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Bal des Berceaux

May 9, 2014

Program

7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

8:00 p.m.

National Anthems

Francesca Quintero, US National Anthem

Kristina Alexandra Makarian, French National Anthem

Welcome

Marguerite Mangin

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and

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"Children Come First Award" Presentation to

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Presentation of the 2014 Debutantes

Choreography by David Armstrong

Dinner-Dance

Lester Lanin Orchestra

10:00 p.m.

Live Auction and

Drawing of the Raffle

Auctioneer: Nicholas Lowry, Swann Galleries

11:00 p.m. – 1 a.m.

After-Party



Dear Friends,

It is with honor that Baccarat accepts recognition by the French-American Aid for Children for our continued partnership, spanning over 60 years. This longstanding partnership stems from a shared core value of positively affecting change in the lives of underprivileged children throughout the US and France. We are thrilled to be invited to participate in the *Bal des Berceaux*—supporting this immensely important philanthropic event is a testament to our stance on social responsibility and community.

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On behalf of the global Baccarat team, we graciously thank the French-American Aid for Children for giving us the opportunity to get involved with this incredible event. We would also like to thank all of the sponsors and participants for your continued support of the French-American Aid for Children's mission, as stated: "Children Come First." To another 60 years!

Sincerely,

Michelle Klein
President & CEO, the Americas



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French-American Aid for Children is composed of a hundred Foreign and American members who bring forward a 74 year-old tradition of supporting underprivileged children in both the US and France. Our all-volunteer organization was originally dedicated to helping French orphans and families of prisoners of war. After World War II, the focus of this New York-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization became children's welfare, with aid extended to American and French charities. The longevity of the organization is a testimony to the friendship and cooperation between France and America, to the devotion of its all-volunteer membership, and to the loyalty of outstanding corporate supporters over the many decades. A Board of Directors governs the organization whose current President is Mrs. Marguerite Mangin. Every fundraiser is produced entirely by its volunteers and all Officers and Directors serve part-time, without compensation.

WHAT WE DO

Our fundamental mission is funding and monitoring specific projects undertaken by selected American and French children's charities to address issues in health care, education and the prevention of child abuse. Each charity we assist is dedicated to helping children heal, regain hope and confidence, and get a fresh start in life. We always ensure that funds we donate are earmarked for designated projects and must provide aid to children and not be heavily subsidized by public funds. We are pleased to state that we distribute 100% of our net proceeds every year. The Bal des Berceaux is our main fundraiser. Dating back to 1942, this elegant benefit originally raised funds for a children's orphanage named Les Berceaux de Rouen. We also organize a festive holiday cocktail party at the French Consulate that features a Silent Auction.

WHO BENEFITS

In the US:

The Children's Storefront: a private, tuition-free school in Harlem with programs from pre-school to 8th grade.

The Children's Village: a residential care and treatment center for neglected, battered and abused children in judicial care, reeducating families to help reintegrate children back into a safe home life.

Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club: an after-school activity center in the Bronx where teens and youngsters learn to recognize and develop their potential.

In France:

France Parrainages: an organization purely dedicated to the sponsoring of children in need. It places children at risk in their fragile environment with supporting host families.

La Société de Charité Maternelle de Paris: an organization providing emergency help to mothers and children in need, and supporting a children's hospital specialized in Pediatric Cardiology.

A.L.P.C.: an association that fights social exclusion of deaf children by making oral and written French language accessible.

Tête en l'Air: a parents association that counsels families whose children have been operated and monitored in Neurosurgery.



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History and Purpose of French-American Aid for Children



FAAFC Founder, Mrs. Leonard Smith

Today, French-American Aid for Children (FAAFC) celebrates 75 years of international charitable work. Founded in 1939 by Mrs. Leonard B. Smith, the Committee of French-American Wives was composed of French women living in New York married to American citizens and women supporting a French war relief cause.

