

Lexington Hearing and Speech Center



FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

2005



NEWSLETTER

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Executive Director's Message...

The year 2005 has been a year of transitions at LHSC. Carol Hustedde who had faithfully led Lexington Hearing and Speech Center for 11 years left at the end of July to begin another chapter of her career. After enjoying some extra rest and relaxation, Carol has accepted a position at UK.

Our loyal and dedicated Business Manager of 38 years, Jean Stafford, "graduated" at the end of May. Jean is enjoying more time with her family especially her grandsons, Cole and Kyle. Craig Gross has become LHSC's new Business Manager. He soon learned one of Jean's secrets with staff and children - have a nice basket of candy always available!

I consider it a real honor to have the opportunity to serve our families and staff as Executive Director of the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center. The deep commitment and dedication exhibited by LHSC's professional staff as they serve our clients is exemplary! It is most rewarding to see the changes

in families' lives as children learn to communicate or as a parent or grandparent can hear again because of our services. I look forward to many more success stories as we continue to receive new referrals each month.

As you can see, this has become a time of reorganization. The LHSC Board of Directors and Staff have joined together in a *great team effort* to continue our services and plan our future. We are very diligently working to see that Lexington Hearing and Speech Center will be here to provide services for children and adults who need us in the future. We are excited as we work through this time and plan for the growth that will be coming.

We are doing everything possible to maintain our quality services and meet the needs of our community. As we enter 2006, we hope that you will *join our team* by sending us your support!

*Happy Holidays,
Glenna Tackett*

CLINIC NEWS

Speech Pathology Program...

Season Greetings! It has been a very busy year for the clinic side of our Center. Our speech/language pathologists have provided speech/language screenings for several of Lexington's community-based preschool programs, speech/language evaluations, individual speech/language, auditory therapy and early intervention language groups.

Our speech pathologists have worked on LHSC's Cochlear Implant Rehabilitation Team since its beginning in 1990. The speech pathologist and audiologist work with the cochlear implant candidate and family to determine implant potential. Programming of the cochlear implant device and post-implantation (re)habilitation therapy is available to

assist the client in utilization of the implant. An auditory-oral and auditory-verbal approach is offered as well as providing listening therapy with children who use total communication.

We draw children with hearing impairments from all over the region, especially central and southeastern Kentucky. Many of our children come from rural areas and drive several hours each way to attend our Center for services.

With your continued support we can help these children reach their fullest potential.

*Shelby Rutledge, M.A., CCC/SLP
Speech Pathology Program Director*

Let's "HEAR" from the audiology program...

This has been a year of expansion and growth for our audiology program.

Each of our audiologists brings unique areas of expertise to the Center. Jeanette Miller, now in her second year at LHSC, provides hearing aid fittings and maintenance and early intervention to our youngest of clients (infants, toddlers and young children). Her compassion and knowledge help guide families and their children through the sometimes long and

difficult journey to better hearing. Her counseling and skills help the family and educators working with a hearing impaired child know that nothing is impossible.

Sharon Guttman, who joined LHSC in 2001, specializes in the programming and rehabilitation of children receiving a cochlear implant. With years of rehabilitation a child who is "deaf," may learn to hear and speak just like hearing children. Since 1990 LHSC has served over 63 children with cochlear implants.

Hearing aids are not just for hearing impaired children. Many adults, especially individuals over the age of 65, have a hearing loss that may affect their ability to participate and communicate in daily activities. Digital hearing aid technology has now made it possible to help many hear and understand speech when listening in quiet and in the presence of background noise. If you suspect a hearing loss talk to your doctor or have a hearing evaluation completed by a certified audiologist.

*Sharon Guttman, M.S., CCC/A
Audiology Program Director*



PRESCHOOL NEWS

LHSC's morning preschool class is made up of primarily three and four-year-old children with varying degrees of hearing loss. We are seeing "the light go on" in some little faces for the first time! Many children have returned from last year's preschool class. We are able to work on more advanced concepts and vocabulary now because we established a good foundation of learning last school year.



Our afternoon kindergartners are covering all the skills found in a typical kindergarten with emphasis on speech and language skills. Our speech pathologist takes the children out of the classroom for individual therapy according to the needs of each child in both the morning and afternoon classes.

Once again this fall, we have had several United Way tour groups and many college students observe our preschool program. We also have residents from the University of Kentucky Medical School tour LHSC as part of their rotations. Some of the most frequent comments we hear are that they are amazed at how "typical" our preschool looks and the impressive communication skills these children have. Because these doctors have seen LHSC's preschool they



have a better vision for the future for their patients with hearing loss. Please call and stop by for a visit so that we can show you what your support does!

*Jo Ellen Rule, M.S.
Teacher*



Gift Ideas...



This fall we have received many donations that were sent to LHSC in lieu of wedding gifts for a wedding in one of our families. What a wonderful idea!!!

Please keep us in mind as your family celebrates holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. LHSC will be very happy to send a card to the person you wish to honor stating who the gift was from and, of course, send you a thank you card or letter for tax purposes. Remember, we can help you with your Holiday Shopping.

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DAY CARE HAPPENINGS

The LHSC Day Care has been very busy during the last year. We provide care for at least 40 children on a daily basis and we maintain a waiting list for every class.

We became a ONE STAR Certified Day Care Center, by becoming a part of the STARS program. This state program is a voluntary quality rating system, which rates centers for their activities that include children and parents, staff training, overall environment, and above standard care of the children. We are currently working towards our SECOND STAR certification, which should be awarded this coming spring.

The fall began with an excitement from the staff to begin our “school” activities. Our curriculum has strengths in language development and hands on learning. Our classes are small and we provide a low staff/child ratio to enhance individual learning.

Without your support many of our students at LHSC could not be here to receive the services they need from our audiologists and speech/language pathologists.

Kim Smart
Day Care Coordinator