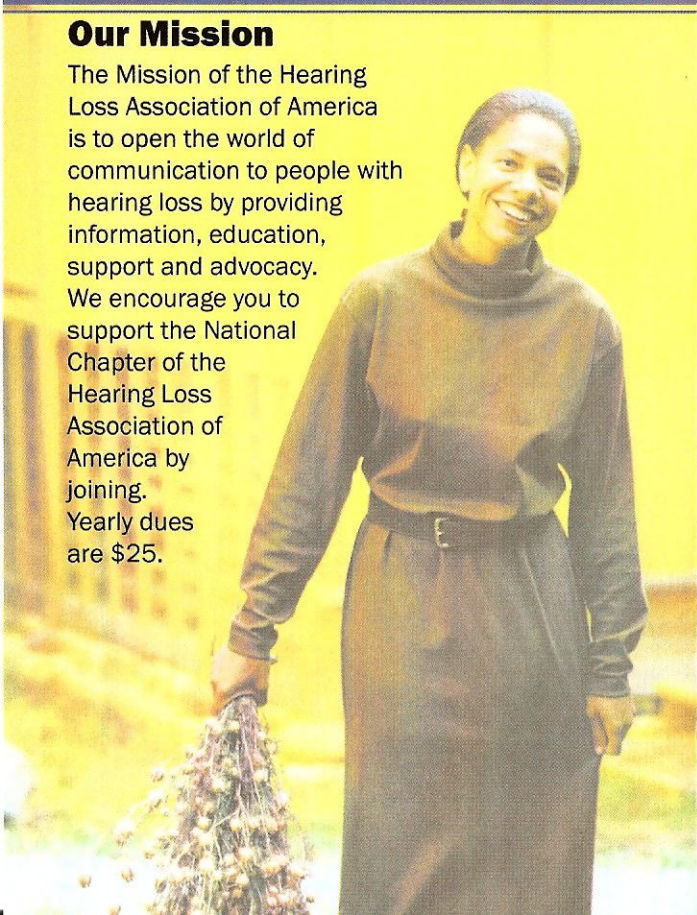


**You are not alone
with your hearing loss.**

Most people who attend our programs either have a hearing loss, or have loved ones with hearing losses. We are all joined by this same fact. We know the struggle it takes to get through the day in a fully hearing world. Our efforts will make life in Grand Rapids easier for the hard-of-hearing.

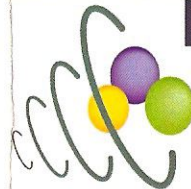
Our Mission

The Mission of the Hearing Loss Association of America is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy. We encourage you to support the National Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America by joining. Yearly dues are \$25.

