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For Immediate Release:

Hearing Loss Association Honors Richard DeVos with Appreciation Award

An advocate for helping those with hearing loss, Richard DeVos made a donation in 2004 to the Hearing Loss Association of America to establish a new Grand Rapids Chapter (HLA-GR). DeVos, along with David Myers, author of "A Quiet World – Living in With Hearing Loss," and others who have championed the cause on behalf of those with hearing loss, will be honored at the HLA-GR 5th Anniversary Celebration on Monday, June 15 from 10 am – 12 Noon. This free event will be held in the International Ballroom at the JW Marriott on 235 Louis St. NW in Grand Rapids, and will include exhibitors involved with assisting those who suffer from hearing loss.

Organizers of this local chapter of the National Hearing Loss Association are excited to be bringing this caliber of talent and professional advocates for hearing loss to West Michigan., Vic Krause, Grand Rapids Chapter board member officer states, "We are so lucky to be working with so many wonderful people here in the Grand Rapids area. Hearing loss affects virtually everyone – whether they personally are affected with hearing loss or know of someone who has hearing loss. These champions have stepped up and have channeled their energy into helping others in dealing with these challenges."

Those attending this special event will have the opportunity to meet David Myers. Along with being a renowned author, Myers, who lives with hearing loss, is also committed to helping those with hearing loss by spearheading the new hearing loop technology, which broadcasts PA systems, TV and telephone sounds directly to hearing aids, doubling their functionality. Now available at DeVos Place and other public venues throughout the West Michigan area, attendees will have the chance to experience the hearing loop firsthand with personal demonstrations.

Also appearing at the HLA-GR 5th Anniversary Celebration will be Grand Rapids native, US Representative Vern Ehlers, co-sponsor of the Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act, State Representative, Joe Haveman, and William Berkeley – a motivational speaker who has scaled Mt. Kilimanjaro...and happens to be deaf and blind. Guests will also enjoy free refreshments and the sounds of an opera-trained vocal soloist. For more information on this free event, contact Juli Wiseman at (616) 855-2595 or juli@adshopetc.com.

Event Details

Hearing Loss Association – Grand Rapids Chapter
5th Anniversary Celebration
Monday, June 15
10 am – 12 Noon
JW Marriott International Ballroom
235 Louis St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI
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