

Sound Start Babies Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$3,500 Grant

Sound Start Babies has been awarded \$3,500 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., through a program called *2 Million & Change* that allows Staples associates around the globe to direct donations in the total amount of about \$2 million each year.

The Sound Start Babies Foundation is so thankful for the support provided by Staples to help us meet our mission to provide life-changing therapy for babies and toddlers with hearing loss. We strive to keep pace with advancements in technology and to provide therapies that allow our Babies to lead limitless lives. Sound Start Babies helps over 60 babies who are deaf or hard of hearing each year and our list and their needs are constantly growing. Thank you Staples for your help.

Created in 2012, the *2 Million & Change* program is a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations of their choosing that are focused on education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2015, associates globally directed more than \$2.5 million of Staples Foundation grants to 875 non-profit organizations.

“For 30 years, Staples associates have been making a difference in their communities around the world,” said Regis Mulot, executive vice president, human resources, Staples, Inc., “We’re thrilled that the *2 Million & Change* program lets our associates make an even greater impact on the organizations they are passionate about.”