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Youth Leader

Eleven-year-old Abby Diuble received the President's Volunteer Service Award at the March Manchester School Board meeting and now has a new project she is heading up...getting special alarms that warn of disaster into houses of all hearing impaired children.

Fundraising Opportunity

The goal of the WHIP project is to get one alarm system for every hearing impaired child for free, that connects a weather radio, smoke alarm, and a carbon monoxide alarm to a bed shaker to wake a hearing-impaired sleeper. It also has a bright LED light that can be "seen" by many visually impaired users.

Educating the Community

Inspired by Near-Tragedy, this Manchester youth spearheads this project to save lives and educate the community and eventually others on the need for this system.



Why are we on this quest?

June 23, 2015, Manchester, Michigan awoke to the news that an EF-1 tornado had touched down, severely damaging several homes. While no one was injured, those who lived through it are still dealing with the emotional trauma of the event. For one eleven-year old, Abby Diuble, coming to terms with the terror of that night has lead her to take on a project that has the potential to save lives of children facing similar life-threatening emergency situations.

Abby wasn't home with her family when the tornado hit but that didn't make the situation any less frightening. Abby's sister Lilly is hearing-impaired. Despite that Abby wasn't home, she was terrified because in her mind, her whole family could have been killed. Abby realized how vulnerable people like Lilly (hearing impaired, visually impaired, etc) could be in an emergency situation such as this. Getting Lilly out of her bed – a loft bed at the time – cost valuable seconds getting to safety. The family literally just made it to the top step of the basement stairs when the tornado hit.



And we are off ...

Our Need:

We will be working with the intermediate school districts to assess numbers of hearing impaired children.

Our Hope:

In addition to help with fundraising, we are also hoping that each Fire Department will help install the units and make sure they work in the home, although there may be liability issues that will require them to work with a licensed, insured installer.

Our Goal:

Abby, herself, has been presenting at fire departments, getting the departments on board with the project.

The goal is to start in Manchester and move out into other communities in Washtenaw and Lenawee Counties.

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Donations are completely tax deductible!

Because of a medical condition, Lilly, in addition to wearing hearing aids, could face blindness. This has lead us to become a crusaders for the fight to cure blindness. Lilly, Abby and their family and friends have raised almost \$150,000 in the last 6 years for the **Foundation Fighting Blindness and the Vision Walk**. While Lilly's younger sister Abby has always helped in this project, she is heading up this new project we've named **WHIP**, which stands for "**Warning Hearing Impaired People.**"

To the Rescue: The KA300 Wireless Alarm Monitoring System by Krown Manufacturing, Inc.

Abby began by researching alarm systems for the hearing impaired, and finally selected the KA300 Wireless Alarm Monitoring System made by Krown Manufacturing, Inc.

An instrumental part of the program is working with local fire departments. To start the campaign, WHIP is asking each local fire department to help with raising enough money to buy an alarm system for each child in their service area. We are also speaking to businesses through their Chambers of Commerce to try to line up donations.

In May, Abby presented this idea to the Lenawee County Fire Chiefs. The idea was well received.

We have obtained the final paperwork for the 501(c)(3) and now can begin accepting donations and applying for grants. We are looking for help with fundraising ideas and people/groups that would want to help us carry those out.

Please let us know how you can help and support our efforts today!

The tornado was an absolutely horrifying experience for our family, but we are hoping to take that bad experience and help others to be safe. We are insisting that the alarm systems have a weather radio portion because that was the thing that 'got us.



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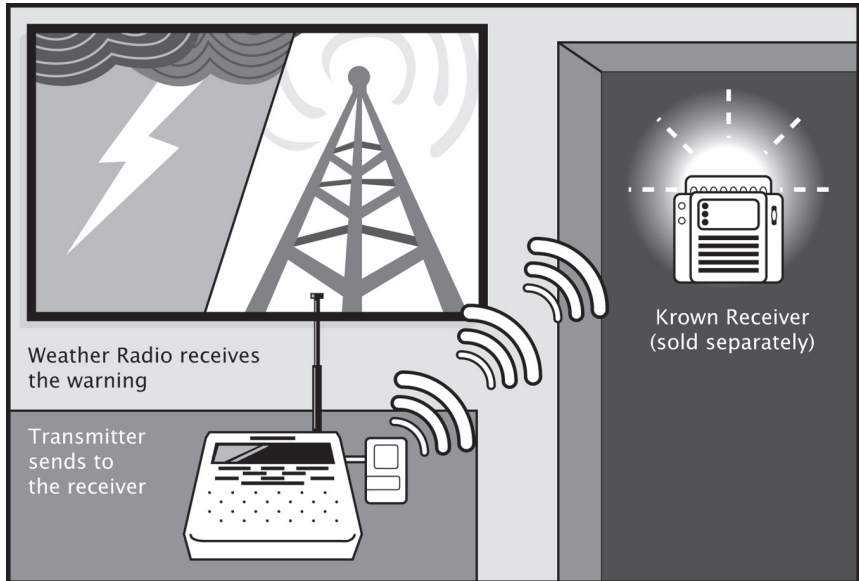
The Products

KA300 Wireless Alarm Monitoring System connects up to 3 audible alarms into one monitoring system.

Alerts Save Lives

Weather Alert Radio and Transmitter

The latest in weather and hazard alert monitoring technology, providing you with the information needed to keep you safe. Public Alert Certified. Unit has a special receiver that tunes to the 24/7 broadcast issued by the National Weather Service. The combined All Hazards/ Weather Alert broadcast network is the single most immediate source for comprehensive weather and emergency information available to the public. Innovative automatic alert system.

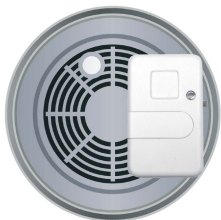


Weather Alert Radio and Transmitter, along with the bed shaker could make all the difference to a hearing impaired person.

Krown Manufacturing Inc. begun in Forth Worth, TX in 1984 with the sole purpose to create a more accessible society for the deaf and hard of hearing community, because they themselves (Barbara & Sidney Ander) were deaf and could understand the barriers faced by their own community. Find out more about them at <http://krownmfg.com/about/our-history/>.



KA300TX
Transmitter -
attachment to any



KA300RX
RECEIVER -
Wireless link up to



KBS300RX BED
SHAKER - strong
vibrator for heavy



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