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Starkey Hearing Technologies Announces Donation to Support H.E.A.R Chapter Grant Program

*Pledge Will Fund Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Programs
to Promote Hearing Wellness Locally, Nationally and Internationally*

MINNEAPOLIS, April 5, 2013 – **Starkey Hearing Technologies**, one of the world’s leading hearing technology companies, is excited to announce its recent philanthropic pledge of \$50,000 to fund the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) H.E.A.R. Chapter Grant Program, supported by the American Academy of Audiology Foundation. The pledge will fund the development of an SAA chapter project that will provide service to a community, education to audiology students, or promote the awareness of audiology.

“Starkey Hearing Technologies is proud to support the SAA H.E.A.R. Chapter Grant Program,” said Dr. Sara Burdak, Senior Director of Education and Audiology for Starkey Hearing Technologies. “Providing audiology students with resources and opportunities to not only help their future in audiology but help others as well, closely aligns with our values and mission.”

The Starkey Hearing Technologies \$50,000 grant will support H.E.A.R. Chapter Grants in the current year through 2016. Applications will be due annually to the American Academy of Audiology Foundation.

To learn more about Starkey Hearing Technologies scholarship programs and practice opportunities, visit www.starkeypro.com.

About Starkey® Hearing Technologies

Starkey Hearing Technologies is a privately held, global hearing technology company headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn. The company is recognized for its innovative design, development and distribution of comprehensive digital hearing systems. Founded in 1967, Starkey Hearing Technologies currently employs more than 3,500 people, operates 21 facilities and conducts business in more than 100 markets worldwide. The company develops, manufactures and distributes hearing aids via five distinct brands – Audibel, AudioSync, NuEar, MicroTech and its original brand, Starkey. For more information, visit

StarkeyHearingTechnologies.com.

About the American Academy of Audiology Foundation

The American Academy of Audiology Foundation's mission is to promote philanthropy in support of research, education, and public awareness in audiology and hearing science. The AAA Foundation works closely with the American Academy of Audiology to fund research grants, to sponsor educational opportunities for students, audiologists and other hearing professionals, and to increase public understanding of the causes, treatments and prevention of hearing loss. For more information, visit the AAA Foundation website at www.audiologyfoundation.org.

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