

### St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf Awarded Three Grants

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf (SJI) announces three recent grant awards to enhance services across Indiana. “The organization has received grant awards totaling over \$600,000 from Early Learning Indiana, Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation, and the Lilly Endowment Inc.,” shared Jeff Chapman, president of SJI. “These funds will help us with our outreach efforts, child outcome tracking, incorporating music therapy into early intervention, and increasing overall organization awareness.”

SJI Chief Program Officer, Lindy Powell M.Ed., LSLC Cert. AVEd, remarked, “We are thrilled to be selected as a recipient by all three grantors and are already well underway on implementing these new initiatives.”

Details around the three grants include:

- Early Learning Indiana – Through the generous support of the Lilly Endowment, Inc., The Early Years Initiative awarded over \$23M in grants to organizations that focus on the developmental needs of children birth to three across Indiana. SJI is increasing its support efforts for infants and toddlers across the State of Indiana. This grant empowers SJI to develop a LENA program, screen thousands of children on early listening skills, and raise awareness about Listening and Spoken Language, ensuring a brighter future for our little ones.
- Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation - The primary mission of the foundation is to support charitable organizations that promote or preserve the Arts and Humanities. SJI is excited to develop a new music element into our Early Intervention services. In conjunction with two renowned experts, Amy McConkey Robbins ([www.amymcconkeyrobbins.com](http://www.amymcconkeyrobbins.com)) and Chris Barton (@Chrisbartonsmusic), our new Music Moments program will integrate music into listening and spoken language sessions specifically tailored to young children and their families.
- Lilly Endowment Inc. - is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation that supports the causes of community development, education and religion. These funds will support the development of a new longitudinal outcome tracking system, improve statewide awareness efforts of SJI, and enable the organization to evaluate the feasibility of future sustainability projects that enhance the mission.



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SJI is honored to be the recipient of these capacity building grants which support our mission of delivering exceptional listening and spoken language solutions for children with hearing loss, reflecting the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Stay tuned for future updates on these new initiatives.

#### About SJI

Started in 1837 as the first mission in the United States of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, SJI has always focused on serving young children with hearing loss. Today, SJI is an independent 501(c)(3), a member of St. Joseph Educational Ministries, and serves more than 375 children and families annually. The organization provides quality Listening and Spoken Language intervention for children with hearing loss, so they can listen and speak. More information at [www.sjid.org](http://www.sjid.org).

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