

## **New Grant for Hearing Impaired Students**

*By Kelly Mount, coordinator for the MBJSJO*

We are honored to announce, with the help of a very special donor, that the Mary Burmeister Jin Shin Jyutsu Outreach will now offer a special grant for students who are hearing impaired. Beginning this year and through 2019, we will award grant funds to students who apply for grant assistance, who meet our requirements and have a hearing impairment. The grant pays for tuition assistance and will provide a signer for attendance in a 5-Day Basic Seminar.

We were recently contacted by Connie Rubin who is a longtime Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner in New Orleans about the possibility of creating a special grant opportunity for hearing impaired students. Connie graciously committed funds for the next three years from the Elsie Gelpi Rubin Foundation. Connie says, "This donation is in place to carry on the legacy of caring for the hearing impaired which meant so much to my mother and father, Dr. Wallace Rubin and his very special wife Elsi Gelpi Rubin." The Mary Burmeister Jin Shin Jyutsu Outreach is honored to receive these funds so that this education will now be available to more students. Connie adds, "I had the honor of giving my mother weekly Jin Shin Jyutsu sessions the last 15 years of her life. To share and spread this art to the deaf community has been a dream, and I know it would make her smile."

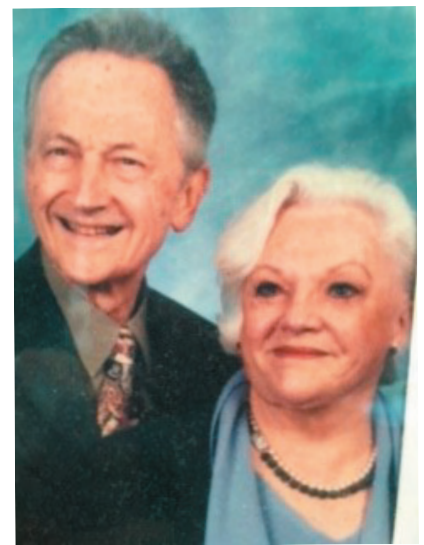
Connie's family and The Elsie Gelpi Rubin Foundation have a long history of donating money for such causes. The Southern Speech and Hearing Foundation created a yearly fundraiser named "Call Me EAR Responsible". All monies were joyfully allocated to the various needs of the hearing impaired. We are eternally grateful to be the beneficiary of such a legacy of giving to the hearing impaired, and it is our honor that Mary Burmeister's namesake foundation will continue to support this tradition.

If you are a student who is hearing impaired and would like to apply for a future grant through the MBJSJO, please visit [www.JSJINC.net](http://www.JSJINC.net) and select the menu button for JSJ Charities. You can download and print a grant application, and you can contact me (Kelly Mount) directly by emailing me at [Skellymac@me.com](mailto:Skellymac@me.com) or by calling (502) 558-3809. If you are a Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner who is proficient in sign language and would like to volunteer your services as a signer in a 5-Day Basic Seminar for a hearing impaired student, please contact me.



*Connie Rubin, a longtime Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner in New Orleans.*

Thank you, Connie and your remarkable mother and father, for your family's heritage in giving and service to others. The Mary Burmeister Jin Shin Jyutsu Outreach will continue to help you achieve your dream of assisting the hearing impaired community.



*Dr. Wallace Rubin and his very special wife Elsi Gelpi Rubin.*