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# December 2021

## *Give the Gift of Communication*



Thanks to our generous donors, we raised \$3,000 on #GivingTuesday! We are over halfway to our \$5,000 fundraising goal for our programs and services.

**Help us end 2021 on a high note and donate today!**

COVID-19's disruptions have widened the gap in early childhood learning delays, particularly in children with communication challenges. This year, we have seen a **25% increase in speech-language and hearing screening failure rates** in children living in vulnerable Columbus neighborhoods.

Your donation will help us provide services to these children whose families cannot afford them. **We believe that all people must be able to hear and be heard and that the ability to communicate and connect is vital to our health and well-being.**

Your support will make a big difference in the lives of these children. Thank you!

**Donate today!**



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# Holiday Open House

**Saturday December 11, 2021**

**9:00a-12:00p**

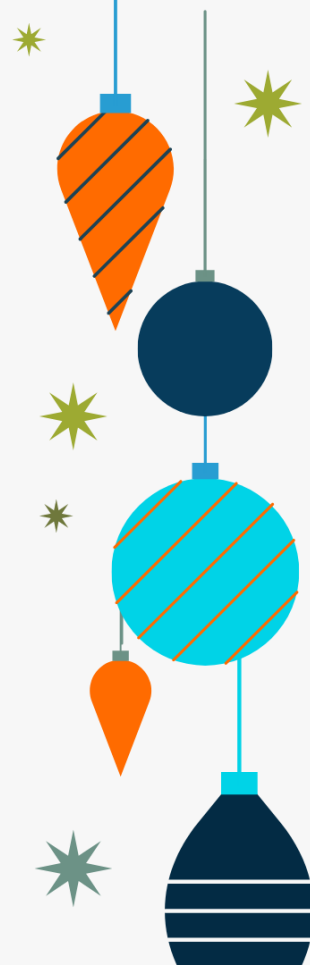
510 E. North Broadway | Columbus, OH 43214

Please call 614-261-5457 to RSVP

Refreshments provided!

Join us for a holiday hearing event featuring:

- Hearing Screenings
- The latest hearing aid technology
- Learn about our hearing aid subscription program
- Have questions about hearing aids? Talk with one of our audiologists one on one
- No obligation to purchase or schedule a formal appointment



## *Cocktail Party Effect*

Holiday parties and gatherings in environments where multiple conversations are going on at once can make a less than accommodating listening environment creating a situation that audiologists refer to as the “cocktail-party” effect.

[Read more on our website.](#)



USE YOUR INSURANCE  
BENEFITS NOW!

## *Hear for the Holidays*

*Call 263-5151 to schedule your hearing  
evaluation appointment!*

Funds from hearing aids purchased at Columbus Speech and  
Hearing allow us to help those in underserved communities

## Make Better Hearing your New Years Resolution!

**Screen your hearing today!**

Think you may have hearing loss? The good news is that treating hearing loss early can lead to a richer and more fulfilling life—and it all starts with a hearing screening. Visit our website today and screen your hearing in the privacy of your own home. Results are confidential and will indicate if you should schedule a more extensive hearing evaluation.

<https://columbusspeech.org/online-hearing-test/>

## Welcome Melissa!

We are so excited to welcome speech-language pathologist Melissa Friend to our Speech Department at Columbus Speech & Hearing!

Melissa grew up in Lexington, Kentucky, and attended graduate school right here in Columbus at The Ohio State University. She enjoys spending time with her husband, two daughters, and two Yorkies! Melissa shared that she has a passion for helping children reach their communication potential and is excited to work at CSH!



## Talk Tips To Go: Holiday Events Around Town

From Zoo lights to the 12 Elves of Dublin Scavenger hunt, take advantage of these family-friendly events happening around town to target speech and language skills this holiday season!

[Read more](#)



## Julie Aills, 2021 recipient of the Walter & Marian English Award



Walter & Marian English Awards are given to individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to the field of human services through the provision of direct services to individuals and/or families. The Award is a grant that is designated for the recipient to use for professional development.

Julie will be focusing on professional development and participating in continuing education opportunities that expand her knowledge and treatment of young children (birth - 3yrs) and preschoolers with speech and language disorders.

Many of the clients Julie sees at Columbus Speech & Hearing, as well as those at her contracted preschool, are 1 - 5 years of age. This type of speech therapy is family-centered and includes a combination of parent coaching and counseling. In the school setting, it also includes play-based approaches provided in the classroom. The continuing education courses Julie will be taking will focus on how children with communication disorders learn at a young age, and how she can support their ability to effectively communicate with others. Some of these trainings and conferences include: The American Speech-Hearing Association Convention, The PLAY Project and Learn Play Thrive Approach to Autism.

Congratulations Julie!



# December Sign of the Month: COLD!



## 2022 ASL Calendar is up!

### ASL I

[ASL I \(Tuesdays\) January 4 - February 22](#)

[ASL I \(Thursdays\) January 13- March 3](#)

[ASL I \(Wednesdays\) February 2 – March 23, 2022](#)

[ASL I \(Mondays\) February 14 – April 4, 2022](#)

### ASL II

[ASL II \(Wednesdays\) January 5 - February 23](#)

[ASL II \(Tuesdays\) March 15- May 3, 2022](#)

[ASL II \(Thursdays\) March 17 – May 2, 2022](#)

### ASL III

[ASL III \(Mondays\) January 10 - March 7](#)

[ASL III \(Wednesdays\) March 9-April 27, 2022](#)

### ASL IV

[ASL IV \(Tuesdays\) January 11 – March 1, 2022](#)

[ASL Experience \(Tuesdays\) January 25 - May 3](#)



ASL classes are a great way to improve your communication with those in the Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing community! Classes are \$100 plus a \$3 processing fee.

Register today, space is limited!



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