



May 2024 Newsletter

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Welcome to HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter monthly newsletter! Here we provide local chapter, state, and national resources for individuals with hearing loss, or those that support individuals with hearing loss. We are a group of individuals who understand that coping with hearing loss is difficult.

Our members work together to improve communication by sharing experiences, learning new strategies and staying up-to-date with available hearing technology, as well as other assistive devices. Our chapter has worked for years to create a real support and fun monthly meetings which encourage a feeling of community and friendship.

If you haven't been to a monthly meeting, we hope you'll give us a try!

Monthly Chapter Meeting Details:

3rd Thursday of each month

11:30 – 1:00

Will Rogers Gardens

3400 NW 36th St.

Oklahoma City, OK

Meetings are held in the large auditorium. Accessibility accommodations include:

- Closed Captions available
- Looped meeting room
- Zoom options available for guests unable to join in person

Upcoming Meeting Featured Speakers and Activities:

May 16th: Communication with Your Doctor

Details: Dr. Dennis with VIP Care will share with us tips on how to talk to your physician and increase communication.

**Special Lunch Sponsor: Dr. Pam Matthews and Hearing Pro Clinic

Upcoming events:

- June 20th - BINGO! (*bring a new/gently used gift or gift card as a prize*)
- July 18th - Movie at Rodeo Cinema!
- August 3rd - Annual Ice Cream Social

BINGO Prizes Needed!

June 20th is our annual BINGO!

Please bring a new or gently used item, or a small dollar gift card to your favorite place!

Fundraising events!

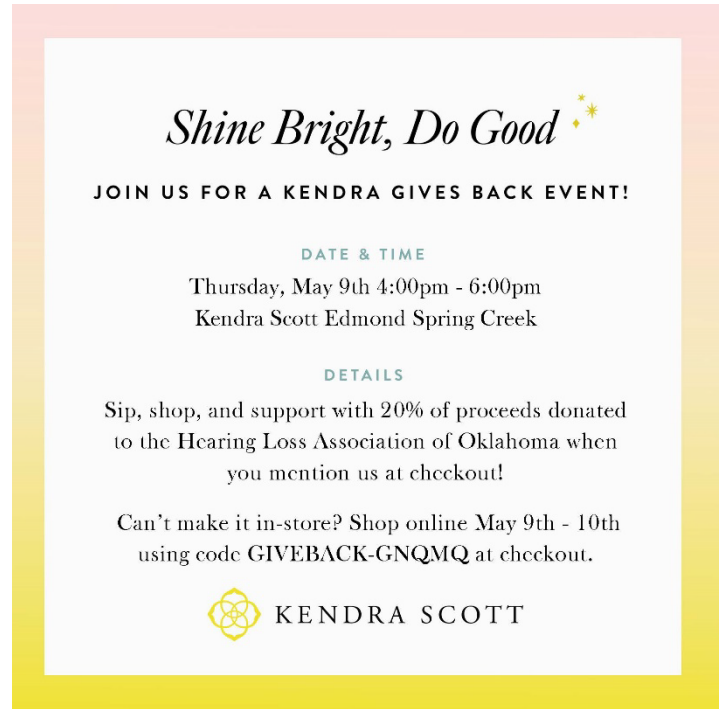
The Central Oklahoma Hearing Loss Association Chapter has several amazing events coming up that you can participate in!

May Event: Shop Kendra Scott Jewelry!

So many Spring events are happening that you need a gift for! What a great reason to shop while supporting your favorite support organization. For every dollar spent at this event, 20% of the proceeds will be given to the Hearing Loss Association, Central Oklahoma Chapter. What a win for all!

- Mother's Day
- Graduations
- Birthdays
- Wedding Showers
- Early Christmas Shopping

The Kendra Scott jewelry sales event will take place on May 9th from 4-6 pm at the Edmond store at 1452 S Bryant Ave in the Spring Creek Plaza. Pati and Rebecca will be at the store to answer any customer questions.




Shine Bright, Do Good ✨

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT!

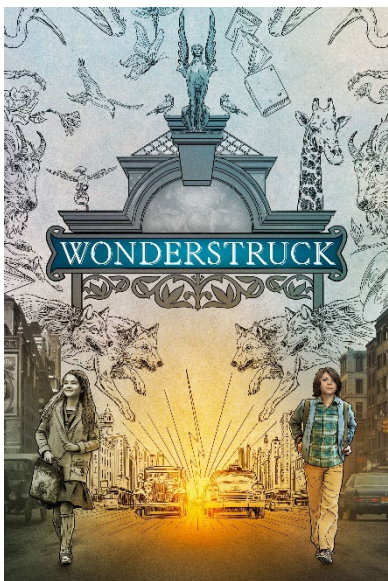
DATE & TIME
Thursday, May 9th 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Kendra Scott Edmond Spring Creek

DETAILS
Sip, shop, and support with 20% of proceeds donated to the Hearing Loss Association of Oklahoma when you mention us at checkout!

Can't make it in-store? Shop online May 9th - 10th using code **GIVEBACK-GNQM** at checkout.

 KENDRA SCOTT

If you can't attend in person, you can shop online at www.kendrascott.com and use the code **GIVEBACK-GNQM** when you check out!



2nd Annual Movie Outing - July 18th at 1:00

Join us for our 2nd Annual Day at the Movies! The Rodeo Cinema is inviting us back where you can view movies in the most accessible way possible! Where wheelchair accessibility and listening technology is always available - including closed captioning and assistive listening devices available for all. - so you never miss a scene!

The movie showing will be **Wonder Struck**.

