

# Sunshine Cottage

SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN

# Listen

## Not Paint by Numbers ~ It's Made by Hand

Fine Arts Night, an annual celebration of our children's knowledge of art, showcased student projects. Volunteer artists visited, demonstrated their art, and spoke about their creative experiences.

During the evening, students and guests had the opportunity to create art through music, painting and drawing, and other mediums.

For the second year, the Chair Project, refurbished and decorated wooden school chairs, were offered in the silent auction raising more than \$1,500 for our Mainstream Program.



Thanks to our special friends who worked with the students for their "take-home" art projects.

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## Springtime is Funtime!

Now that the Mountain Laurels are blooming, I know that Spring is coming! We survived our first Winter in the new school, and to our surprise, had a second snow day, thanks to Mother Nature.

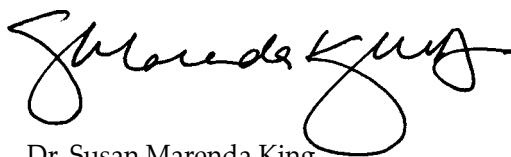
As you will see in the following pages, our children are flourishing in our new surroundings. All of our special events are made possible because of the continued commitment of our volunteers and long time supporters. I would like to recognize a few of the "unsung heroes" who consistently support our students. Board Member Blaine Smith (Grimy the Clown), Pistol Packin' Paula (trick roper and gun twirler), and members of the Junior League allowed our students to have their own Cowboy Breakfast. Pure Party Ice provided snow for our "man-made" Snow Day, and visiting artists exposed our students to a wide range of artistic experiences during Fine Arts Night.

If you would like to become a volunteer or donor, please check out our website at [www.sunshinecottage.org](http://www.sunshinecottage.org). There are many ways to support the Cottage. Believe me, you will come away with more than you have given.

One way to support us is to spread the word of Sunshine Cottage and of the benefits of an auditory oral education. One of our ongoing initiatives is Community Outreach. May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. This national event helps raise awareness about hearing loss and promotes treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking and hearing.

Research supports early identification and intervention of hearing loss. There is a critical period in which the brain learns to listen and process sound. Children with hearing loss who are identified by three months of age and provided with our type of audiological and educational support have the opportunity to have typical speech and language by the age of three. Our Newborn Hearing Evaluation Center provides diagnostic testing for newborns and young children in our community with suspected hearing loss: more than 200 babies were tested last year.

Any newborn or child with a suspected hearing loss deserves an evaluation. We wish all children with hearing loss could be allowed to bloom like our Spring flowers.



Dr. Susan Marena King  
Board Chair



### Fine Arts Night ~ Featured Artists

Apron making. Jennifer Shell

Birdfeeders. Giovi Carolla

Bookmaking. Rosemary Rodriguez

Buttermaking. Emily Stark

Drum Corp. George Cisneros/Urban 15

Embroidery. Mei Lopez

Fabric brooches. Brenda Burmeister

Felted handwarmers. Dolores Laswell

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High School Strings

Pottery. Rose Bustamante

Seed Planting. Rosanne Hernandez

Weaving. Weavers Guild

# The Sun Shines On...

## Training, Mentoring & Research

Our commitment to raising the skill and knowledge levels of professionals in the field of deaf education has never been higher. Offering such training has been a major objective of our program since our founding, and we now present more than 50 workshops annually. Through our involvement with professional organizations, we share the Sunshine Cottage experience with thousands of professionals every year.

Our seminars and workshops attract people from throughout the United States. Lead by experienced and skilled Sunshine Cottage professionals, these offerings directly help educators and provide an added investment for children with hearing impairment.

*A sampling of some of these efforts follows.*

## Educational Products

### Cottage Acquisition Scales for Listening, Language & Speech (CASLLS)



CASLLS is a theory-driven educational resource product created by Dr. Beth Wilkes used by educators and parents with children who are hearing impaired in order to monitor, assess and teach language, speech, and listening development. Presenters recently held workshops in Texas, New York, and California.



