









## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT









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## DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

As we conclude our celebration of our 100 years of service, we are excited to share our 2023 annual report with you. Our organization began with volunteers helping Deaf and Hard of Hearing neighbors. 100 years later, we have expanded to reach over 8,000 people per year!

It's exciting that 2023 was like our beginning: partnering with advocates and volunteers to expand services. We partnered with Ohio Association of the Deaf-Blind, Helen Keller National Center, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Disability Rights Ohio, and several DeafBlind citizens and advocates. Together, we secured state funding to expand our Support Service Provider program statewide in service of DeafBlind individuals. This funding will serve the needs of this underserved community in the future!

We continue to invest in reaching in to underserved neighborhoods and we celebrate our 2023 impact. Thanks to your ongoing involvement and investment in our work, we are prepared to grow and evolve for another 100 years.



JAMES O. DYE
CEO of Columbus
Speech & Hearing



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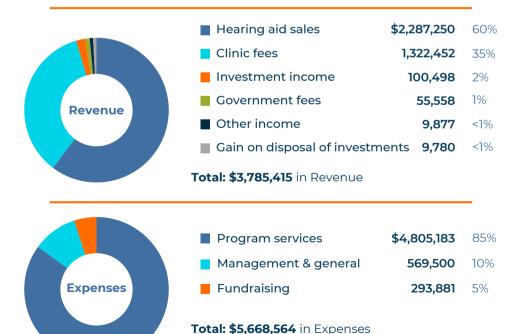
## 2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Columbus Speech & Hearing operating funds come from two major sources: public support and revenue from services.



Total: \$890,858 in Public Support

<sup>\*</sup> Audited Public Support totals include only grants that were spent in 2023. Other financial reports show funds received but not spent in 2023.



### **2023 EVENTS**

In 2023, we hosted our 14th annual Great Communicators Golf Classic, our 8th annual Halloween Hop, and our 100-Year Luncheon.

## GREAT COMMUNICATORS GOLF CLASSIC

We are grateful to our top sponsors, Anchor Hocking, Benesch, First Commonwealth Bank, OPOC, Safelite, and Easy IT. Thank you for \$74,870 raised for our mission!



#### **HALLOWEEN HOP**

More than 180 children and families enjoyed a sensory-safe party! We are grateful for our sponsors and donors, including Fifth Third Bank, Safelite, Inspire PR, PNC, Key Bank, BMI Federal Credit Union, Ohio State Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Clintonville Pediatric Dentistry and an anonymous donor.





## **A CENTURY OF CSH**

The 100th Anniversary Luncheon was a historic celebration with 200+ friends and supporters of Columbus Speech & Hearing. Our guest speakers shared inspiring words about the life-changing impact of communication services and the community they have built at CSH. We are grateful for support from presenting sponsor Grange Insurance, community sponsors Elford Construction, OhioHealth, and Huntington Bank, and champion sponsors KeyBank, The Joseph Group, Inspire PR, Benesch, Safelite, Phonak, Nationwide, BakerHostetler and Medical Mutual.

Our story began in 1923 with a group of volunteers who met at a local YWCA to form the League for the Hard of Hearing. Today, we continue to grow and evolve to serve more than 8,000 individuals every year at three different locations.



### **OUR 2023 IMPACT**



**3,531**Audiology patients served



**1,331**Hearing aids sold; 100
grant funded to 50 seniors



16,373
Speech therapy sessions with 1,379 patients



**4,311**Speech screenings at 40 different sites



**1,160**Hours volunteered by 106 individuals



392
Hours volunteered by board members



**330**American Sign Language (ASL) class registrations



454
Hours served by Support
Service Providers (SSPs)



### **HANNA FAMILY**

Liam and Alora Hanna began their journey at Columbus Speech & Hearing in 2023 after being referred for specialized services.

Cynthia Hanna sought out speech therapy for her son Liam after he was diagnosed with autism, and her daughter Alora, who showed signs of a speech delay. Cynthia knew early intervention could help both kids improve their social and verbal skills.

After a few sessions at Columbus Speech & Hearing, she saw a difference.

"Alora usually clings to me wherever we go," Cynthia says. "Now, she'll run straight to her therapist. Liam started opening up to his therapist and interacting with her more, too. She met him at his comfort level and never pushed for him to do anything he didn't want to do. He feels safe here."

Cynthia attributes her children's progress to the creativity, patience, and passion of our speech team.

"I love how the therapists incorporate speech with play. You can see the joy on my children's faces as they're playing and repeating phrases back."

The Hanna family continues to attend speech therapy once a week. "I've been really happy ... I can't imagine my kids going anywhere else."



## **EDWIN YANG**

Edwin is a client and supporter of Columbus Speech & Hearing after receiving outstanding care for his unique hearing loss.

Artist Edwin Yang has experienced life-changing care at Columbus Speech & Hearing. Born without ear canals, Edwin is unable to wear traditional hearing aids and was fitted with a non-surgical Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) cochlear headband. His BAHA sends sound through the bone on the side of the head through the inner ear.

Edwin credits Columbus Speech & Hearing for his incredible career as a motion graphics designer for a national news media company.

His hearing aid might have been out of reach if not for Columbus Speech & Hearing. Because Edwin's audiologist was familiar with his degree of hearing loss, lifestyle, and budget requirements, CSH could recommend the best available device for Edwin.

"Without your assistance, I would never have been able to continue doing the work I enjoy," Edwin said. "I am so proud to be part of such a great organization that I share my story with anyone and everyone that will listen."

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To unlock potential for individuals with communication challenges through all stages of life.

#### **OUR VISION**

To be the recognized leader in providing personalized service and caring attention to help the people we serve achieve their full potential.

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