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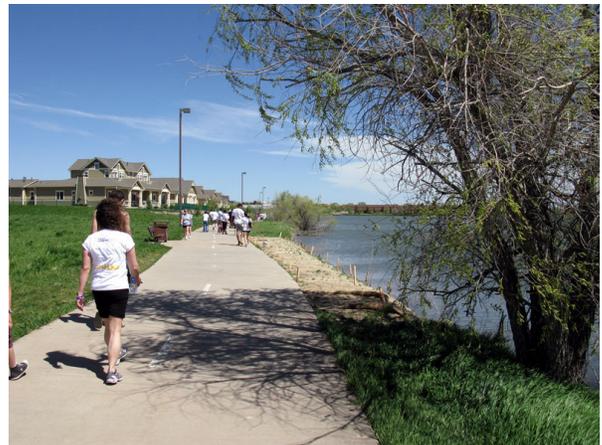
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Great mountain view



Walk4Hearing checking in



Going around the lake in Clement Park



Starting out on the Walk

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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Christie Nudelman, President, HLAA Boulder Chapter

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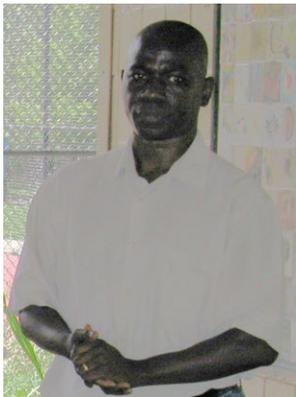
Saturday, Sept. 18, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112,
Boulder, CO 80303, behind Safeway

The Latest in Hearing Aid Technology

Jill Wayne, AuD., the Executive Director/Audiologist, Center for Hearing, Speech and Language, Denver.

You scream, I scream, we ALL scream for Ice Cream!

The Boulder Chapter held their Summer Ice Cream Social on Aug 29th at Martin Park in Boulder, CO. We had 14 members in attendance and 2 interested guests. In addition, we were lucky to have the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing representative, Namati Katungu and his wife Mary, join us to meet and get to know our community.



Namati Katungu, CCDHH, with members at the Ice Cream Social

We were able to share the conference materials and encourage members to think about attending next years National Conference in DC. In addition, we talked about our upcoming year and gathered ideas for our monthly meetings and our new social program we plan to launch this year. If you have ideas that you want to submit, please contact us at hlaaboulder@yahoo.com.

We look forward to a fun, exciting, educational year. We look forward to seeing you at our September 18th meeting where Jill Wayne AuD, the Executive Director/Audiologist from the Center for Hearing Speech and Language will join us to review the latest in hearing aid technology as well as explain an audiogram.

See meeting info, maps and directions on page 5. □



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Submission deadline for October 2010 newsletter: no later than Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 9:00 pm. The newsletter is mailed at least 10 days prior to Colorado Springs monthly meeting.

A major objective of HLAA is to develop a constituency of hard of hearing people. This cannot be achieved without members throughout the U.S. Members of HLAA groups and chapters should be members of HLAA National to help accomplish the goals that will benefit all hard of hearing people and at the same time receive the benefits of that national membership.

Individual: \$35/USA, \$35/Canada/Mexico, \$45/Overseas (via airmail).

Professional: \$35/USA, \$45/Canada/Mexico, \$55 /Overseas (via airmail).

(Other types of memberships include **Library, Non-Profit Organization** and **Organization**, etc.)

For information, send a SASE to HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Quote of the month

Faith is like electricity. You can't see it, but you can see the light.

--- The Power to Change Today by Gregory Dickow



Colorado Springs Chapter

By Mark Valkonen, President

Hello again! The information for the next meeting will be coming next month.

Until next time, stay well, stay dry and stay warm!

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October

Where: Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E La Salle Street, Colorado Springs, CO

Chapter Contact: Mark Valkonen

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W4H Walker with Kaci from Cochlear Americas, W4H Sponsor, at the May 22nd Colorado Walk4Hearing Walk



Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:20 Program.

Where did the summer go! It will be good getting back together for our fall series of meetings---and it will be good seeing all of you again!

We had a nice gathering of fun people at Brios in Cherry Creek for lunch on the last Saturday in August. The food and conviviality was great. Special thanks to Marjorie, Helene Gustafson and Ann Monson for finding and making the arrangements for a private room at the restaurant. It was especially good to have Max Acosta join us. Most of you are aware that Max was our treasurer for so many years and helped immensely with our sound system prior to the advent of having a loop system. We decided to try doing a restaurant this year in August to replace the picnic in the park in Sept. which we have done for so many years. However, we about froze to death last year so we decided to seek more creature comforts and warmer setting.