Through Mrs. Smith's friendship with Anne Morgan, chairman of the Coordinating Council of War Relief Agencies, a Francophile and daughter of J. P. Morgan, Mrs. Smith was able to establish contact with the Quakers (American Friends Service Committee) and the American Red Cross working in Europe.

The group sent over 1000 war relief parcels to French prisoners of war. With the Liberation, thousands more packages were sent to Europe. A mobile x-ray machine was bought and sent to Europe. During that time, a number of organizations seeking funds for charitable purposes to France and England used the Committee as a resource. For her remarkable efforts, in 1950, France decorated Mrs. Smith with the insignia of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Loyal to their adopted country and concerned about the ravages of war, the committee was granted license no.184 by President Franklin Roosevelt's War Relief Control Board, and operated under strict government control.

After the war, the group recognized a continuing need to raise money for relief organizations through private, volunteer efforts. Its aim was always to aid well-established relief organizations and to answer appeals, wherever they might come from, in times of emergency. In 1988, the Committee was renamed the French-American Aid for Children, and continued to pursue its charitable goals. Over the last 75 years, FAAFC has provided funding to either French or American organizations dedicated to children, that amounted to several million dollars.

Today, FAAFC is composed of over one hundred foreign and American members, who take great pride in helping to support thousands of underprivileged children both in the US and France. The group is still in operation seventy-five years later, as a tax-exempt organization. The Bal des Berceaux, created in the 1940's, is the group's major annual fund raising event.



1939-40 Simone Smith, Henriette Hollander and Martha Baldwin

Last year, FAAFC contributed to children affected greatly by Hurricane Sandy. In 2012, former FAAFC President, Diane Ackerman received the French Legion of Honor award, in part for her work for FAAFC. In 2011, President Marguerite Mangin and former Ball Chairman Beatrice Dupont were awarded the French Legion of Honor.

Message from our President, Marguerite Mangin

Welcome to the 73rd annual Bal des Berceaux! Tonight we celebrate our lovely debutantes and their parents, our honoree Baccarat, and all our donors, guests and FAAFC members who have helped to make this evening a great success. Your presence is a testimony to your interest in supporting children's causes, and your generosity will improve the lives of innumerable youngsters here and in France.

Founded in 1939 as a war-relief effort, the Bal des Berceaux began as a small dinner organized by French and American women volunteers to raise funds for children in need. 75 years later, we are proud to say that our women volunteers are still helping underprivileged children and that our annual ball is a large and exciting fundraiser.

We aim to create an event to not only entertain but to also illustrate the work of the French-American Aid for Children. Your financial support provides critical funding for our community programs right here in New York and abroad in France. It is particularly heartwarming to be able to count on your loyal support. At FAAFC we closely monitor specific earmarked projects. We also encourage the creation of new projects, providing seed money for life changing programs in health, education and social services.



Marguerite Mangin with her two grandsons, Lucas & Léopold, I-r

I am proud and happy to follow in the footsteps of such great recent FAAFC Presidents as Imssy Klebe and Diane Ackerman and to work with my wonderful chairs, Véronique Bich and Elisabeth Cros.

In the following pages, the editorials coordinated by Liane McAllister showcase the seven handpicked organizations in the US and in France that FAAFC currently supports. Please review them to learn more about our charities' impactful activities.

I know I can count on you to make our motto "Children Come First" come true.

Thank you for your generosity.
Merci de tout cœur et bonne soirée!



May 2002 (L-R) Consul General of France Mr. Richard Duque, Imssy Klebe, Patricia Ratut, Odile Longchamp, Honoree Albina du Boisrouvray, Sharon Buntain and Edith de Montebello

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Mrs. Martin S. Ackerman (Diane)	2008 – 2010
Mrs. Joerg Klebe (Imssy)	2010 – 2013
Mrs. Charles Henri Mangin (Marguerite)	2013 – Present

Precious Memories and Steadfast Devotion to Children's Causes

Madame Eliane Bulkley



Eliane & Jon Bulkley, London, 1995

"I have very fond memories of my four years as president from 1984-1988. It was a time of redefining our *raison d'être* and making sure that the *Bal des Berceaux* would continue to be glamorous in addition to increasing funds for our charities.

