

Overview

The McCartney Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established after the passing of David & Kathryn McCartney in honor of their son, Dr. Brian McCartney.

About Dr. Brian McCartney

Brian, who was born deaf, was a highly driven and passionate man deeply committed to the education of the deaf and special needs individuals. He pursued his passion for teaching by earning a bachelor's degree in education from Susquehanna University. Brian then attended Columbia University, where he received two master's degrees in special education, followed by his Ph.D. in the field. Throughout his career, Brian made a significant impact on the education of deaf and special needs persons. He has taught at the prestigious Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City and at Columbia University's Teachers College. He later became the first deaf superintendent of the Michigan School for the Deaf, where he continued to build on his extensive knowledge and expertise in the field. Brian was widely regarded as an authority on the education of deaf and special needs children and was frequently invited to present his research and findings to educators and organizations across the globe. Unfortunately, Brian's life was cut short due to illness, but his legacy and contributions to the field of special education will continue to inspire and benefit future generations.

About the McCartney Foundation

The foundation was formed to assist individuals and organizations that support the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing and other communities with special needs. Our mission is to partner with these organizations to make a difference in the lives of the individuals they serve. Our strategy focuses on four key support areas:

- Educational Institutions
- Mentorship and Family Support Initiatives
- Summer Deaf Camp Programs
- Job Training and Placement Services

The institutions we support play a crucial role in equipping individuals with the essential knowledge, skills, and resources they need to succeed and thrive. By collaborating with these institutions, our goal is to foster a culture of learning and empowerment, which enables us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those served by these organizations.

2025 saw the foundation reach the quarter-million-dollar mark in giving to organizations such as the Michigan School for the Deaf, The Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre, Marist Brothers Summer Camp for deaf children, and Tuesdays Children supporting the men and women of our military gold star families.

