Fwd: Cooperation

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Dear Ann-Charlotte,

I am Alla Mallabiu and my friend and colleague Zoya Boytseva are parents of deaf children with cochlear implants and we organized parent's NGO "I hear you".

Our organization officially exists since June 2015 but we are working in this field of supporting of families with D/HH children about 2 years. We started as volunteers in Sankt-Petersburg Early Intervention Institute (Ell http://new.eii.ru/en/) in 2013.

We had a study visit with a group of specialists in Stockholm. We visited Karolinska Institute and reviewed the Swedish whole system of families supporting. In this institute we met some parents who gave us information about your organization "Barnplantorna".

Nowadays we are working on creation of our website, we are going to publish a book for parents with their stories about D/HH children and important information about hearing. We provide informational and psychological support for parents who just knew about the diagnosis of their child and we organize workshops for kids (as an

example http://www.swissam.ru/news/prednovogodniy_masteraklass_v_swissam/)

We are newly founded organization and we are looking for cooperation with other parents organizations. We are extremely interested in new knowledges and experiences exchange to provide in Russia the best approaches to support.

I've heard lots of nice words about you from Dr. Monika Lehnhardt. Monika was the first person on my way to the CI)))) She organized an operation for my son in Freiburg and I appreciate a lot her opinion.

She said that you are the mother of the first child who received a CI in Sweden. "She is the driving force in lobbying at the government level, she established a parents community Barnplantorna (see link:

http://www.barnplantorna.se/) and she is on TV, in the radio and presenting in several international congresses. She is very successful in fundraising, especially from the manufacturers of CI and other related companies".

We would love to cooperate with your organization and we know that there is a Swedish Institute which provides grants:

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https://eng.si.se/areas-of-operation/scholarships-and-grants/

We would be happy if you decide to be our partners.

Looking forward to your reply, Kind regards, Alla Mallabiu and Zoya Boitseva

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