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Starkey Hearing Foundation Gives Complimentary Hearing Aids to Boston Marathon Bombing Survivors

Through a partnership with Beauport Hearing Care of Gloucester, 15 survivors are now able to hear again

BOSTON (Dec. 18, 2017) – Starkey Hearing Foundation, in partnership with Beauport Hearing Care of Gloucester, Massachusetts, has given back the gift of hearing to 15 survivors of the Boston Marathon bombing. More than four years after the attack, Beauport Hearing Care learned of survivors with hearing loss from the explosion who had still not obtained treatment and approached Starkey Hearing Foundation to partner in helping these deserving people who could not otherwise afford hearing aids.



Judi Bergeron, Bill Austin, and David Bergeron

Beauport Hearing Care is a concierge of hearing health that works with patients to help improve comfort and communication in social settings, as well as increase patient's success with using hearing assistive technology in order to make work and home life easier.

"As soon as we learned that survivors of this horrific attack were still waiting on hearing aids, we knew we needed to help. We are grateful that Beauport Hearing Care brought this need to our attention and we are honored to provide custom hearing devices to these heroes," said Bill Austin, founder of Starkey Hearing Foundation.

"My life has changed since I received my Starkey hearing aids. I am so grateful for the gift of hearing," said Deane Smith, a Boston Marathon bombing survivor.

"We are very honored and proud to partner with Bill and Tani Austin and Starkey Hearing Foundation. The work of the foundation in Boston will continue as we search for others to help who may be suffering with this same hearing loss brought on by the explosion." said David Bergeron, co-owner of Beauport Hearing Care.

"We are very excited about partnering with Starkey Hearing Foundation and we will continue to work together in our long-term commitment to help as many survivors of the Boston terror attack as possible," said Judi Bergeron, Beauport Hearing Care co-owner and hearing specialist.

Survivors of the attack who have not obtained treatment for their hearing loss may contact Beauport Hearing Care (www.beauporthearing.com) to request evaluation. Qualified survivors may still obtain free hearing aids through Starkey Hearing Foundation.

About Starkey Hearing Foundation

Starkey Hearing Foundation, a public charity co-founded by William F. Austin and Tani Austin, gives the gift of hearing to people in need in the U.S. and around the world. Disabling hearing loss affects more than 360 million people, including 32 million children, yet many do not have access to the hearing devices that improve lives and promote understanding. Starkey Hearing Foundation focuses on hearing health missions, hearing loss education and hearing aid recycling. Connect with Starkey Hearing Foundation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org

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