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Gold, Silver, and Grateful Your support helped us earn top honors



We are honored to share that Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center has been named **Gold Winner for Best Hearing Center**, **Silver Winner for Best Audiology**, and **Silver Winner for Best Speech Therapy** in the [2026 Charlotte's Best Awards](#).

These awards reflect the trust our patients place in us, the generosity of our supporters, and the dedication of our incredible team members.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who voted, shared the contest, and championed our mission. Your support helps raise awareness of the importance of accessible speech-language and hearing services for all. Thank you for helping make this achievement possible!

Beauty of Expression

A night to remember



CSHC's Beauty of Expression, celebrates more than words, voices, and hearing. We celebrate the possibilities! This signature fundraising event shines a light on the transformative work of Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center and the remarkable individuals whose lives have been changed through communication.

Together, board members, community partners and guests help ensure children and adults can access essential speech and hearing services, creating brighter futures and stronger connections for generations to come by raising nearly \$30,000. Neil Foto won the Grand Vacation Giveaway raffle prize.



Henlee's Journey

Imagine never hearing your child speak

For the first two years of her life, Ashley had never heard her daughter, Henlee, use words.

"She was very frustrated because she couldn't communicate. She would point and scream instead of expressing what she wanted," Ashley shared. "It was a struggle."

Then, a referral from her school led Henlee to Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center. Through speech therapy with her speech-language pathologist, Tyrah, Henlee began building the skills and confidence to communicate. Session by session, she found her voice.

"Tyrah remained consistent and patient until there was finally a breakthrough."



Henlee enjoyed the time they spent together and eventually began to talk. Now she doesn't stop talking and singing."

Today, Henlee tells her family what she wants, asks for milk, and fills her days with conversation and song.

Stories like Henlee's remind us why early intervention matters and how access to speech-language services can transform lives.

Mommy Matters: Understanding Speech Delays



Recently, our Speech-Language Pathologist, **Emily Payne**, joined WCCB Charlotte's **Mommy Matters** segment to discuss a growing concern: speech and language delays in young children and the impact of early intervention.

Many families have questions about what communication development should look like.

While every child develops at their own pace, the first five years of life are a critical period for speech and language growth. Understanding developmental milestones can help parents recognize when additional support may be needed.

That's why our team created our [Resources for Families](https://charlottespeechhearing.com/speech-language-services/resources-for-families/) page, featuring developmental milestones, signs to watch for, practical tips to encourage communication at home, and other helpful tools for families. Visit <https://charlottespeechhearing.com/speech-language-services/resources-for-families/> to learn more.

Late Talker vs. Speech Delay: **How to Tell the Difference and When to Seek Help**



Every child develops communication skills at their own pace, which can leave parents wondering whether their child is simply a late talker or may need additional support.

While some children use fewer words than expected but continue to make steady progress, others may show signs of a speech or language delay that could benefit from professional evaluation.

In our latest blog, we explore the differences between late talking and speech delays, common signs to watch for, and why early identification matters during the critical early years of development. Read our full blog at: <https://charlottespeechhearing.com/late-talker-vs-speech-delay/>.

If you have questions about your child's communication skills, we're here to help.

Sounds of the Season

Everyone deserves to experience the sounds that make this season special



From laughter around the dinner table and conversations with loved ones to the crunch of leaves beneath our feet and cheers from the football stadium, the sounds of the season help us connect to the moments that matter most.

This fall, we are celebrating the **Sounds of the Season**, highlighting the importance of hearing health and the meaningful sounds that enrich our daily lives. Healthy hearing supports communication, connection, and overall well-being, helping us stay engaged with the people and experiences we cherish.

As we reflect on the sounds that make this season special, we're also looking ahead to **Giving Tuesday on December 1, 2026**. Through our Giving Tuesday campaign, **Sounds of the Season**, we'll raise funds to help children and adults in our community access life-changing hearing healthcare services and devices.

Mark your calendar and join us as we work to ensure everyone can experience the sounds that tell life's most important stories.

Year-End Giving

Close the Year by Changing Lives

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the lives that have been changed through the power of communication. Because communication changes everything, we celebrate each child gaining the confidence to use their voice and every senior who seeks to hear the world around them. Join us in this success by making a meaningful year-end gift to Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center.



Your gift can help children and adults discover the power of a voice, the confidence to connect, and the opportunity to thrive.

Donate here: <https://charlottespeechhearing.com/donate/>

Thank you for reading!

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