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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CENTER FOR HEARING, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

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Letter from Executive Director...



Helen Keller talked about hearing loss and said... "it means the loss of the most vital stimulus-the sound of the voice brings language, sets thoughts astir, and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Extensive research has clearly shown that people with untreated hearing loss have a lower quality of life and even earn less income than people with normal hearing or people who have treated their hearing loss with the use of hearing aids (Better Hearing Institute). Studies have shown that untreated hearing loss can be linked to irritability, fatigue, stress, depression, isolation and withdrawal from life, reduced alertness and impaired memory, and diminished overall health. It may also surprise you to know that only 35% of people with hearing loss are older than 64 years of age. According to the Better Hearing Institute, almost 6 million people in the United States between the ages of 18 and 44 have hearing loss, and more than 1 million school-aged children. It amazes me that despite all of this research, hearing aids continue to be regarded as "cosmetic," non-essential, or things that only "old" people use. Hearing loss can affect every aspect of a person's life. As Mark Ross said: "When someone in the family has a hearing loss, the entire family has a hearing problem."

It has been a challenging year for many, if not most of us, and there has been no exception for The Center for Hearing, Speech and Language. While funding and revenues have declined, we have seen the need for our services significantly increase. From children to the elderly, we have watched the down economy impact those with communication impairment. It has been necessary for us to restrict what we provide because of this greater need combined with limited resources. Those who are out of work and need assistance to obtain hearing aids or other audiology services have been very much affected by government service freezes and a lack of programs to help people in this category. Many folks outside our world continue to think that "someone" (the government, insurance, Medicare, Medicaid) pays for hearing aids and the myriad of other items we provide to those with hearing loss, which is not the case.

Our Hearing Aid Bank Program is desperately in need of funds so that we may continue to assist needy individuals with hearing loss issues. Even small donations help us a great deal. Please consider a contribution that will help a low-income child, adult or senior with this most important communication disorder and help them remain connected to the world. Many blessings to all of you at this holiday season and we wish for everyone a brighter and more peaceful 2010.

Jill Wayne, AuD

- Check Out Our Website at www.chsl.org where you can find all kinds of helpful information on any one of the services or programs that are provided through CHSL.

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Audiology Referral Program:

In our Audiology department, we are always grateful for anyone you refer to us for hearing services. We have recently started a Referral Program stating that any client who purchased hearing aids at full pay and refers someone who purchases hearing aids, will receive a free carton of batteries!! Contact us for more info!

Please Flip Over where you can find our Donation Slip!!

Remember that when you give to CHSL you help a senior buy a hearing aid or a child get the in-school screening they need! Send in your contribution today!

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DENVER OFFICES:

Thanksgiving:

November 26th, Thursday & 27th, Friday

Christmas:

December 24th, Thursday & 25th, Friday

New Years:

December 31st, Thursday & January 1st, Friday

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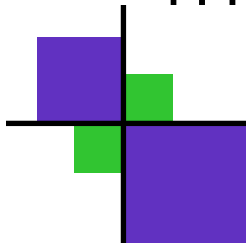
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SW Sertoma History

Southwest Sertoma is a volunteer civic service organization formed in 1984 as part of Sertoma International. Sertoma stands for SERVICE TO Mankind. The primary service project of Sertoma is to help the over 42 million people with speech and hearing disorders, but other charities benefit as well. Some examples of the groups supported by the organization, in addition to The Center for Hearing, Speech & Language, are the Jeffco Action Center, Water for People, the Havern School, and many others.