

Kent Desormeaux helps with event for hearing impaired and speech delayed children

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Three-time Kentucky Derby Winner, Kent Desormeaux will be the featured speaker during a local charity celebration for hearing impaired and speech delayed children.

On Thursday, April 16th 2009, the Lexington Hearing & Speech Center will celebrate its *sound beginnings* at the Second Annual Frankel Hall of Fame Dinner. Desormeaux, whose son Jacob was born deaf as a result of Usher's Syndrome, will speak at the dinner about his trials and triumphs both on and off the track. Special guest Robert Clay of Three Chimneys Farm will provide an introduction for Desormeaux.

The Lexington Hearing and Speech Center was founded in 1960 by the late Jimmy and Edie Frankel. During the dinner celebration, the hall of fame jockey will help induct five Lexington Hearing and Speech Center alumni and friends into the Frankel Hall of Fame.

"This hall of fame was designed to create a place that would stand as a physical reminder of what an individual can and will accomplish with a sound beginning," Lexington Hearing and Speech Center Board Chairman John Millward said.

"The Frankels set the gold standard for all the students, staff and supporters who work every day to ensure that no one becomes defined by a communication delay or disorder," Millward said.

The event will be held at The Carrick House at 312 North Limestone and is open to the public. Space is limited but seats are still available. Contact Lori Shepherd at 859-264-4545 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:lori.shepherd@lhscky.org"lori.shepherd@lhscky.org](mailto:lori.shepherd@lhscky.org) to purchase tickets.

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The mission of Lexington Hearing & Speech Center is to provide high quality diagnostic, therapeutic and educational services for hearing impaired and speech/language delayed individuals and their families. Since 1960, the professionals of LHSC have been dedicated to serving the communication needs of Central Kentucky children and families. The center provides a full range of in-house services (preschool, clinic and day care) in a safe and comfortable setting.

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