



Young Ladies' Grand Institute

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My dear Y.L.G.I. Sisters,

As the chairman of the Grand Presidents Program, I wanted to touch base with all the institutes. I hear amazing things are happening with Julie's program "Silent Voices Heard." Thank you all for your support of her program. I am sure you have noticed there are many areas that this program expands too. I can't wait to find out what your institute has been doing. This program affects all of us. We all know someone who has hearing loss, maybe it is you? As you research, I am sure you are surprised at all you are learning. Information that you never realized existed. What an "Hear Opener", right?

Institutes have had guest speakers and made donations in various areas to help with communication, education and awareness. One institute donated money to a Deaf High School to help with expenses. The high school even has a football team. One District attended a Deaf Mass - what an amazing experience.

I cannot wait to "hear" all about your efforts. Soon you will be getting a form to record all your efforts. If you haven't yet started, it is never too late! Find a local school or local college who is doing hearing checks and volunteer, use your imagination to find ways to support the program. I know we can get 100% participation.

With Sisterly Love,

Debbie Shimaoka
Grand President Program Chairman