

**Bluffton Lions recently found a source to recycle hearing aids that is closer to home.** In the past, recycled hearing aids were taken to a drop-off in Cleveland. The recycling committee is proud to be able to now furnish these used hearing aids to the Findlay Hearing Center. Drop-off areas will continue to be at the Town Hall in Bluffton or other designated areas surrounding Bluffton. These can also be sent to the VOSH sorting center, 108 ½ East Washington, P.O. Box 414, Pandora, Ohio 45877.

Lions of Bluffton Ohio,

WOW! Thank you so much for the collection of aids.

Over the last 6 months we have been teaming up with Bridge Home Health and Hospice to create a hearing healthcare program for hospice patients called:

#### Hearing for Hospice

Family and friends know intimately how devastating it can be when any person can't communicate easily. At the end of life, being able to stay connected to family and friends is critical. Often families are reluctant to pursue hearing aids because the patient may be immobile or they fear a large expense.

This program is in the beginning stages. For this to work we need used hearing aids. Once we receive the aids they will go through a vigorous reconditioning process to get working. I have the ability through software to make changes to the aids. We currently are working with 6 different manufactures to help with this program. Unfortunately, no aids are created equal, and not one aid will work for everyone. So, that is why we are in need of so many different aids.

How the program is going to work, is with the use of recycled hearing aids we would test and fit each patient according their hearing needs, and when the patient passes we ask that the patients' family returns the aids to be used for the next patient.

We have 3 sets of aids that are ready to go, and currently have 10 sets going through the reconditioning process that came from all of you! With that being said, the sets we were not able to use goes to another program called Hear Now based out of MN. These sets will be torn down and the good parts will be sold to an all make repair lab. With those profits, needy kids will receive hearing aids locally as well as all over the world.

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation!

Jodi Turnwald

Findlay Hearing Center