



The Southside Scene

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We Are Proud!

You may have seen a recent news release in the local newspaper about Mary Beth Mothersell of Geneseo. We are proud to report that Mary Beth is a national recipient of an award presented by Oticon, one of the largest hearing aid manufacturers in the world.

In late summer, Southside Hearing Center submitted Mary Beth's name with a write-up of why Mary Beth deserved the Advocacy Category Award in Oticon's annual **Focus on People Awards**. The awards are a national competition that recognizes individuals who are working to eliminate negative stereotypes of what it means to have a hearing loss. Mary Beth has been a selfless advocate for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. She serves as the New York Relay Account Manager for Sprint Relay. Mary Beth was picked from a large number of qualified individuals. Mary Beth's name and accomplishments were recognized at a ceremony in Denver earlier this fall, and she will receive a plaque along with a cash award. **CONGRATULATIONS MARY BETH!!!!!!!!!!**

Just another way we here at Southside Hearing Center take interest in our patients, get to know you, and recognize how very important you are to us. Our way of saying thank you! ■

The Kids...

The newsletter wouldn't be complete without an update about the kids. Well, Marena and Kira are just growing like weeds. Many of you have shared methods of weed control for the garden, like Preen, or landscape fabric. How about "kid control?" Any magic out there? Poor Kira, she gets to wear all of her sister's hand-me-downs. Thankfully the seasons line up. Marena is wearing hand-me-downs from her older cousins, and even from Janet's twin girls. The girls do not know the difference right now, but will soon enough.



Marena and Kira

Kira is essentially crawling and getting into things like the smaller waste baskets throughout the house. She has also started the "drop-it" game. Yup, she's learned that if she drops it, somebody will pick it up. Oh what fun... To say the least, they keep us hopping!

Many people ask about Kathy's daughter (Shannon), or Janet's kids (Lauren, Erin and James), so here's an update about them...

Shannon is the ONLY one in the Brady/McIntyre household who is ready for the holidays! She had her Christmas list done back in October! What's nice is that she also understands the giving spirit of the season, though - she made a point to save up her

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Quote of the Quarter

"We may run, walk, stumble, drive, or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey, or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way."

Gloria Gaither
singer

The Kids...

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birthday and other monies so that she could buy some gifts with her own money. She's still dancing her heart out – in fact, she just participated in a Holiday Talent Showcase to benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital. We were fortunate enough to also take in the Garth Fagan Dance Company's performance in Pittsford recently. She LOVED it, and now she wants to "dance like that" when she grows up!

James, Erin, Lauren...I mentioned getting an artificial tree this year and James said, "It wouldn't be Christmas without getting a REAL tree!" So last Sunday, with 3 degree wind chill, James picked a tree that was twice as tall as him from the lot. When we got it home, we found it touches the ceiling, but it's a beautiful tree. James is 9 now and so much the helper. He put nearly all the ornaments on the tree himself—easier for Mom, too! Erin and Lauren love the Christmas music and all the decorations. As some of you know, my 6-year-old twins have a developmental disability. They are much better this year at "looking" and not playing with the decorations. Erin is saying "tea" for "tree", so we are seeing her try to use some new words this year. Lauren is still fairly non-verbal, uses some sign language, but she is sweet as an angel (when she wants to be!). Lauren can sing a song, using no true words, and we can recognize which song it is.

You can take a peek at our new website (set to be launched very soon) at www.southsidehearing.com where you can see new pictures of everybody, or view old newsletters. ■

The World of Audiology

The hearing aid manufacturers seem to think they can continue to make improvements on their existing product lines ALL the time. It seems that they all *just* came out with something new, and now they are launching more new. Needless to say that means we get bombarded with new software, new prices, new products, and new GEAR. So we are working hard still to keep up to date and on top of it all. There continues to thankfully be a common theme amongst them—Bluetooth capable products and products that do not look like hearing aids continue to be the efforts. If you have any questions about anything you read, see or hear, please let us know and we will try to help. ■

