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**Celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month in May with
Columbus Speech & Hearing Center**

Columbus, OH - April 2010 - Since 1927, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association has celebrated Better Hearing and Speech Month each May to raise public awareness of speech and language disorders that affect 14 million Americans.

Speech and language disorders can take many forms and can limit academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement. An individual may be born with a speech or language disorder, or it may be caused by accidental injury or illness.

"Fortunately, most people with speech and language problems can be helped," said Lyna Smith, Director of Speech & Occupational Therapy Services, Columbus Speech & Hearing Center.

BHSM Activities at Columbus Speech & Hearing Center:

How has CSHC changed your/your child's life?

- Clients will have the opportunity to answer this question and add their comment to the wall of replies on display in the main lobby.

Bookmarks

- Clinicians will be passing out Columbus Speech & Hearing Center bookmarks to clients with helpful tips on reading with children.

Information Galore

- Speech Language Pathologists will provide information to parents on their favorite therapy tools, tips for practicing at home, Web site resources, clinician specialties and training, and client testimonies.

Speech-language pathologists are the professionals who treat all types of speech, language, and related disorders. They hold at least a master's degree and are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. They also are licensed by the state of Ohio.

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center is now accepting new clients. To schedule a speech evaluation or to talk with a therapist, call 614.263.5151.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific and credentialing association for more than 127,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists and speech, language, and hearing scientists.

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center, founded in 1923, is a non-profit United Way organization serving over 10,000 people annually. Services include hearing evaluations, hearing aids, speech therapy for children and adults, occupational therapy and treatment, and vocational services for the Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf and Deaf-Blind through the Comprehensive Program for the Deaf and Ohio Deaf-Blind Outreach Program. Generous charitable giving from the community help offset the cost of the Center's valued services for low-income families. For more information, www.columbusspeech.org.