

**Nominees for CHHA National Board of Directors
June 2023**

Chris Arnold – Renewal - 3 yr Term

Chris Arnold has been on CHHA Board of Directors for 3 years and as the Treasurer and has Chaired our Finance Committee. During his term, he oversaw the revamping of CHHA's Finance and Budgeting practices as well as three 'clean' Audits. He is third-generation owner of Arnold Hearing Centres, an independent, family run, hearing health clinic operating for over 70 years. Chris has worked with the Starkey Hearing Foundation fitting hearing aids on the less fortunate. He has served on CHIPS (Canadian Hearing Instrument Practitioners Society and AHIP (Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario) board of directors and was most recently voted in as President of AHIP as of 2023. He has also served on Conestoga College's Program Advisory Committee for their Hearing Instrument Specialist program.

Patricia (Patti) Blute – 3 yr Term

Patti Blute has had extensive Board experience, with such organizations as the National Gallery of Canada, the Ottawa Chamber Music Society, Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club, Opera Lyra Ottawa, and the Board of Trade. Most impressively she has organized and led major successful fundraising events (such as galas, dinner dances, garden parties, live and silent auctions, fashion shows, art shows, etc.) for these organizations, and for other causes such as Wounded Warriors. Patti has already contributed strongly as a member of CHHA's National Office Fundraising Committee.

Nicola (Nikki) Carter – 1 yr term - Appointed by Young Adults Network (YAN) Board of Directors

Nicola Carter started to develop a progressive bilateral sensorineural hearing loss at the age of 5, and her education suffered from it. Until Nicola went to a specialised high school, and later received cochlear implants at 16, she was falling behind in school due to the lack of resources available for the differently abled. This pushed Nicola to do her degree in education and she aspires to work towards improving resources that were not available in her formative years.

After university, Nicola wanted to travel, so she founded EveryDayDreamers - a digital media company. 23 countries and 4 years later, her entrepreneurial work was rewarded with a spot in the [BC 30 under 30 in 2022](#). Having her first company mostly running on autopilot, Nicola is now looking to get back to her roots and help create more resources for hard-of-hearing individuals. Nicola helped form the Young Adult Network within CHHA (CHHA YAN) 15 years ago and has been involved with their activities much of the last year as a Director. She looks forward to representing CHHA YAN at the CHHA National Board and hopes to advocate for the appropriate resources for young people.