## Parent-Infant Program (PIP)

### A Sound Start

Many PIP families also receive services from local Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Agencies. In order to foster a team approach with these agencies, PIP advisors together with local school district teachers of the deaf conducted a training session entitled "A Sound Start" for ECI staff earlier this year. Topics included *Hearing vs. Listening and Understanding The Referral Process* for infants with hearing impairment. During the session demonstrations of hearing technology, techniques and resources were provided.



## Building Language Through Books

PIP staff is working in collaboration with Dr. Helen McCaffrey Morrison, Ph.D., CCC/A, LSLS Cert AVT, of Texas Christian University Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders on a research study to understand how to help parents read books to their infants and toddlers with hearing loss. The study works to increase the number of words parents use with their child while sharing a book. A grant from the Nathalie & Gladys Dalkowitz Charitable Trust provides families with book bags that contain five books, as part of the study every week.



## Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Conference

PIP staff, along with Dr. Morrison presented a poster session entitled Sound Beginnings: Coaching Families with LENA Feedback (LENA = Language ENvironment Analysis featured in the Fall Newsletter 2009) in Atlanta. The session received the Outstanding Poster Award in the category of Communication Methods.

## Speech Pathology Department

### A Box of Games!

"Just a Box of Games!," was presented using a variety of games that target specific language goals. Our speech pathologists led workshops at the 2010 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) annual convention and at the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (TSHA) annual convention in Houston

this year. More than 1500 speech pathologists attended the presentations. In addition the San Antonio Speech-Language-Hearing Association (SASHLA) invited Sunshine Cottage to present "Just a Bag of Tricks!" at their annual Fall conference demonstrating ways to elicit sounds, work on oral motor exercises and use music therapy in the classroom to emphasize oral motor movements and to produce early sounds.



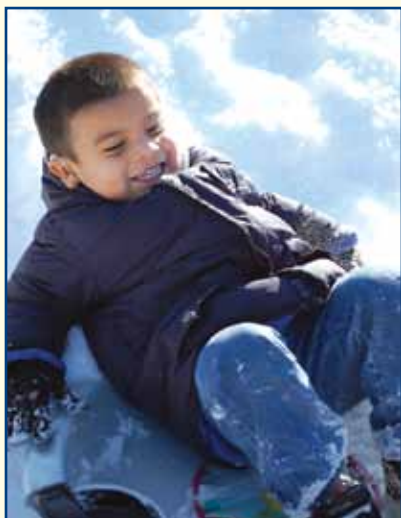
# Snow Plows In!

The Sunshine Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory for the area just north of downtown, specifically—Sunshine Cottage.

Students enjoyed the non-typical San Antonio snow learning about temperature and weather. Students frolicked in the white powder, building snowmen, sledding down a small slope and enjoying hot chocolate and smores.

The Weather Service expected 2-4 inches of snow on the grassy knoll on the eastside of campus—we got the first snow of the season, beating Mother Nature by one week!

More than 10,000 lbs. of snow (shaved ice from Pure Party Ice Company) fell.



**Learning while we frolic in the snow!**

# Yippee ki-yay City Slickers!

We KNOW how to rodeo at Sunshine Cottage!

February brings to mind many different things, but here at Sunshine Cottage, it's Cowboy Breakfast time! You may think this is a "miniature event"—and you are right, since our cowboys and girls range in age from 3 to 11 years old.

Students, faculty and staff got their "giddy up" on and enjoyed a traditional trail ride breakfast consisting of hotcakes, sausage, and biscuits n' gravy in celebration of the annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Cowboy Breakfast was sponsored by the San Antonio Junior League.

Our cowboys and girls enjoyed special tricks by both Grimmy the Clown and Pistol Packin' Paula.



# Boot Scootin' Alumni Reunion



Sunshine Cottage alumni were on campus kicking up their heels at the Boot Scootin' Reunion held in February. Alums from as far away as Maryland, California, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Indiana came to reminisce with Sunshine Cottage classmates from as far back as the late 1940s and 50s. As a memento, alums received Western-themed reunion t-shirts at registration.

Attendees enjoyed a barbecue dinner while listening to country music in the western decorated gym. Group pictures, taken in front of an old covered wagon and wild-west backdrop, will serve as reminders of the great time with friends. A slide show of classmates, teachers through the years, and the early days of technology captured everyone's attention. Pictures brought treasured memories of special events, costumes worn and parts played in the annual Christmas play.

Of course, tours of the beautiful new school building that sits on the hill overlooking downtown San Antonio were packed. Alumni and their families marveled at the large technology-updated classrooms. Alums also visited new booths available to accommodate the need for hearing tests, newborn evaluations, cochlear implant MAPPING, as well as the wing dedicated to the Parent-Infant Program.

It was a fun, heart-warming day blessed with friendships rekindled and memories revisited.



## Timely Topic

Dr. Teresa Caraway, CCC-SLP, LSLs Cert.AVT, was the guest speaker at the April 30th seminar titled: Timely Topics: Guiding and Coaching Parents in Intervention and Strategies for Bilateral Cochlear Implantation.

Dr. Caraway is the Co-Founder and the Executive Co-Director of Hearts for Hearing. A certified listening and spoken language specialist, Dr. Caraway served as the founding president of the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. She has previously served as a director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Auditory-Verbal International (AVI). Dr. Caraway is an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

The seminar was held at the University of Texas Health Science Center Central Campus.



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# Good Day Sunshine!



Third graders recently completed solar experiments that taught them how to garner energy from the sun to make electricity that was used to power a student constructed solar oven and solar water heater. In a rising temperature experiment, students quickly observed what happened when a solid, like chocolate, was placed in the oven.

A prekindergarten class joined the third graders who used heat from the sun to make a 50-foot plastic bag fly several feet off the ground, demonstrating how heat causes expansion and hot air rises. Students took a break from experimenting to enjoy running under the student-made, airborne obstacle course!

Using special eclipse dark glasses to look directly at the sun, students were able to see the sun in the middle of a sunny afternoon without damaging their eyes.



*Prek student language goals for this unit included the use of NEVER and ALWAYS—as in NEVER look directly into the sun. Third graders worked on direct objects, prepositional phrases, indefinite pronouns, questions, and the correct use of superlatives.*



San Antonio

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HEB Family Series

You are invited to  
Tchaikovsky – The Art of Sound  
concert, Sunday, May 22.

Conductor Ken-David Masur will take you on a musical fantasy tour of Peter Tchaikovsky's popular works ranging from *The Nutcracker* to *Romeo and Juliet*. The program will also feature the 2011 Future Star Competition Winner which highlights one of the area's most talented young musicians performing with the San Antonio Symphony. Pre-concert activities will include toy instrument making, instrument "petting zoo," and workshops. Proceeds will benefit Sunshine Cottage!

## Poets & Artists in Our Midst

The Laurel Crown Foundation "Awaken the Sleeping Poet" festival, held at the San Antonio Museum of Art, highlighted several Sunshine Cottage student's work.

Students read their favorite poem, or a poem they wrote, at the poetry festival. Artwork by three other students was selected to be on display.

Laurel, a first-grader, placed third place for a poem she wrote titled, "grass, brown" along with her drawing. Her winnings included a cash award for \$25, a trophy, and publication of her artwork and poem in the Dreamcatcher anthology.



grass, brown  
grass, brown  
raining down  
growing taller all around

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*Rosanne Prince, Au.D., visited campus recently to shadow our audiology staff and observe the daily processes that take place at Sunshine Cottage and in our Newborn Hearing Evaluation Center. Rosanne was also able to go into the classroom with Sunshine Cottage audiologists Emily Steen and Jean Boller to further observe and practice hands-on techniques for daily checks on student hearing aids, FMs and cochlear implants.*

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