



- GiveHear has specific programs in place for **veterans**, **newborn babies**, **children**, and **adults**, as well as **cancer patients** and **nursing homes**.
- GiveHear is the only organization of its kind in the region. Because of this, people drive **several hours** to come to appointments in Fort Wayne.
- GiveHear has served more than **3,000** patients since 2011 and collected more than **4,400** used hearing aids.
- **50,000** residents of Allen County, Indiana live at or below the Federal Poverty Line. For a family of four, this equals a household income of \$25,000 annually, \$2,000 monthly, \$520 weekly.
- **13%** of the US population has hearing loss. **80%** of diagnosed hearing losses can be rehabilitated with properly fitted hearing aids.
- **\$3,500** is the average patient cost of a single, new, entry-level hearing aid in a traditional, for profit hearing healthcare practice. Batteries, supplies, and maintenance cost an additional **\$300-\$500** per year.
- **\$50** is the GiveHear cost of a reconditioned hearing aid for a family at or under 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. \$125 is the patient cost of a new, entry-level hearing aid for the same family.
- GiveHear serves **every age and background** all around northeast Indiana and beyond.
- **More than 40 million** Americans have some type of hearing loss.
- GiveHear is celebrating its **10th** year of service to the community this year.
- [It's actually been found that people with hearing loss wait an average of seven years before seeking help.](#)
- [Even a mild hearing loss can cause a child to miss 50% of classroom discussion.](#)
- Hearing aids are **rarely** covered by health insurance
- [The WHO estimates that for every \\$1 invested in hearing care, there is a \\$16 economic return](#)
- **28 million** (about **13%**) Americans of prime working age have hearing loss.
- Only **16%** of those who would benefit from hearing aids use them.
- **Untreated hearing loss also contribute to additional health problems like early onset of dementia, depression and anxiety**

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