"Getting ready for the ball was a great opportunity to develop camaraderie. It was a busy, sometimes frenetic effort for several months, getting ads for the program, prizes for the raffle, debutantes, invitations, etc. A particularly fun occasion was pre-sampling the menu together, served by the Chef himself in the Plaza Hotel's basement kitchen --- with the right wine of course!

"1980 was another wonderful memory for me. I co-chaired the New York Junior League Ball, where Marina de Brantes, who then owned the bistro Le Coup de Fusil and who was also a FAAFC member, provided the catering.

"Being president was a lot of work. You have to want that job and be fully dedicated. We had to make sure that our charities were relevant and split evenly between France and the United States. We were always trying to get better, especially in fund-raising. It was worth the effort.

"In 1990, and for the next ten years, we started our multinational ambulatory life as Jon worked for U.S.A.I.D. and we were sent to Warsaw, Moscow, Tbilisi, Mumbai and Cairo. In 2001, we retired to Florida. I miss FAAFC and its members. However, I am comforted to know that our current membership is dedicated to its continuing success and to helping our charities. We must constantly update our mission, perhaps expanding to French-speaking nations. There is so much poverty in other places. Where are the poor children? Priorities change and the charities should be reassessed on a regular basis."

Madame Ghislaine Somnolet



"A French-American group was just my cup of tea when I moved to New York City, starting in 1980 as the mother of debutante Karine Somnolet. My youngest daughter, Juliette Somnolet, was a debutante in 2000 with her great friend, Victoria Chappell.

"During my presidency from 1988 to 1992, we changed our name to French-American Aid for Children. I found it was important to create a good *esprit de corps* and to let everyone have a role. You have to be well organized and adaptable and to have a lot of contacts. I had the support of my husband, Michel Somnolet, a longtime senior executive with L'Oréal.

"It was the group as a whole that made the success of the 'Bal'. Another fundraiser we started for a time with the help of Danièle Pollitz was called Gourmet's Choice. Different chefs such as Jean-Georges Vongerichten and Daniel Boulud came and created interesting dishes. In 1989 it was held at Christie's and in 1990 at the Park Avenue Armory at 66th Street. It was a lot of fun.

"The relationship with the charity organizations is very important, how to find them, how to support them, to speak with them and to visit them in France and the United States. For the future, it's also important to engage the young in charitable work, even though most of them work.

"My granddaughters, Alexandra and Carla Somnolet, were debutantes at the 'Bal' in 2006 and 2008, respectively. I was present each time and it was very touching to see these young ladies make their debut. It was also great to see the continuity of this organization. Last summer, Carla volunteered for the Children's Village. I hope that one day, my two other granddaughters, Audrey Galléan and Alyssa Somnolet, will become debutantes at the 'Bal'."



Bal des Berceaux 2000, L-R: Karine and Christophe Galléan, Michel and Ghislaine Somnolet, Juliette Somnolet, Marc and Margarita Somnolet.

Two Sisters Celebrate a Debutante Tradition And a Legacy of French-American Friendship

Two sisters, Selby Drummond, 2005 debutante, accessories editor, *Vogue Magazine*; and Lucy Drummond, 2008 debutante, arts and media research assistant, New York University, share their past debutante experience and how it continues to impact their lives today.

Selby, 2005 debutante: "At first I was dressing up for my Mom, then it was a Cinderella moment, captured in glamorous pictures and memories, an experience more sophisticated and civilized than my high school graduation. My horizons expanded to see a whole new part of New York City, the world of French expatriates and dignitaries. I realized the FAAFC was really a bridge between two cultures.