Outside speakers are being arranged for October and November, but for this month we are planning to do some sharing and interaction among us. As you recall, from our chapter, Carol Cain and your president attended the national HLAA meeting held in Milwaukee this past June. We thought you might enjoy hearing from us on what we viewed as the highlights of the convention. Maybe we can entice some of you to consider going to the convention next year to be held in Washington, D.C. Karen Keil, our illustrious newsletter editor, and others from Boulder and Colo. Springs, also attended. If any of them drop in we will invite their comments as well.

Then we wanted to give all of you some time to share with us what is working or not working in your hearing world. If you are experiencing some problems and challenges in getting the best from your aids or assistive devices maybe we can offer some ideas which may help. We always seem to get some benefit from huddling over the common challenges we face in our everyday life.

Our Family support group will also be meeting again concurrently, led by professional facilitator, Judith Stuckey. This as an opportunity for family and close friends to come together in a very confidential setting to share things that maybe you are facing and sometimes, when frustrations or difficulties are shared, one finds not only that we not alone but it is possible that the group may come up with some insights which might make things a little easier and and more harmonious in our personal life.

You may see some new faces, as over the course of the summer I have been in touch with a number of special folks who wanted to come and see what we are all about.

We wish to thank Eddee Griest for providing refreshments for this month. We do need someone to volunteer for refreshments in October.

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See map and directions on page 7.

HLAA Chapters in Colorado

COLORADO

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 Ph 303-938-9659
 (Note: Please notify me if you aren't able to reach your chapter contact)
State website:
<http://www.hearinglosscolorado.org>

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America e-mail E-News:
<http://www.hearingloss.org/membership/Sen.asp>

BOULDER CHAPTER (Boulder)

When: Third Saturday of Month at 10:30 AM, Sept. - May
 Where: Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112, Boulder, CO 80303
 Chapter Contact: Christie Nudelman e-mail hlaaboulder@yahoo.com

CENTRAL DENVER CHAPTER

When: Fourth Saturday of Month at 1 PM, no meeting July/August (special event in Sept. and Dec., date TBA)
 Where: Englewood Public Library Anderson Conference Room 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy in Englewood Civic Ctr.
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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October
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Vampires Suck	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Sept. 10-16
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Golden (Lakewood)		
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Eat, Pray, Love	AMC Flatiron Crossing 14	Sept. 14-16* RWC
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The Girl Who Played with Fire	The Mayan, Denver	Sept. 14-16* ST
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Boulder		
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Westminster		
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When is the next meeting? Join Meetup and always be in the know!



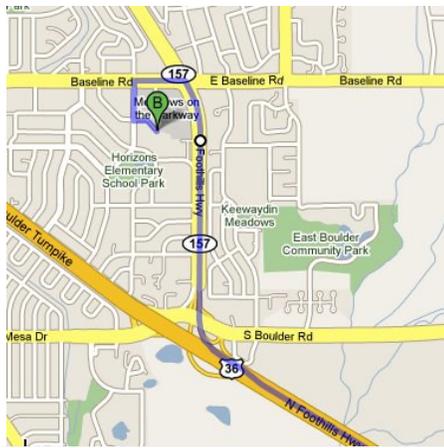
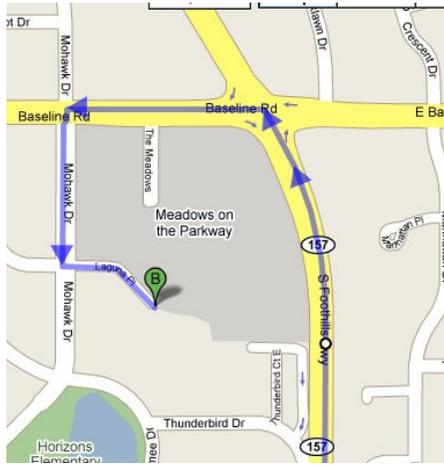
Thanks to Christie Nudelman who recently created a group for all Colorado chapters on the online social network tool called Meetup.com. Please take a look and join at no cost at www.meetup.com/Hearing-Loss-Association-of-Colorado.

The site allows us to post information about upcoming HLAA meetings and send meeting reminders to people who join. You can also meet and talk on-line to other members, provide ideas for future meetings, and provide feedback about meetings you have attended. Please log in and sign up today! ☐

Directions to Boulder HLA Chapter

Directions from Denver

Go on Highway 36 west from I-25. Exit on CO-157 Foothills Parkway ramp and merge (slightly left) into Foothills Parkway. Turn left onto Baseline Rd. Turn left at Mohawk Dr. Turn left at Laguna Pl. The library and its parking lot will be on the left.



