non-profit organization that provides support and resources for families with children experiencing hearing loss.

"We are thrilled with the outcome of our annual fundraiser and thank everyone who came out to support the cause," said Jenny Geiken, program director for Hand-N-Hand. "It's a fundraiser that truly makes an impact in the lives of those who are deaf or hard of hearing. We are grateful to our board of directors, committee members and members of the community for supporting the effort and making a difference in the community in which we live and work." Before Hand-N-Hand was started in 2002, no social programs existed north of Milwaukee for children younger than school age. Now opportunities occur weekly for young children with hearing loss and their families.

In addition to casino events, music, dinner, live and silent auctions, Hand-N-Hand presented its annual "Making a Difference Award" by honoring Dr. Jeffrey Block. The Hand-N-Hand Making A Difference Award recognizes a person or group for their dedication and ongoing support to children with hearing loss. "Northeastern Wisconsin is extremely fortunate to have a program like Hand-N-Hand," Dr. Block said. "The organization serves as an excellent resource in providing education and information for the families of hard of hearing children, while serving as a liaison between families and the medical and educational communities. It's been an honor to support this organization and its efforts over the years."

The goal of Hand-N-Hand is to provide programs and resources for children and families experiencing hearing loss. "Hand-N-Hand has been working to help as many families as possible, but a growing need does exist," said Geiken. "The funds raised from the event will help support Hand-N-Hand's weekly play groups, programs, workshops, sign language classes and more while connecting families who are experiencing hearing loss. This gives the community, children and parents the opportunity to learn about hearing loss and socialize with others who are also experiencing hearing loss."

For more information about Hand-N-Hand, contact Jenny Geiken at (920) 737-0477 or [jlgeiken@hnhnew.org](mailto:jlgeiken@hnhnew.org).

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