"Later on, I learned more about the French-American Aid for Children's mission to raise money for the charities. The debutante participation was really the centerpiece for getting the word out to help raise these funds. I quickly grew to love the charity, especially as I grew up in a household that is used to giving back. For a couple of years I chaired the Ball after-party and have been a frequent speaker at the debutante teas. The FAAFC is such a loving group of women who put so much of their time and resources into this. What keeps me involved is being part of this amazing group of beautiful, generous-hearted individuals. If I have a daughter in the future I would like her to come out. It's wonderful to have traditions passed down from generation to generation."



Former FAAFC debutantes, Selby and Lucy Drummond

Lucy, 2008 debutante: "I wanted to come out because my older sister had been a debutante. The whole atmosphere seemed so fun and luxurious.

"Looking back on my debutante experience, I realize it was a rite of passage, a coming of age into womanhood. It was a special community event for kids of the same age. If I have a daughter one day, I would love her to come out!"

Deborah Jackson, Former Debutante Committee Chairman and Debutante Mother:

"My entire family and many relatives were moved when Selby and Lucy were announced at the Bal des Berceaux with a description of their lives thus far. I had tears in my eyes. For each one of my two daughters it became a time to celebrate them. There are so few occasions in life that are connected to history and tradition and these experiences are high points in life and special for everyone involved. In heading the debutante committee, I shared moments of laughter and fun with other moms, which contributed to the whole experience. Being part of FAAFC with its important work of helping children and also strengthening the relationships with women in France and the U.S. is vitally important in our global society."



FAAFC Thanks its Children's Charities for the Incredible Work they are Doing!

FAAFC Funds are Always Earmarked:

Children's Storefront: Early literacy program for Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade

Children's Village: Project Impact parent training program includes programs for fatherhood, anger management, mother's self esteem, and "Baby and Me" for moms with kids 3-years-old and under

Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club: Education programs at the Coudert Clubhouse: Homework Help, Computer Literacy, Science & Book Clubs, and Arts Programs. Special emphasis on immigrant children

France Parrainages: Locating and setting up new "godparents" for children in France

Charite Maternelle: Purchase of central infinity system to monitor young post-surgery patients

Tête en l'air: Research to identify and relay information on needs of patients with cerebral shunts

A.L.P.C.: Summer term camp for deaf teens; summer conferences and workshop for parents and children; and filming of promotional video clips on the unique A.L.P.C. teaching methods for deaf children

Parent Dana A., whose daughter Xaria H. is in pre-kindergarten:

"Since starting at The Storefront, we have definitely seen changes in Xaria. She is more eager to learn, and whenever she gets a chance she picks up a book, creates a story and imitates her daily school lessons.

"I can go on for days in regards to the benefits of the school. Both Xaria and I have benefited from the small community setting. I feel a close-knit relationship between myself, my child and The Storefront faculty. I truly know and feel that when I drop Xaria off daily, she is in a safe learning environment.



"I feel that the sky's the limit for Xaria. With the excellent educational experience at The Storefront, she will be prepared to enter any school setting with confidence."

Head pre-kindergarten teacher Schenelle Henry:

"I believe early childhood education, pre-kindergarten in particular, prepares urban students with the foundational skills they will use throughout their academic careers. In pre-school we learn through play, which makes the learning experience fun and tangible for our students.

"The children are excited about attending The Storefront. After teaching children for over nine years one thing I always keep in mind is how different and special each child is. There are some students who enter my classroom with a smile and an even bigger hello, ready to begin their day. And then there are others who may take a little longer to warm up. Overall, the children show that they enjoy attending The Storefront through their engagement, interactions with their peers and by the way they take ownership of their classroom and school community.



"Compared to where I've taught before, at The Storefront there are more efforts put towards family and student services. I find that I am more involved in the lives of students and their families. I've also become more resourceful in these past two years as funds or materials may not always be readily available. We make do with what we have and sometimes it turns out to be even better than I had imagined.

"My hope for my students is that they have a strong sense of self and service to others. I hope they are passionate about whatever they choose to do in life, and that they explore, discover, and take advantage of all that life has to offer."

