



Quarterly Report April – June 2021

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Our Mission:

Guide By Your Side provides unbiased, emotional support and resources by trained Parent Guides to families with children who are deaf/hard of hearing.

Through IL Hands & Voices fundraising, personal donations and funding through the Illinois Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program; Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side is able to provide free services to families. Families can be referred to the program from providers or call directly to participate.

If you would like to refer a family, request brochures or make a donation please contact the GBYS Program Coordinator, Carrie Balian.

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 14 Parent Guides (PG)
 - Located throughout the state
 - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
 - Guides who are native Spanish speakers
 - Parent Guide who is Deaf

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Jan - Mar 2021 vs. Apr. - June 2021

	Jan – Mar.	Apr.-June
Birth-1 year old	80%	64%
1-2 years old	11%	19%
2-3 years old	3%	9%
3-6 years old	0%	4%
6 years and older	6%	4%

For quick access to our 5k information, scan the QR code with the camera app of your smartphone. It will automatically open and navigate you to the website. On the website you can buy 50/50 tickets, sign up to volunteer, make a donation and register to participate virtually or in person. All fundraising efforts go towards supporting our IL Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side program.



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SuperHEARo Dash

5K RUN/WALK

Saturday, August 28, 2021
Phillips Park—Aurora, IL

Packet Pick-Up 7:00 AM
Race Time 8:30 AM

- Vendors
- Kids Activities
- Medals
- 50/50 Raffle
- Lots MORE!!

SuperHEARo Kids Costume Contest!
Any child in costume is automatically entered to win!

Register at: [Raceroster.com](https://raceroster.com)

Race Registration \$35—Kids under 13 FREE

- Chipped Race Bibs
- FREE Gift for each runner/walker

<https://raceroster.com/events/2021/48387/superhearo-5k>

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All proceeds will help fund our Guide By Your Side program to benefit families in IL who have children who are deaf/hard of hearing.



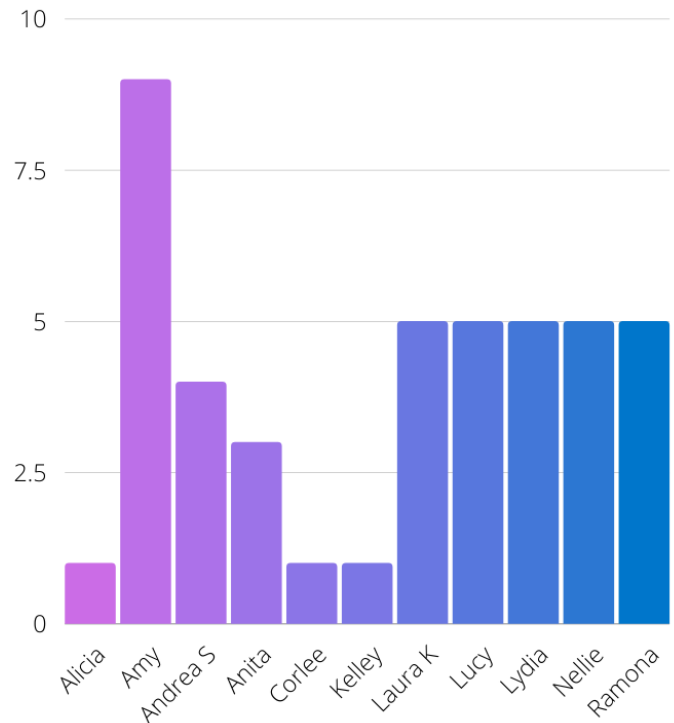
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- **89 Families referred; 47 Families matched**
25 unable to reach;
15 not interested;
2 no hearing loss
Families referred may opt out of participating or we may still be in the process of trying to reach them to enroll them within GBYS.
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 64% Birth-1 year old
 - 19% 1-2 years old
 - 9% 2-3 years old
 - 4% 3-6 years old
 - 4% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 31 families
 - Spanish – 8 families
 - Other – 1 family
 - Dual – 3 families
 - ASL – 4 families
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 27 males and 20 females
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 29 children
 - Unilateral – 16 children
 - AN – 2 children
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 20 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 19 children
 - Hereditary – 8 children
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 43% Caucasian (20 families)
 - 28% Latino (13 families)
 - 4% African American (2 families)
 - 4% Pacific Islander (2 families)
 - 21% Multiracial (10 families)

- **Amplification Status** at time of enrollment in GBYS:
 - Has amplification – 14 families
 - No amplification at enrollment – 21 families
- **EI Status** at time of enrollment in GBYS:
 - Enrolled in EI – 9 families
 - Not enrolled in EI – 10 families
 - Pending enrollment – 14 families
 - Aged out of EI – 2 families
 Pending enrollment means that the family has had contact with EI and is working through the enrollment process.

Parent Guide Matches

April - June 2021



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