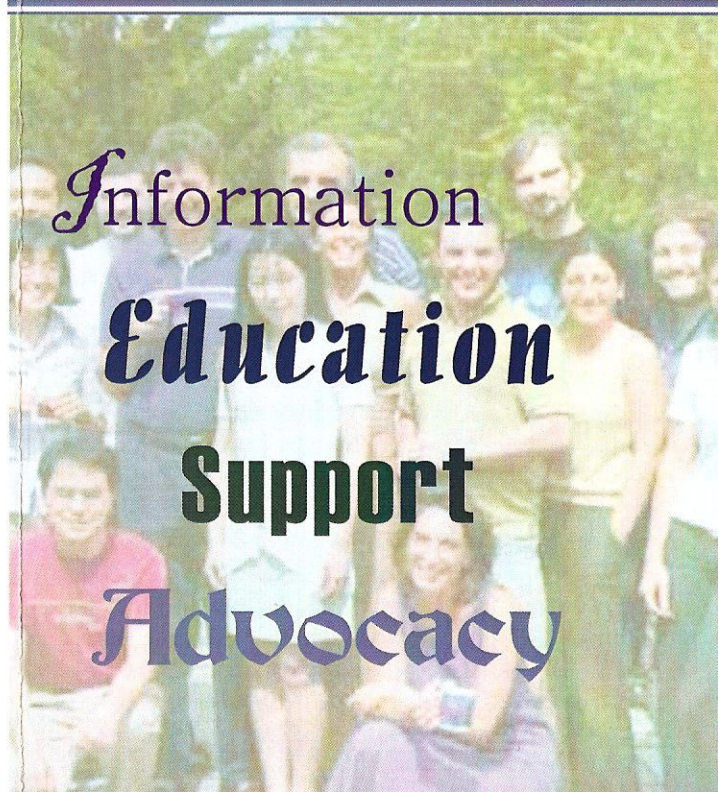


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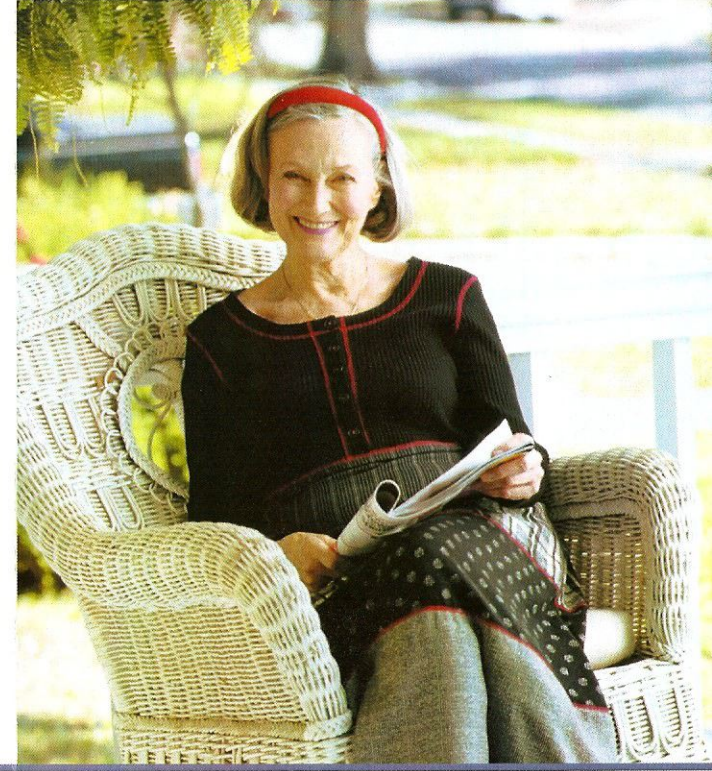


Self Help/Education

We believe that people with hearing loss can help themselves and one another to participate fully and successfully in society. Our primary purpose is to educate ourselves, our families, friends, co-workers, teachers, health-care providers, industry, government, and others about hearing loss.

- ▶ We promote self-confidence.
- ▶ We empower individuals with skills to improve their lives.
- ▶ We provide opportunities for affiliation among people with hearing loss, their friends, families and co-workers.
- ▶ We work to develop options for ourselves and open doors for others.
- ▶ We educate the general population about the special needs of people who have hearing losses.
- ▶ We promote understanding of the nature, causes, complications and remedies of hearing loss.

We want to help you become an informed consumer. Learn what options are available to you in order to deal with your hearing loss.



Walk4Hearing

The annual Walk4Hearing raises awareness about hearing loss issues and raises funds to support the mission of the Hearing Loss Association. Walks are held on the southeast and west sides of the state in spring or early summer months. Check the local and national websites for more details.

Walks are fun ways to meet other hard-of-hearing people and discover how we all have much in common. A strong feeling of comraderie results when new people join the local Walk4Hearing team.

Day at the State Capitol

A unique annual event that creates awareness of the communication needs of Michigan citizens with hearing loss. DASC provides an opportunity to become familiar with the legislative process, meet with elected officials, and advocate for improved communication access.

Previous years' events have included visits with your Representative and Senator, meeting other legislators in order to apprise them of ways they can help their hard-of-hearing constituents, and networking with other disability advocates.

Advocacy

The Hearing Loss Association is a leading voice in improving communication access for people with hearing loss.

As a community, we....

...advocate for communication access in the workplace, hotels, schools, court systems, medical, and entertainment facilities.

...promote new technology, medical research and legislation that will alleviate the effects of hearing loss.

...encourage and participate in research to improve hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and other technology needs of consumers with hearing loss.

...push for research on understanding the causes of hearing loss and for development of new treatments.

...testify before federal, state and local legislative bodies on issues concerning people with hearing loss.

...help implement federal and state laws which benefit people with hearing loss.

Programs of the Grand Rapids Area Chapter

Free educational programs are held on the second Wednesday of the month, except in July and August, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in LL Conference Rooms A & B of Metro Health Hospital, 5900 Byron Center Rd. SW, Wyoming MI.

By attending these programs, you will:
learn about the causes of hearing loss and how to find the solutions and options that exist in our community;

become part of a team that actively addresses the many frustrations that result from having a hearing loss;

meet others with hearing loss who will help you to feel less alienated and isolated in your life. We believe that life is for living and that living with hearing loss means that we need tools and techniques to remain actively engaged.