Editor's Note: Since 2001, 95% of Storefront alumni have graduated from high school compared to 50% in our Harlem community. 88% of our 2013 graduates are attending quality private or parochial schools with the balance attending competitive high schools.

"Remember, you are lovable and capable and you can do it," says Donald Somerville, Senior Family Services Coordinator at The Children's Village (CV), on his voicemail message. Donald leads the I.M.P.A.C.T. program at CV, Interventions to Maintain Parents And Children Together, which helps parents who have lost their children to foster care.

The goals of the program are to:

- Help birth parents get help to overcome their personal problems surrounding abuse, neglect, and delinquency;
- Assist parents in dealing with the anger, guilt, and trauma that results from having their children taken away;
- Encourage parents to advocate for their interests and understand their rights;
- Create a network of parents who can share experiences and offer each other support; and
- Forge a positive partnership between birth parents and CV staff.



I.M.P.A.C.T. graduates with their diplomas



Angelo, a determined parent in I.M.P.A.C.T.'s Fatherhood program

"Once an I.M.P.A.C.T. parent, always an IMPACT parent," said parent advocate Maria Centeno to the students in her parenting skills class. Maria is speaking from experience. She used to be in their seats, having lost her children to foster care due to her drug addiction. Maria has successfully reunited with her kids and was trained as a Parent Advocate, helping other parents navigate the system, teaching I.M.P.A.C.T. courses, and serving as a role-model.

"You need to own this process. You need to see the changes you can make to get your children back. You are becoming a better parent because you are willing to change," Maria instructed her class. On the board she had written and underlined "Learn to be calm".

Maria's class is at least 25% filled with men who are part of I.M.P.A.C.T.'s Fatherhood program. Angelo's 15-year old son was placed at CV's Campus by Angelo's ex-wife. Months went by before Angelo, who was receiving in-patient substance abuse treatment, learned that his son was no longer living at home. "I felt guilty that my life wasn't together enough to take him, but I know it's for the best. I

thank God that my son ended up at a great place like CV." Angelo is voluntarily taking parenting classes and visits with his son on weekends. His goal is to find an apartment where his son can live with him. "It's a process to rebuild our relationship and it's not going to happen overnight. We went to church together last Sunday."

Editor's note: During the past year, Project I.M.P.A.C.T. provided skills classes, workshops, support groups and/or trips to 228 parents, each with 2-3 children, totaling approximately 800 people served annually. 86% of the parents who entered skills classes received their certification, which is an important step toward getting their children returned.



(l to r) Esme Adusei age 14, Baffour Adusei age 12, and Michael Revilla age 12, in the bright and comfortable education center of the Frederic R. & Margaret Coudert Clubhouse whose programs are faithfully supported by French-American Aid for Children.

Esme Adusei, above left, is an outgoing 9th grader who likes science and math and maintains a 91% GPA. She comes to Kips Bay almost every day, often doing her science and ELA homework on-line in the education center computer lab. A child of immigrants to the USA from the African country of Ghana, Esma wants to be a doctor because "you do good for people". At Kips Bay, she says, "I have people here I can talk with and express my feelings with".

average in 7th grade at CIS 303 in the Morris Heights section of the Bronx. After school he can usually be found at our Coudert Clubhouse where he says he comes every day the club is open. His favorite activities are learning computers and playing basketball. Our staff, he says, "are friendly and help you with problems in everyday life".

Soft spoken **Baffour Adusei**, Esme's brother, above center, likes math and maintains a 90%

Michael Revilla has come to Kips Bay year-round – after-school and summer day camp – for 2 years. He says: "I'm trying to stay focused in school, on my grades, going to high school and graduating". His favorite subject is math and he wants to work in technology, computers and/or music.



Computer Literacy Class at the Coudert Clubhouse

Kristen Rosado (not pictured), age 15, comes from a Kips Bay family, her dad having attended as a child, and her older sister being a member since the age of 7. A sophomore at Cathedral High School in Manhattan, Kristen maintains a GPA of 96% and is a Kips Bay scholarship recipient. How does this young lady look at the world? Says Kristen: "Take the world as it is, but strive to improve it."