HLA of Pueblo Chapter News

**September 18, 2010, Rawlings Library, 1:30-3:30 PM
Pueblo, CO**

At press time, the meeting information was not announced. Questions, please contact Sharon Campbell at e-mail hlaapueblo@yahoo.com or Ph 719-561-0648. □

Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

Fall is coming quickly, and I'm not sure I'm ready for the winter that is surely not far behind.

Hearing Loss is showing up in the news more frequently now, and I hear more and more about new assistive listening systems being installed around the country.

On August 31st, *The Today Show* on NBC aired a segment called "*Is hearing loss taking a toll on your family?*" They bring up the newest statistic that 1 in 5 young people today exhibit signs of a hearing loss. Suzanne D'Amico, an HLAA member who has a daughter with hearing loss was shown in the clip. Unfortunately, mention of HLAA did not make the cut in the video. However, it is a great clip with good information about how hearing loss affects the family. To see this clip:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/38932880#38932880>

If you put your cursor below where you run the video in the bar that says "*find term in this clip*" it brings up a menu where you can choose "*subtitles*", which you click on subtitles it brings them up on the video.

I also learn about the new hearing loop installations at various places around the country, and the newest one is at the Michigan State University's Breslin Center which is the home of MSU's college basketball games as well as other major events and concerts. This will be the biggest single North American hearing loop installation. Completion is slated for October 9, 2010!

Dave Myers from Holland, Michigan has dedicated his time toward getting hearing loops installed in his community, and has been able to

reach out around the country to other advocates wanting to do the same thing. Dave Myers was featured in an NPR broadcast of *Science Friday* in an interview about hearing loops, to read the transcript go to:

www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128268480

Audiologist Juliette Sterkens and her husband Max from Wisconsin have been able to install loops in many churches all around Wisconsin.

David Myers mentions many of the different projects in an article about "*Technologies for Worship*", which you can read here: <http://www.hearingloop.org/00TechWorship.pdf>

Janice Schacter is a Hearing Loss advocate in the New York area, and she has been a champion at getting publicity for Hearing Loss. Her daughter has hearing loss, and she has been a strong advocate for access and works tirelessly to make sure that equipment works in public places for her daughter. The September issue of *Redbook* features an article about Janice and the "*Hearing Access Program*".

Here in Colorado, we are starting up a Looping Colorado project, I encourage any of you who are interested to contact me and become involved. In order for Hearing Loop technology to become more available, we need to have more installations, and people need to be educated on using their telecoils in hearing aids to use this technology.

People who don't have a telecoil, or don't wear a hearing aid, can still use a receiver. We need to start working on places where it would be helpful to have a loop installed. Churches are good facilities to work on. They are not required by the ADA to have listening systems available, but they are increasingly becoming aware of the goodwill it shows to have systems installed. When people attend services and events at the church and become familiar with the systems, they will be more likely to ask for systems when they are in other public places.

The Colorado Commission has been hard at work over the summer, staff has grown and programs are expanding! There are now 7 people on staff, some you may already know. Cliff Moers is the Commission Administrator, Cheri Davis is the Legal Auxiliary Services Manager, Rob Loveless is the Education & Training Specialist for the Deaf Community, Namati Katungu is the Education & Training Specialist for the Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened Community, Tricia Frank is the Staff Interpreter, Carmena Minor is the Auxiliary Services Coordinator, and Veramarie McIngvale is the TEDP Coordinator.

I was reappointed July 1st, 2010 to a new 4-year term as the Hard of Hearing Representative on the Commission, and I was elected at the June 2010 Commission meeting to a 2 year term as Chair of the Commission. To learn more about the commission, visit www.coloradodeafcommission.com and you may also contact me at any time about questions or issues you may have.

Please show your support for your local HLAA chapter by attending meetings! Join Hearing Loss Association of America today if you are not already a member by going to www.hearingloss.org/membership/index.asp. Your support is important and helps us to advocate more effectively for people with hearing loss! □

Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) Open-Captioned Live Shows

Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2010/2011 at Buell Theatre

[Shrek](#).....Nov 28 at 2pm
Next to Normal...Jan 15 at 1pm
Avenue Q.....Mar 13 at 2pm
9 to 5.....May 8 at 2pm
Billy Elliot.....June 5 at 2pm
Rock of Ages.....June 26 at 2pm

Please come and support this open captioning effort!

