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Dear Patients, Friends and Colleagues,

We hope you are doing well and had a wonderful summer! We are thrilled to announce that our NEW Chicago office is bustling with patients and we are grateful for all of your support. The fall season is now upon us and we have some exciting news to share. We have added two more audiologists to our practice to better service our patients. See the ABOUT US on Page 2 to read about our wonderful audiologists.

October is National Audiology Awareness Month. Remember that your hearing healthcare is an important part of your overall health and we look forward to helping you maintain the lifestyle you desire. Refer to our article on Page 3 for more information. Our office is continuing to raise awareness about hearing health through free educational seminars. Check out Page 3 to learn about our upcoming events in Downtown Chicago and Glenview. We would love to see you there!

Are you having trouble hearing on the phone? Caption Call is a revolutionary new telephone which empowers you to communicate more confidently with friends, family and co-workers. See Page 4 to learn about CaptionCall and how it can help you hear better.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Remember, regular check-ups are important for maintaining your hearing health. For those of you going away for the winter, make sure to schedule an appointment to have your hearing aids checked and cleaned before you leave town. At Hearing Professionals of Illinois, we are “hear” for you and we wish you a safe and joyous holiday season!

Warm Regards,
The Staff at Hearing Professionals of Illinois

BETTER LIVING THROUGH BETTER HEARING

Difficulty Hearing on the Phone?

Do you or someone you know have trouble hearing on the phone? With CaptionCall, you can understand every word of every phone call. Its large, easy-to-read screen quickly displays written captions of what your callers say. Caption Call is similar to captioned television, but only available to people with hearing loss. It uses cutting-edge technology to display written, nearly instant captions. That means you can get more from your conversations-and from life.

Difficulty hearing on the phone shouldn't keep you from enjoying life-long associations. If you wear hearing aids, but still have difficulty hearing on the phone, or if you have hearing loss, but have not yet committed to hearing aids, Caption Call is the perfect solution to help you stay connected with loved ones.

To learn more about Caption Call, call Hearing Professionals of Illinois and we are “hear” to help!

 **FREE!** FREE CaptionCall phone with professional certification*



Call to schedule your free hearing exam today!

*See if you qualify for a FREE CaptionCall phone (a \$199 value). Contact our office for details.

Now you can hear and read what your callers say!

*Hearing loss required to participate in this offer. A home phone line and Internet connection are also required to use this service.

Have questions? Please give us a call or consult our website
www.HearingProfessionalsOfIllinois.com

**Brittany M. Nguyen, Au.D., FAAA
Doctor of Audiology**

Brittany received her Clinical Doctorate in Audiology degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During her graduate studies, she gained experience in a variety of settings across the country including an otolaryngology private practice in Charlotte, NC and Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. Following graduation, Brittany has worked in otolaryngology private practices in the Chicago suburbs. She was the sole audiologist at Suburban Otolaryngology in Berwyn for two years prior to joining Hearing Professionals of Illinois in 2014. Brittany Nguyen is a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology (FAAA) and is licensed to practice Audiology in the state of Illinois.



**Sivan S. Blonz, M.S., CCC-A
Clinical Audiologist**

Sivan received her Master of Science degree in Audiology from Rush University in Chicago and her Bachelor of Science degree in Communicative Disorders from Northern Illinois University. Prior to joining Hearing Professionals of Illinois in 2000, Sivan worked for the Audio-Vestibular Association, Hines Veterans Hospital, and the Dupage-West Cook Regional Special Education Association. Sivan holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and is licensed to practice Audiology in the state of Illinois. We welcome Sivan back after an extended leave of absence.



OUR STAFF



(Back Row-L to R) Sue Sherman, Jeanmarie Carone, Susan Harris, Andrea Karlin, Brittany Nguyen and Lindsey Portugal
(Front Row-L to R) Julie Landgraf, Sheri Yamashita, Debbie Garber, Mary Ann Jordan and Merle Nathan

Losing Your Edge...Or Could It Be Your Hearing?

Your sense of hearing is a vital link to your world—a source of pleasure, information and communication. If you have a hearing loss, you can take control of the situation. Hearing loss should not get in the way of enjoying your life.

Experts agree that one of the most effective ways to boost cognitive function is to maintain a healthy social network. But the challenge of understanding and following conversation in social settings often causes people with hearing loss to drop out of an active life.

When people are experiencing hearing loss, the extra effort needed to decipher words and keep track of who is speaking can be mentally exhausting. When someone can't keep up with the give-and-take of everyday social and business interactions, they assume that they are "losing their edge".

Baby Boomers and beyond benefit from hearing devices as they stay in the workforce longer. Let's face it. The Great Recession put a kink in many American's retirement plans. Combine that financial blow with the general uncertainty regarding Medicare and the future cost of private health insurance.

As a result, more boomers are staying in the workforce longer. In fact, between 2006-2016 the number of mature people in the workforce is expected to soar, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Workers between the ages of 55 and 64 are expected to increase by 36.5 percent; the number of workers between 65 and 74 is expected to climb by 83.4 percent, and even the number of workers who are 75 and older is expected to grow by 84.3 percent. By 2016, the BLS says, workers age 65 and over are expected to make up 6.1 percent of the total labor force—a steep jump from their 3.6 percent share in 2006.

So what does this mean for individuals? It means people need to do what they can to age productively. It means they need to take charge of their health, including their hearing health, so they can maximize their chances for success on the job. Along with maintaining a healthy lifestyle, it's important that boomers and beyond routinely get their hearing checked to avoid difficulty with job performance and to enhance quality of life.

Gone are the days of ignoring hearing difficulties. And given the technological advances of modern hearing devices, and the compelling data that illustrate the down-side of leaving hearing loss unaddressed, there's only one reasonable course of action. Don't wait to do something about your hearing loss. At Hearing Professionals of Illinois, we are here to help educate you about how to hear well with hearing loss and help you find the solution that best suits you and your lifestyle. (Information courtesy of Oticon)

Please Join Us for a Free Educational Event on
Hearing Well With Hearing Loss
Thursday, October 23rd
12:00-1:30 p.m.

The Center for Life and Learning
Fourth Presbyterian Church
126 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60622
Please RSVP to Susan Quaintance
at 312-981-3386

Please Join Us for a Free Educational
Event on
**Understanding the Journey
to Better Hearing**
Saturday, October 25th
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Glenbrook Hospital
Conference Room B
2150 Pfingsten, Glenview, IL 60026
Please RSVP to Hearing Professionals
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