

If this sounds familiar . . .



- You misunderstand information on the telephone
- You find it difficult to participate in meetings
- You missed what the repairman said about the washing machine

- You avoid social gatherings because you miss so much conversation
- You hate noisy restaurants and the waiters are impatient with you
- Movies, plays, and lectures sound like transmissions from outer space



- You turn up the volume until it hurts, but you still don't understand
- You start to avoid people who "whisper" or "mumble"
- You don't hear people say hello, and they think you're rude



- Your relationships with friends and family suffer
- It takes so much energy just to try to understand
- It's easier to be alone



CHIP can help you in many ways!

CHIP is a non-profit volunteer organization that is working to make life a little easier and the world a friendlier place for the hearing impaired.



CHIP provides a regular program of events for the hearing impaired:

- Communication and coping strategies
- Information sessions about hearing aids and other assistive devices
- Lectures and hands-on workshops.



CHIP's HEAR program (Hearing Education for Aural Rehabilitation) helps people who are new to hearing loss adjust to the day-to-day realities of hearing impairment. The six-session program is packed with technical information, practical tips, problem-solving, and the simple joy of sharing experiences.



CHIP offers speechreading (lipreading) classes at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels to help you maximize your ability to communicate.



CHIP presents captioned feature films for the hearing impaired and their friends and families.



At **CHIP's** well-equipped Resource Centre you can try out a range of assistive devices that can make your life easier, safer and more enjoyable (telephones, TV amplifiers, doorbells, alarms). We don't sell them – we just help you find the solution to your needs.



CHIP's Reach Out program works in the community to promote understanding of the needs of the hearing impaired – through education, awareness-building, and advocacy activities to promote the rights of the hearing impaired.

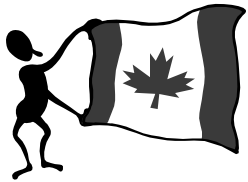


CHIP's Safe Listening Program provides a hands-on teacher workshop and a kit of creative materials and activities to help teachers educate students about hearing, noise, and the prevention of hearing loss.



Signed English can improve communication for people who have lost hearing later in life. It's an easy to learn system that combines speech with some basic signs from American Sign Language and finger spelling (of the 26 alphabet signs). People you communicate with daily will be able to pick it up just by watching you, or by coming to classes with you. **CHIP** arranges Signed English classes on demand.

You are not alone



Almost two million people in Canada are hearing-impaired.

Hearing loss is an invisible disability.

It affects our most vital link with other people – communication!

Hearing loss can be caused by disease, side effects of medication, excessive noise, accident, or genetic factors.

But, whatever the cause, and whatever the degree of your hearing loss . . .



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Please send me your current program and schedule of workshops and classes.

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We'll be waiting to hear from you!



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