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Dear Director:

Do you have consumers asking for help to get hearing aids, but you don't know where to find such assistance? We may have an answer for you.

The Hear Now Program of the Starkey Hearing Foundation may offer an answer to your need. The program has provided over 47,247 hearing aids to 27,500 individuals since 1999. Hear Now is a national program providing assistance, to those permanently living in the US, to acquire hearing aids through an application process. All applicants must meet the program's financial criteria, complete the application process and be approved for hearing aids. Verification of the applicant's financial situation and proof of a need for hearing aids are a part of the application process.

Hear Now works with licensed practitioners, in the applicant's area, willing to give of their time and talent to assist clients with the fitting and follow up processes. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the hearing evaluation and a nominal processing fee to the program. The recipient is also financially responsible for the cost of batteries and repairs. Once an application is approved, the aids are given to the applicant at no additional cost.

If this program sounds like an answer to your need to serve your clients, or if you want further information, please call the Hear Now program at 1-800-328-8602. We look forward to the opportunity to speak to you about the program and how we can serve you and your clients.

**Joanita Stelter, Program Coordinator
and the Hear Now Staff**