

The Town Club of Mountain Lakes Awards Grant to Sound Start Babies

Mountain Lakes, NJ-- The Sound Start Babies Foundation in Mountain Lakes, NJ is pleased to announce that the organization has been awarded a grant from The Town Club of Mountain Lakes. The \$943 grant will help fund cutting edge technology and services offered to babies who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Town Club of Mountain Lakes has generously made contributions to Sound Start Babies for several years.

About Sound Start Babies

The mission of the Sound Start Babies Foundation is to support families of babies with hearing loss during the most critical years of brain development—birth to age 3—regardless of their financial status with identification, evaluation, therapeutic intervention and education. The Sound Start Babies Program offers babies with hearing loss services and therapy to help them learn to listen, speak and communicate so they can lead a limitless life. This program is a leader in innovative approaches to maximize speech and language outcomes, including utilizing the LENA (Language ENvironment Analysis) system. Each year, at least 50-60 children and their families from 11 New Jersey counties receive individualized, comprehensive services provided in the family's home and/or in the nursery school, New Jersey's only full-day intensive and inclusive class for toddlers 18-36 months old. The program takes full advantage of the short window of opportunity for speech and language development by providing support services, family education and coordinating a multi-disciplinary team of early intervention specialists with expertise in working with young children with hearing loss.

About The Town Club of Mountain Lakes

Since 2005, The Town Club has awarded more than \$270,000 in grants to local organizations. Established in 1959, the Town Club's mission is to build and maintain a strong community. The club hosts several fundraising events throughout the year, chief among them the Mountain Lakes Holiday House Tour, which make the grant program possible. The Town Club is also a vibrant social club that welcomes newcomers and provides daytime and evening events where neighbors can get to know one another. Book Club and Dinner Club are just two of the popular activities. For more information visit townclubml.org.

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