

# The Hearing Place Family

By The Hearing Place Staff

The Hearing Place opened in 2003 in Great Falls, Montana. Our mission is to offer the latest technology with old fashioned care. Our commitment to the best technology means that we keep abreast of the latest research and bring to you the highest quality hearing aids for your money.

The purchase of a hearing aid is a big decision. We ensure that you will always have our time for service as you wear those hearing aids over many years. It is truly our pleasure to help people hear better!



**Pat Fournier**, president of The Hearing Place, has been a hearing aid practitioner since 1988. He has fit thousands of people with hearing instruments over the past 29 years, and he is sincerely inspired by his clientele. He has three children and two grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys Angels baseball games, playing his guitar and lots of fishing on the rivers around the state.



**Sue Sherman** is the General Manager and Hearing Aid Specialist for The Hearing Place. She is currently running our Helena office. She was born and raised in Montana and has worked in the service industry for over 35 years. However, Sue has truly found her niche in serving the hearing impaired population. Being a Montana native, Sue naturally enjoys the out-of-doors. She has two grown sons, three grandchildren and one on the way.



**Vicki Hauser**, a California transplant of 20+ years, is office manager of our Great Falls location. She has been a part of the staff at The Hearing Place since December 2010. She has a varied background, including a Master's Degree in Counseling/Psychology, but most of her experience has been in areas of service to others. She enjoys spending time with her family, including several of the four-legged kind, camping, writing short stories, and creating faux stained glass pieces.



**Lisa Leanna** has been helping people hear better since 1995. She began in Wisconsin as a repair tech, which gives her great insight on how hearing aids work. In her spare time she enjoys card making, scrapbooking, and jewelry making when she is not spending time with her husband and son. She is has been with the sharing her expertise to the residents of the Great Falls area and helping them along their journey toward better hearing.



**Carol Zielinske** a transplant to Montana from Wyoming, Carol started with The Hearing Place in the summer of 2016. She has worked in the service environment most of her life including owning her own coffee business. Having a hearing loss herself she is pleased to be able to share her hearing aid experience with our patients. Carol enjoys the outdoors with her rescue dogs and Montana's great outdoors.



**Kathryn Braund**, or Kitty as she is better known, has worked as an actress, a dog breeder and trainer, a writer, and a wife and mother. (Yes she really is Pat's Mom)

Kitty grew up in San Francisco, where she learned to write and act with the help of the YWCA. At the age of 18, Kitty moved to New York to pursue her acting career. When the war broke, she joined the USO, entertaining soldiers in Italy, Germany and France.

After the war, Kitty married and had two sons. She divorced in the 1960s and moved to Los Angeles. There she met her second husband Cyril "Buzz" Braund. His job brought them to Great Falls to live

After Buzz retired, the couple remained in Great Falls and started a kennel, which consistently produced prize winners. Because of her interest in the different breeds of dogs that began her career as a book author.

Kitty then decided to expand her writing. This resulted in her first novel, *Rosa and the Prince*, a story about her grandmother.

In 2009, after Buzz died, Kitty moved into the Eagles Manor, where she lives today with her precious Havenese, Jazzie. She has continued her novel writing career, releasing *Shattered Innocence*, *Murder in the Senior Manor*, *Prisoners in Paradise*, and her last novel *Melinda Mahoney Powers*, released just last month. She wrote this book at the age of 96. What an inspiration she is to all of us that know her.

## “Pay It Forward”

Many of you already know about our *Pay It Forward* program, but just in case you don't or maybe it has slipped your mind, we'd like to explain it again.

“Pay It Forward” is a term that basically means to give without expecting return. We have joined forces with the Lion's Club and with the new partnership we a more hearing aids available. Our offices have taken that term and turned it into a program that accepts used hearing aids, refurbishes them, and passes them on to individuals who cannot afford new aids. With the new partnership with the Lion's Club there may be a minimal charge.

Another facet of the program is re-fitting hearing aids that have been passed down from parent to child, grandparent to grandchild, etc. If the hearing aid that is being passed down was purchased at The Hearing Place, there is no charge for the service. If the hearing aid was not purchased in one of our offices, we will first have to check the serial number with the manufacturer to assure it has not been reported as lost or stolen. If all is free and clear, we can re-fit the aid for a nominal fee.

If you or someone you know has hearing instruments that are no longer being used, please feel free to drop them by one of our offices or service centers. If you know someone who needs hearing help, but just can't afford it right now, refer them to our program. Together we *CAN* make a difference in someone's life today.

One smile . . . One hug . . . One word . . . From one heart to the next . . .

Pay It Forward!



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### January

Jan 2...Chinook Senior Center ..... 10-noon  
Jan 3...Conrad Pondera Medical.....10-noon  
Jan 9...Havre Northern Mt. Hospital..... 10-noon  
Jan 10..Cut Bank Northern Hospital.....10-noon  
Jan 11..Townsend Dr. Campbell's Office..... 10-noon  
Jan 15..Great Falls Eagles Manor.....10-noon  
Jan 16..Lewistown COA.....10-noon  
Jan 23..Havre Northern Mt. Hospital.....10-noon  
Jan 25..Deer Lodge Medical Center.....10-noon

### February

Feb 6...Chinook Senior Center ..... 10-noon  
Feb 7...Conrad Pondera Medical.....10-noon  
Feb 13...Havre Northern Mt. Hospital.....10-noon  
Feb 14...Cut Bank Northern Hospital.....10-noon  
Feb 15..Deer Lodge Medical Center.....10-noon  
Feb 19..Great Falls Eagles Manor.....10-noon  
Feb 20..Lewistown COA.....10-noon  
Feb 21..Chester Sweet Grass Lodge.....10-noon  
Feb 27...Havre Northern Mt. Hospital.....10-noon

### March

Mar 6...Chinook Senior Center .....10-noon  
Mar 7...Conrad Pondera Medical.....10-noon  
Mar 8..Townsend Dr. Campbell's Office.....10-noon  
Mar 13..Havre Northern Mt. Hospital.....10-noon  
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Mar 22..Deer Lodge Medical Center.....10-noon  
Mar 27..Havre Northern Mt. Hospital.....10-noon

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