

Showing Commitment to Our Profession

“NSSLHA Loves” Campaign Will Benefit New Scholarship Fund

The “NSSLHA Loves” campaign, which began in 1990 as a means for promoting civic and social responsibility, has raised close to \$200,000 to support the mission of 16 national organizations for people living with communication disorders. Local NSSLHA chapters across the nation host annual fundraising activities to raise money for these worthwhile causes. All donations raised by the local chapter go directly to the host organization. Past recipients are shown in the chart.

Our 2005-2006 recipient: the new NSSLHA Scholarship Fund

The Executive Council is pleased to announce that this year’s “NSSLHA Loves” campaign will raise funds to establish a NSSLHA Scholarship Fund. This fund, to be administered by the American Speech-Language Hearing Foundation (ASHFoundation), will award scholarships to students with national-level membership in NSSLHA.

“The NSSLHA Scholarship is an idea several years in the

making. It shows the strength of our organization and our commitment to improving opportunities for students preparing for careers in this profession. It also encourages the life-long commitment of students to supporting their professional foundation,” says Dr. Carlin Hageman, NSSLHA Executive Director. The Scholarship Fund is one of many initiatives in NSSLHA’s 2005-2007 Strategic Plan.

The Council is forming a committee to work through the logistics of the scholarship program, including guidelines and

2004–2005	National Organization for Rare Diseases	\$13,193.14
2003–2004	First Book	\$18,682.80
2002–2003	Communication Independence for the Neurologically Impaired	\$16,457.83
2001–2002	American Parkinson Disease Association	\$19,731.99
2000	American Society for Deaf Children	\$16,837.00
1999	The National Stuttering Project	\$14,000.00
1998	Pediatric AIDS Foundation	\$15,062.00
1997	National Stroke Association	\$11,892.00
1996	“Operation Smile” Campaign	\$7,250.89
1995	International Hearing Dogs, Inc.	N/A
1994	International Fluency Association	N/A
1993	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation	N/A
1992	Children’s Defense Fund	N/A
1991	Project Hermosillo, co-sponsored by the Arizona SLHA to aid children at the School for Hearing and Language in Sonora, Mexico.	N/A
1990	Charleston, South Carolina Speech and Hearing Center for Hurricane Hugo Disaster Relief	N/A

the application process. More information will be distributed as those details are finalized.

Fundraising for this campaign began July 2005 and will end June 30, 2006. NSSLHA chapters are encouraged to begin or accelerate fundraising for the Scholarship Fund now. If every

chapter sets a goal of \$500, the fund will be fully endowed and scholarships may be distributed as early as 2007.

Chapters that meet the goal will receive a certificate from the national office and special recognition in *NSSLHA Now*.

Your New Consultant-at-Large

Join Us in Welcoming Julie A. G. Stierwalt, Ph.D. to the Executive Council

Since completing her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa, Dr. Stierwalt has held academic positions at Missouri State University and is currently at Florida State University, where she teaches courses in Medical Speech Pathology, Dysphagia, Motor Speech Disorders, and Structural Based Communication Disorders.

Her areas of research interest include cognitive-linguistic interactions following neurotrauma or in progressive neurological conditions, the role of the tongue in speech production and swallowing,

assessment and treatment of dysphagia, and motor control of speech execution.

As NSSLHA’s Consultant-at-Large, Dr. Stierwalt will:

- Serve as a representative to the Executive Council from the profession.
- Edit the newsletter *NSSLHA Now*.
- Chair the NSSLHA Honors Committee and other ad hoc committees of the Council as assigned by the NSSLHA Executive Director.

Dr. Stierwalt assumed her position on July 1, 2005. Welcome, Julie!



Julie A.G. Stierwalt