Tickets

Voice: (303) 893-4100
 TTY: (303) 893-9582

Online: www.denvercenter.org

If you wish to get updates on these shows and any other shows in e-mail, please send e-mail to kkeil75@yahoo.com to be put on the **Captioned Movies and Shows e-mail list.**

From the DCPA: Because Open Captioning uses a text display at the side of the stage, it is important that you alert our box office staff that you would like this service. This way we can ensure your seats are in the optimal location. Contact the Denver Center Box Office at (303) 893-4100; (800) 641-1222 or TTY (303) 893-9582. □

Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) ASL Sign Language Interpreted and Audio Description Live Shows

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation of all of our productions on select dates. We invite persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to join us for these plays and we will seat you in an optimal location to view the interpreters and the stage.

When you purchase your tickets, please alert our box office staff that you would like ASL interpretation, so that we can secure appropriate seats.

[Grease](#).....Oct 17 at 2pm
[The House of the Spirits](#).....Oct 23 at 1:30pm
[Dracula](#).....Oct 30 at 1:30pm
[MAMMA MIA!](#).....Nov 7 at 2pm
[Free Range Thinking](#).....Nov 13 at 2pm
[The 39 Steps](#).....Nov 6 at 1:30pm
[Shrek](#).....Nov 28 at 2pm
[A Christmas Carol](#).....Dec 11 at 1:30pm
[Reckless](#).....Dec 18 at 1:30pm
Next to Normal.....Jan 16 at 1pm
[Map of Heaven](#).....Feb 5 at 1:30pm
[The Catch](#).....Feb 19 at 1:30pm
[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)...Feb 26 at 1:30pm
[Ruined](#).....April 23 at 1:30pm

[Superior Donuts](#).....May 7 at 1:30pm
9 to 5.....May 8 at 2pm
Billy Elliot.....June 5 at 2pm
Rock of Ages.....June 26 at 2pm

Should you need assistance in ordering tickets to these programs, contact us at 303.893.4100, 800.641-1222 or TTY 303.893.9582. □

Living Well with Hearing Loss A New Monthly Series at the Longmont Senior Center

Hearing loss is the most common disability in America.

And yet, many people don't know where to turn for information on how to adapt.

Today's technology offers a wide variety of tools that help with hearing loss. Sharing experiences with others with hearing loss has proven to be helpful to successfully adapting...and thriving.

If hearing loss is new to you, join us and learn from people who have been down this road.

Co-facilitated by Rebecca Herr and Lynne Langmaid.

Hearing Loss: How it Happens & What to Do Next Register for Activity # 7209.400

Monday, October 11 Disability Awareness Month

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Cost:** \$5.00 Longmont resident, \$7.00 non-resident

We'll cover how hearing works, how it goes wrong, types and degrees of loss, and how this affects us. You'll learn what hearing tests measure, how to understand audiograms, what to discuss with an audiologist, new views on adjusting to hearing aids, ways to adapting to challenging environments, how to find financial help with costs, and see some alternatives to hearing aids.

Keeping in Touch: Great Telephone Alternatives for People with Hearing Loss

Date: Monday, November 8

Register for Activity # 7210.400

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 am **Cost:**

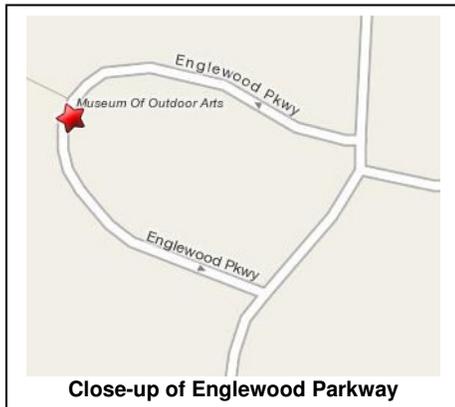
\$5.00 Longmont resident, \$7.00 non-resident

Come learn about your options for keeping in touch by phone. Find out about types of amplified phones and text phones from ADCO Hearing in Englewood, and see the captioned telephone (CapTel), cell phones, text devices, and computer-based options from Sprint Relay Colorado.

Register in person at the Longmont Senior Center at **910 Longs Peak Avenue**, or call **303-651-8411**, or register online:

www.ci.longmont.co.us/sen_ctr/index.htm

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Directions and Maps to Englewood Public Library

From East Hampden:
Turn right on to S. Inca St.

From West Hampden:
Turn left on to S. Inca St.

Then:
Turn left on to Englewood Parkway at the north part of the loop. Go around the curve and turn right into the parking garage. Park in the garage. The Library is on the right next to the garage.

From Dartmouth Avenue:

Turn left from the East or turn right from the West into S. Inca St. at the northern end.

