

# Warren Center

Summer 2008

## Successful Yard Sale We Raised Over \$2,000 Dollars THANK YOU!

It was a very wet day in late May when we held our yard sale; but we still had a fantastic turnout and raised over \$2,000 dollars for our youth programming.

Yard sale sponsors include **Merrill Bank, Parker K. Bailey/United Van Movers, the Bangor Daily News, and Cyr Bus Lines.** We received in kind donations from **Maine Equipment & Party Rental, Tim Hortons, Bailey's On Demand Storage and Shaws Supermarket.**



WZON's Bobby Russell with yard sale coordinator and Clinical Director Amy Bragg.



Warren Center Billing and Collection Specialist Natalie Binette helping one of many customers.

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## A Mom's Voice

Stories of One Mother  
With Hard of Hearing Children

By Deb Pinkham



This is perhaps the time of greatest hope for parents of school age children. "This will be the year he does his homework without fighting about it." (or) "This year I won't be driving to the school to drop off forgotten musical instruments, lunches, homework, sneakers, etc." I am sure all of us will be making a few extra, unexpected trips to our children's schools this year.

However, there are a few things we can do to help get the year off to a great start. Make sure all hearing aids and amplification equipment your child uses has been serviced over the summer. Also, call your child's school to verify that all FM systems are in and are charged for use on the first day of school. You can also set up an appointment to meet with this year's teacher during a school planned work day to ensure that he or she understands how to use the equipment, where it will be stored, what responsibilities are your child's and which are the teacher's in using and caring for the equipment. In addition, everyone involved in providing instruction to your child needs to know how to use the equipment and should have

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## From the Associate Director

MaryBeth Richards



It's August, and summer is winding down, the pool temperature is starting to cool down, and the back-to-school sales are in full force. It is time to think about getting ready to learn. Summer is a great time for relaxing and taking things easier, but as anyone who has recently helped their child with homework can confirm, school is hard work these days. Children really need to come to school ready to learn and be successful.

The website [school.familyeducation.com](http://school.familyeducation.com) has a checklist of skills that incoming kindergarteners should have before starting school, these skills include:

· Listen to stories without interrupting · Pay attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks · Begin to share with others · Start to [follow rules](#) · [Separate from parents](#) without being upset · Talk in complete sentences of five to six words · Look at pictures and then tell stories · Identify some [alphabet letters](#) · Sort similar objects by color, size, and shape · [Count to ten](#)

If your child has acquired most of the skills on this checklist and will be at least four years old at the start of the summer before he or she starts [kindergarten](#), he or she is probably ready for kindergarten.

If you have a child or know a child who is struggling with these skills, a speech and language evaluation may be the beginning of getting them on the path to school readiness. Early intervention is key to helping children get ready for school. Please feel free to contact your family physician or us at The Warren Center if you have any questions regarding your child's speech and language skills.

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Bargains abounded at the Warren Center's Annual Yard sale in May. It raised money for the Voices to Be Heard program which teaches the hard of hearing and deaf to speak.



Speech-Language Pathologist Gerry Gross busy at work sorting merchandise for sale. We had five BODS (Bailey's on Demand) storage units filled to the rim.

## New Staff Members



### Christine Probert

Christine joins the Warren Center as its new Client Coordinator, Speech Services. She is a 20 year veteran of the Navy who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Northwood University located in Midland, Michigan. Christine has two college age children and lives with her husband Don and two mini-dachshunds in Winterport.

## Ways of Giving

With each gift of money, time, or in-kind donations our supporters are making a difference in the lives of thousands of Mainers. There are many convenient ways to lend your financial support to the Warren Center's Annual Fund. All are tax-deductible. All will support the work we do throughout the year — and for years to come.

- Monetary Donation
- Donate a gift of **stock**.
- Give an **in-kind** gift.
- Give a **commemorative gift**
- Enroll in your employer's **workplace giving program**.
- **Volunteer** your time.

# Thank You For Donating to the Warren Center

Your support helps your friends and  
neighbors with communication disorders

April 1, 2008-July 31, 2008

## Annual Campaign

Neurology Associates of Eastern Maine,  
Maine Alpha Masters- Beta Sigma, Edric  
Starbird, Ester Bryson, Rodney Jacobs,  
Elizabeth Macinnes

### In Memory of Max Matijczyk

American Legion Corinna Post No. 73 ,  
Evangeline Matijczyk, Helen Baker, Bernard  
Davis, Norman Patridge, Miriam King, Mary  
Perkins

## In Kind Donations

Steve Silcochs, Pauline Barron, Melinda &  
John Wentworth, Speech Pathologist Gerry  
Gross donated two books to the Warren  
Center in honor of her departure and new  
position at the Etna-Dixmont Schools: Duck  
on a Bike and My Truck is Stuck!.

## ReHAB Donations

Archie L'Heureux, Gloria Harrington,  
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## Voices to Be Heard Donations

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Edna Montgomery, Tristan & MaryBeth Richards



**Congratulations  
Dr. Amanda  
Samoluk, Dr.  
Kim Starkey, and  
support staff The  
Best of The Best.**

Clinical Director of Audiology Amanda Samoluk,  
Au.D. receives an award from Ed Morin for being the  
best hearing aid fitter in the Greater Bangor Area.

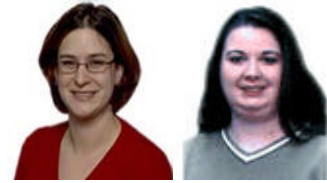
## Annual Campaign

It is the beginning of a new fiscal year.  
Watch for mailings on this year's Annual  
Campaign and your chance to win beautiful  
**ART** as you help support vital  
programming at the Warren Center.

**Mission Statement:** The Warren Center for Communication & Learning provides  
evaluations, therapies and technologies in the areas of speech, language development and hearing to  
the children and adults of Eastern and Central Maine.



# Ask The Audiologist



**I only have difficulty hearing the television, is it time for hearing aids?**

Some people who are experiencing problems with only the telephone or television are not ready for hearing aids. In this instance assistive listening devices may be more appropriate. Television ears or similar devices allow you to adjust the volume to best meet your needs, without blasting out the rest of the family. In-line amplifiers are available at a fraction of the cost and can be used to independently adjust the volume of the telephone. Even if you are struggling in very specific listening situations consult with your audiologist regarding assistive listening devices.

*Written by Warren Center Audiologist Dr. Amanda Samoluk, CCC-A & Dr. Kim Starkey, CCC-A*



TV Ears™ TV Listening System .  
TV Ears eliminates loud TV that disturbs others and lets you listen at your own volume.



Clarity Ameriphone XL40 Amplified Telephone. Large buttons and amplified sound to help you hear your family members and friends on the other end of the phone.

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the opportunity to ask questions about its use as well as try it out in order to understand how it works. Having a plan in place and knowing who is responsible for troubleshooting and making the decision about when equipment needs to be repaired is essential. Let the contact person know you want to be contacted when equipment is not functioning properly and needs to be repaired. Also, assure the teacher that you will fulfill your responsibilities as the child's parent and that you are always available to answer questions or provide information about your child's current level of hearing. Open communication between the teacher and the parents is crucial to your child's success this school year.

I have found the following web site extremely helpful, both as a parent and as a teacher. This site contains useful, easily readable information as well as checklists for the teacher, parent, and the student. Have a wonderful school year.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/hearimpair/toc.htm>

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