Editor's note: On Kips Bay's 2013 Outcome Measurement Report a sample of 120 Coudert Clubhouse youngsters outperformed their School District 9 grade level peers on the ELA and math scores on the New York State annual standardized testing. Fifty-five percent (55%) of enrollees' parents were born outside of the US, not including Puerto Rico.



Former General Director of France Parrainages Anne-Valérie Triboulot and current Co-Director Sophie Charro described the activities of their charity that mentors children in need. The help provided to these children entails a long-term mentoring project in which an adult helps a child to grow up, in France or abroad. The bond created between the godparent and the godchild is the foundation for the child to thrive and a source of rich exchange for both the child and the adult.

«With a godparent at their side, children can enrich their life's story, learn, discover new horizons, open up to others, and flourish. In a word: grow up! »

Children share moments of happiness with their mentor outside of their usual unstable home environment and live a real childhood. The mentoring program helps children to prepare for their adult life, and to find the stability and support that will help them realize their potential. For parents the mentoring is a chance to see their child opening up to new people, new ways of life, and new experiences. For the children, the mentoring process offers new emotional bonds, educational and cultural exposure, and the companionship of a person who listens with kindness and compassion.

« In this process, values are being transmitted: to give, to receive, to give back again; these are the fundamental principals of godparenting. »

Through all the shared activities an exchange of values takes place that impacts the child's development: going for a walk, reading stories, going shopping, sharing a meal with a family, going to museums, going on a boat ride, studying, exercising, watching a football game. All of these experiences teach kids how to interact and share! If parents allow it and take part in it, some godparents help supervise the child's homework and sometimes get very involved in their godchild's studies.

« While godparenting usually takes place with children aged six-twelve, numerous godchildren and godparents continue their relationship with each other throughout the lifetime of the godchildren », confides Anne-Valerie Triboulot. It is the most beautiful success, which encourages the charity to develop mentoring for more children. Today, 12,000 children are mentored through France Parrainages in 14 different countries, 450 of which are in France. We can only hope to see these numbers grow in order to meet the needs of thousands of children for whom mentoring would mean a better chance for a bright future.





Charité Maternelle de Paris : Helping Children Suffering from Heart Disease and Young Mothers in Need

Charité Maternelle de Paris has existed since 1784 as an organization to help abandoned children and mothers with limited resources. Through the years, the activity of this organization has evolved while remaining focused on the needs of children born into families having financial and social difficulties. It's been a number of years now that this charity focuses on two main activities. The medical center in Les Loges en Josas - le Centre des Côtes - is focused on treating young children suffering from heart disease, whose families cannot afford medical treatment. The social activity of Charité Maternelle de Paris is located in the city center of Paris, where a number of volunteers provide help to disadvantaged families having newborns and young babies.



The Centre des Cotes, the medical center of Charité Maternelle de Paris, treats babies and children suffering from severe heart diseases

The Centre des Cotes welcomes children from newborns to the age of 18. Most of them have been diagnosed with a congenital heart defect or cardiac arrhythmia. Some of the children also come to this organization to recover from significant pediatric cardiac surgery. Hospitalization periods vary from one week to several years. All of the people working there as well as the volunteers focus on following the children through their recovery. In addition to providing excellent care, their main objective is to help children heal in a loving and caring environment.



The social center of Charité Maternelle de Paris assists families with newborns and no financial resources

Over the past 230 years, the organization has been helping families in need who have newborns and young babies. They operate a social center which provides diapers and formula, as well as psychological and legal support to those families having severe financial difficulties. Unfortunately, given the economic environment, the number of families visiting the center is growing every day, and there are now more than 200 families a week coming to the center for aid.