Continue south on S. Inca St. Turn right on Englewood Parkway. Turn right into parking garage at curve. Park in the garage. Library is to the right. □

National HLA Membership

If you are not a member of the national organization, Hearing Loss Association of America, please consider joining. HLA National provides tremendous services that benefit you both directly and indirectly, including its own bimonthly periodical, *Hearing Loss Magazine*.

The HLA national organization advocates at the national level for issues related to hearing loss, including access, captioning, insurance coverage, employment and tax credits. It is important that the national leaders can cite a large membership when they speak with Congress and business leaders. For information about National HLA, go to www.hearingloss.org. Sign up now and help make hearing loss an issue of national concern.

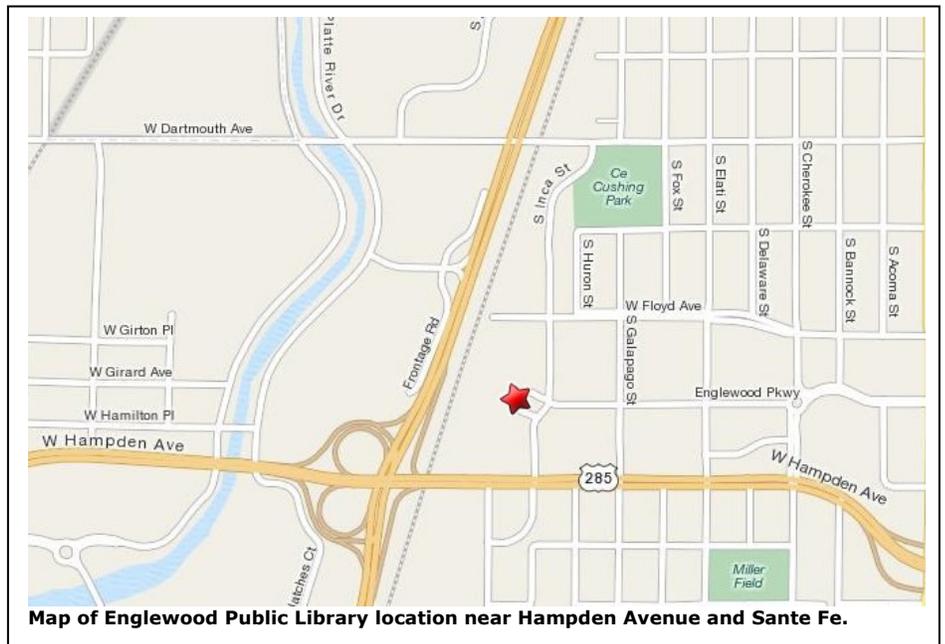


**Are you deaf or hard of hearing?
Do you have a story to tell?**

Have you had experience with trying to get mental health services or treatment for alcohol abuse or drug addiction—for yourself or others?

Do you have a family member—adult or child—who is hard of hearing or deaf and has had experience with mental health services? What was it like?

Have you or your family members faced barriers when finding out about or getting mental health and addiction recovery services? Do you have stories of challenges and successes to share?



The Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), the Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD), and members of the community are working together on the Daylight Project to improve access to mental health and substance abuse services for people in Colorado who are deaf or who have hearing loss.

The Consumer and Family Advocacy Work Group of the Daylight Project is looking for deaf and hard of hearing consumers and family members to share their stories and help guide our work.

We are developing a network of trained community advocates who will help counselors, service providers, agencies, and policymakers to understand the communication needs, life experiences, and perspectives of deaf

and hard of hearing people who seek treatment and recovery programs.

Advocates may participate in cultural competency programs to train professionals and agency staff, learn about and discuss mental health and recovery issues, act as consultants on communication options and technology use, and learn how to present their views and experiences at community events and public policy meetings. All training programs are free and compensation is available.

To learn more about the Daylight Project, check the CCDHH website at www.ColoradoDeafCommission.com/advocacy/mhsa.aspx

Any questions? Interested in sharing your experiences?
Want to learn more about the Daylight Project?

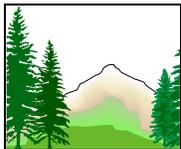
Please contact Mary Sterritt at mary.sterritt@mhcd.org
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One More Colorado Walk4Hearing Walk Photo



Clowns and the kids at the Colorado W4H Walk

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Hearing Loss Association of Colorado

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Note to those on Boulder Chapter Mailing List

Check your mailing label for the numbers after your name. This is the year and month of the last newsletter you will receive. Please pay **\$15/year fees** to continue receiving the News. Checks are payable to HLA Boulder, and sent to Karen Keil, P. O. Box 472704, Aurora, CO 80047-2704. □