



LONE STAR LIGHTS

BRINGING SOUND TO LIFE IN DALLAS AND BEYOND

11.07.2026

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The Dallas Hearing Foundation (DHF) warmly invites you to Lone Star Lights, an inspiring evening dedicated to illuminating a path of hope for those with hearing loss. Your attendance and generosity will provide invaluable gifts of hearing and speech to children and adults with hearing loss from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, throughout Texas, and beyond.

DHF helps children and adults with hearing loss reach their fullest potential by providing financial assistance for hearing healthcare and technology, along with meaningful community support. Through partnerships with a highly specialized team of otologic surgeons, audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and educational consultants, DHF supports the full spectrum of hearing services for our recipients.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, DHF prioritizes working with people in our community who lack insurance or other financial resources with programs that are tailored to each individual's unique needs. Qualified recipients are guided through their hearing journey with compassionate case management and responsive attention to the resources and services needed to hear, speak, and thrive.

For 29 years, we've brightened futures for children like Dycember, who received her second cochlear implant through DHF this year, and adults like Debora, who recently received audiological services and hearing aids. Together we can create even more stories of hope and joy. Please join us **November 7, 2026** at On the Levee for **Lone Star Lights** to help continue this radiant legacy.



SHEDDING LIGHT ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS

- Each year, 3 out of 1,000 babies are born Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH), and that number rises to 5 out of every 1,000 by age five. Of babies born with hearing loss, 50–60% have genetic causes.
- More than 90% of babies who are DHH have parents with typical hearing.
- Over 5% of the world's population, including 34 million children, could benefit from interventions that address hearing loss.
- An estimated 1 in 10 people will have significant hearing loss by 2050.
- Optimal hearing and spoken language outcomes in children are closely tied to early diagnosis and intervention with medical treatment, hearing technologies, and speech and hearing therapy. Early treatment and intervention take advantage of the critical time period of auditory cortical brain development.
- Hearing loss may be mild, moderate, moderately severe, severe, or profound.
- People with hearing loss may benefit from hearing aids, cochlear implants, and other assistive devices depending on their unique needs.
- Among those older than 60 years, over 25% experience significant hearing loss.
- Noise and aging are the most common causes of adult-onset hearing loss.
- Adults with hearing loss typically wait an average of 7 years before seeking medical attention.

(Source: Deafness and Hearing Loss, [World Health Organization](#), March 2026)

ADDRESSING HEARING NEEDS EARLY

- Enhances communication skills and supports confident self-expression
- Promotes strong cognitive engagement and lifelong learning
- Encourages meaningful social connections and heightens emotional well-being
- Expands access to education, career opportunities, and personal growth
- Supports balance, safety, and overall brain health, contributing to long-term quality of life
- Strengthens economic participation by reducing additional needs for support and improving employment outcomes

GIVING THE GIFT OF HEARING

\$25,000 Cost of one cochlear implant device, surgery, follow-up visits, and 3 months of Auditory Verbal Therapy (AVT)

(*Note: Most recipients benefit from two implants.*)

\$20,000 Hearing aids and related services for 8-10 people

\$14,000 Cost of one cochlear implant device

\$10,000 Four sets of hearing aids and related services

\$5,000 A year of adult and senior community support events (monthly meetings for 15 people)

\$2,500 One set of hearing aids, ear molds, audiology appointments

\$1,000 One month of AVT to teach one recipient to listen and speak

\$500 One teen leadership event – critical community support (15 people)

\$250 One programming session for a cochlear implant for one recipient

\$100 Hearing aid evaluation for one recipient

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS

✦ **\$20,000 – Lone Star Legacy Sponsor** ✦

- 16 tickets to event (2 Tables)
- Prominent recognition with logo on invitation, event signage, email, social media, website, and newsletter
- Recognition at presentation during event and two minutes of speaking time during the event

✦ **\$10,000 – Texas Sky Diamond Sponsor** ✦

- 8 tickets to event (1 Table)
- Prominent recognition with logo on event signage, email, social media, website, and newsletter
- Recognition at presentation during event
- Signature cocktail in honor of sponsor

✦ **\$5,000 – Midnight Mesa Sponsor** ✦

- 6 tickets to event
- Recognition on email, social media, website, and at presentation during event

✦ **\$2,500 – Golden Horizon Sponsor** ✦

- 4 tickets to event
- Recognition on social media and website, and at presentation during event

✦ **\$1,000 – Starlight Sponsor** ✦

- 2 tickets to event
- Recognition on social media and website, and at presentation during event

SUPPORT THE MISSION

For additional information on custom sponsorship opportunities (including exclusive activations) or to secure your sponsorship, please contact Jenny Peterson, Executive Director, at j.peterson@dallashearingfoundation.org or 512-350-1434. We welcome the opportunity to engage with your organization in a meaningful way.

Ready to secure your sponsorship?

[Visit our registration page today!](#)

Unable to attend/sponsor the gala?

We deeply appreciate your in-kind **donations and silent auction items**. Contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Engagement, for additional details or to schedule a pick-up at Jennifer.clark@dallashearingfoundation.org or 972-424-7711.

[Donations can be made online](#) or mailed to:

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A special thanks to our radiant gala planning committee!

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