Premise of the movie: The film interlaces two stories set 50 years apart, switching frequently between them, with the older story filmed in black and white. Each tells the story of a child's quest. In 1927, young, deaf girl Rose runs away from her father's New Jersey home to find her mother/idol, the actress Lillian Mayhew. In 1977, recently orphaned Ben, made deaf by a freak accident, runs away from his Minnesota home in search of his father.

Cost of the movie: \$6.75 (discounted rate)

If you are interested, come early at 11:30 and grab lunch with the group! We will meet at the front of Rodeo Cinema at 11:30 for those who want to eat lunch. Movie begins at 1:00 pm.

2024 Scholarship Announcement!

Our chapter is once again offering Scholarships for the fall semester of 2024. We have given 20 Scholarships in the past 8 years and a total of \$22,000. While recipients have been chosen, donations are still welcome to support the future of this program.

Mail your support of an annual tax-deductible donation to:

HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter
Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 42801, Oklahoma City, OK
73123




You're invited to
Annual Ice Cream Social!!

August 3, 2024, 2:00 pm

Will Rogers Gardens
3400 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

Meet and greet the scholarship recipients!



Scholarship Fundraiser!

We are still selling tickets to support the scholarship fund account. Buy a ticket for \$10 to be entered into a drawing for a pair of hearing aids and one year of service. Generously provided by our very own Pam Matthews, Pro Hearing, and Starkey Hearing Aids! See any board member to buy (or sell) tickets! Winner will be announced at the annual ice cream social.

State Level Resources

In an effort in fulfilling our mission, an HLAA COC member is available to visit with anyone from Oklahoma that need help with finding hearing loss solutions. We share this support with various HLAA COC members. Starting May 1, 2024, you can reach out to Shelley Gladden at 405-744-9863, or email at shelley.gladden@okstate.edu

National Level Resources

Join us in Phoenix! Central Oklahoma will be represented at the national HLAA 2024 convention. We would LOVE it if you could join us!
Check it out on the HLAA National page.

SPOILER ALERT: HLAA CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER WILL BE RECEIVING THREE AWARDS!



AI and Other Hearing Technology Advancements is the Hearing Life spring issue theme. Our cover feature explores in-depth the latest hearing technology innovations, in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), Bluetooth, sound processing, automatic speech recognition (ASR), augmented reality (AR) and others. In The Future of Hearing Loss Technology, four HLAA Hear for Life partners spotlight what's new and what's next for accessible hearing solutions. Check out a curated collection of essential workplace tools and resources that can help you on the job; learn about a global digital accessibility initiative for students with disabilities led by a former HLAA intern; and discover our community's favorite tech tips and tools, from devices to apps, shared by people with hearing loss. You can also help guide future tech development by joining the industry-Consumer Alliance for Accessible Technology (ICAAT). Plus, details about the 2024 HLAA Convention, our new Walk4Hearing season and more!

Check out the latest edition of Hearing Life here:
<https://www.hearingloss.org/magazines/spring-2024/>

Thank You to our Sponsors!

Have you HEARD the news? Hearing loss awareness and access is growing throughout our state and the Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter is leading the charge. Every year, our chapter of the HLAA achieves our goals with the help of our amazing members and valued sponsors like you.

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Hearing Loss Association of Central Oklahoma, Chapter Treasurer, PO Box 42801, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

Endowment Tip #5

The most tax efficient way to leave a charitable gift from your estate is through a retirement account.

By naming the Central Oklahoma Chapter, Hearing Loss Association as one of the beneficiaries of your retirement plan, the gift will be tax-free.

If you are subject to estate tax, your estate will also receive a charitable deduction to offset potential liabilities. Simply request a beneficiary designation form from your retirement plan administrator and list the Central Oklahoma Chapter, Hearing Loss Association as a primary or contingent beneficiary.

Make sure you communicate your intent of a gift to the executor of your estate as well as to the Central Oklahoma Chapter, Hearing Loss Association.

Board Members of HLAA - Central Oklahoma Chapter

A note from the board:

The Mission of the Oklahoma City Hearing Loss Association is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy. With our mission in mind, we want to thank you for continuing to receive and read our Hearing Loss newsletter. We hope to increase awareness and make a real difference for people with hearing loss. Thanks to the support from you, our members and friends, our chapter, over this past year, has been able to continue to offer support to many people living with hearing loss. As we move forward, we need your support more than ever. Please consider including the Hearing Loss Association of America - Central Oklahoma Chapter in your financial plans. Thank you!



Pictured from left to right:

Shelley Gladden, shelley.gladden@okstate.edu, Chairperson

Ana Covey, okhearingloss@gmail.com, Vice Chairperson

Judy Hughey, jahughey55@gmail.com, Secretary

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Pati Burns, pati.burns@heartsforhearing.org, Member At Large

Nancy Landrum, nanlan@cox.net, Member At Large

Not pictures: Sharon Hendricks, sharonok@swbell.net, Past Chair

Looking to volunteer? We have the following open positions:

Newsletter Editor - create/develop content and distribute monthly

Meeting set up / break down - help with monthly meeting chairs and tables

Phone Tree - call and remind individuals and welcome new members

Have another skill? Let's talk!

Change of Address - Mail or Email

Please let us know, so you can continue to receive the newsletter and other publications from the HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter. See the list of board members above for people to contact.

Connect with us!

Visit the website: www.oklahomahearingloss.org to view schedules for our local chapter meetings and special events. We welcome your feedback and comments on our websites. For the Facebook page, search in the Facebook search box for HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter