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News Release

Donate Used Hearing Aids For Needy Children

(Salt Lake City, UT) – At this time of year we are often asked to dig deep down in our pockets and make a charitable contribution. This year, the Utah Department of Health would like you to make a charitable contribution by donating used hearing aids. Used hearing aids help hearing-impaired children and their families who cannot afford to purchase new aids. You can give the gift of hearing this holiday season by making a charitable contribution to the UDOH's Hearing Aid Recycling Program.

According to Katie Denter, UDOH Community Health Technician with Hearing, Speech and Vision Services, there are many useable hearing aids that are not being worn. "When people donate used hearing aids we clean, test, and if necessary, repair them," says Denter. Audiologists then fit the devices on hearing-impaired children. Qualified children 18 years of age and younger who are from financially needy families receive the aids free of charge. "Those who may not be able to pay for new hearing aids for their child should call us to find out if they qualify for recycled aids," adds Denter.

To donate hearing aids or to qualify for used ones, call Katie Denter, 801-584-8218, or write to Hearing, Speech and Vision Services, 44 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84113. People outside the Salt Lake City calling area may call 1-800-826-9662 and ask the receptionist for Hearing, Speech and Vision Services. Donors will receive a self-addressed, stamped, packing envelope in which to return the device. Included in the package is a letter from the UDOH acknowledging the contribution. Donated hearing aids may be considered a tax-deductible charitable contribution.

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