

# Research, Education, and Community Care, Since 1979.

"I can't help but thank the Ear Research Foundation from the bottom of my heart. I am being introduced to sounds I have been missing out on for years." - Pete, Help Us Hear Recipient

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Founded in 1979 by Herbert Silverstein, MD, [FACS](#), is a non-profit community foundation dedicated to research, education, and community care for hearing loss and balance disorders. The Foundation is committed to developing innovative micro-surgical procedures, treatments, and techniques for hearing loss and balance disorders. The Foundation provides instruction and support to physicians allowing them to utilize state-of-the-art treatments in their practices. The Foundation also provides public seminars to educate. We offer free hearing screenings and children's clinics to preschoolers in the local community. Our Help Us Hear program provides free hearing aids to low-income individuals. We provide lectures, webinars, and support groups open to any individual interested.

[The Ear Research Foundation](#) will be celebrating a momentous milestone in 2024, it will be our 50:50 Celebration, recognizing our founder practicing in Sarasota for 50 years, and our clinical fellowship program has trained 50 fellows.

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- 50 fellows trained in Otology/Neurology
  - 13 Virtual Webinars with 1,500 viewers from 27 countries and 32 states
  - Over 500 local preschoolers screened since 2022
  - Children's Hearing Clinic for children requiring additional testing and examination after initial hearing screening.
  - Early 2023, Concierge Hearing Devices became a division of the Ear Research Foundation
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