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A Gift of Hearing — Recycled Hearing Aids

(Salt Lake City, UT) - The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) needs used hearing aids to help hearing-impaired children in Utah and their families who cannot afford to purchase new ones. You can give the gift of hearing this holiday season by making a charitable contribution to the UDOH's Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP).

“There are many useable hearing aids that are not being worn,” according to Katie Denter, community health technician with the UDOH's Hearing, Speech and Vision Services. “When people donate used hearing aids we test them and, if necessary, repair them. We then fit them on hearing-impaired children under 18 years of age according to their need,” says Denter. Families who may not be able to pay for new hearing aids for their child should call the UDOH to find out if they qualify for the HARP Program.

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 area may call 1-800-826-9662 (Baby Your Baby Hotline) and the operator can transfer the call to Hearing, Speech and Vision Services. Donors will receive a self-addressed, stamped, packing envelope in which to return the aid(s). Included in the package is a letter from the program acknowledging the contribution. Donating hearing aids may be considered a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

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