French American Aid for Children has supported this organization for a number of years. Thanks to our donations in the past, the medical center was able to build a facility to house parents during a child's medical stay, purchase a mini-bus to transport the children and add an activity center for the children to house their physical therapy and enhance their recovery.



Vital Support To Young Brain Surgery Patients and Their Parents

Association Tête en l'air was created in the late '90s to bring information and support to children who have undergone traumatic brain surgery and to their parents. This is vitally important as many of the patients may have residual problems which require long-term follow up, medication and treatment.

Initially affiliated with the Necker Hospital in Paris, Association Tête en l'air is now working with other hospitals in France.

The main goals are

- To inform
- To support
- To alert

This program has been created by parents and former patients and is unique across France. In order to reach their target goals, several initiatives have been spearheaded by the volunteers of Association Tête en l'air:

- On-site breakfast every Saturday morning for the families whose children are at the hospital for brain surgery: nearly 600 people are treated each year
- A hotline for children and parents
- A newsletter twice a year, sent to more than 2,000 families per year
- An updated web site



A.L.P.C. is the National Association for the Development and Promotion of the "Langue Parlée Complétée", the French branch of the "National Cued Speech Association".

Here is a little fairy tale for you to understand what LPC/CS is, and created to make people understand why just "missing some cells in the ear" can lead to such an intellectual, cultural and social disability if there is no LPC/CS.

Once upon a time, a young couple, Pierre and Marie, gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl, Sophie. They were very happy to have such a quiet baby, but at the age of nine months, Sophie became even quieter and stopped prattling. Sophie was diagnosed as deaf.

Pierre and Marie were not that pleased to think that their cute baby Sophie might look like old Aunt Hortense with her hearing aids and her endless misunderstanding of words...

They did not even realize that their baby would not be able to hear the spoken language and so would not be able to repeat words and to re-use them to create sentences...

When they realized that Sophie would be mute, they thought she would learn language through books!

But they did not realize either that to read is just to recognize in the written language the words you have already learned from the spoken language...

Suddenly Pierre and Marie realized that Sophie absolutely needed to learn her language "in vivo", from the spoken language. They thought Sophie would lip-read and learn the language with her eyes instead of with her ears! They suddenly realized that many different sounds of the language are invisible (such as R/K/G...) or have the same lip shape (such as M/P/B...)... They were wondering how to perfectly lip-read in order not to mix up or miss any sound of the language.

Pierre and Marie felt desperate...

With baby Sophie curled up in their arms, they started to wander around from doctors to speech therapists, and came back after a while with two options for their deaf baby: "Sign Language" which is absolutely wonderful as a "foreign language" and as such, can only be translated but not written; and LPC/CS which, thanks to some little movements near the speaker's lips, makes all sounds of the language visible on the lips without any ambiguity and offers to any deaf child the opportunity to enrich his language following the same cognitive process as hearing children.



Pierre and Marie started to cue LPC/CS with Sophie and she began to blossom!

Sophie followed the same curriculum as her hearing peers. She "only" used to have a "cueing shadow teacher" and to attend speech therapy sessions while her friends attended their music lessons...

Today, Sophie is a bilingual international lawyer thanks to LPC/CS! She is also a competitive swimmer and an endless traveller, and she uses Spanish or Sign Language with her different friends and colleagues.

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Ned believed passionately in the children. He was filled with rage at a world that refused to provide what they needed and deserved. His goal was to give them hope and love and confidence, and a solid education. He did, he has: The Garden and The Children’s Storefront are proof of his success.



At what moment in the life of a child is the die cast? The act of teaching is an act of faith in the infinite wisdom and inquiry in the life of every child.
-Ned O’Gorman



Ned had an enduring impact not only on his students but on all who worked with him. After Ned, we never looked at the world in the same way: he changed forever our view of right and wrong, of American society and our responsibility as part of it. He changed the course of many of our lives.

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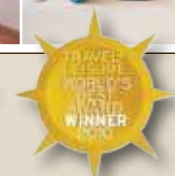
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