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HILLCREST HEARING & BALANCE CENTER

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Healthy hearing is one of the most important aspects to living a full and happy life. There is nothing more important than being tuned in to the world around you. That is why at **Hillcrest Hearing & Balance Center**, we are dedicated and committed to helping people hear better.

Our highly skilled staff of licensed and board-certified audiologists and hearing instrument specialists partner with the physicians of **Southwest Ohio ENT Specialists** to provide a full range of diagnostic testing, hearing aid, and rehabilitative services. We are dedicated to providing the highest level of hearing healthcare to meet the individual needs of our patients in our modern, comfortable, and state-of-the-art facilities.

Don't Miss the Sounds of the Season!

Taking action to treat your hearing loss today will ensure you don't miss any sounds tomorrow.

Call (937) 999-2314 to schedule your appointment today.

Better Hearing for a Better Life
Audiologists, Dispensers & Staff of Hillcrest Hearing & Balance Center



Please schedule an appointment today at one of our five convenient locations: (937) 999-2314

**6601 Business Parkway
Centerville, OH 45459**

**1222 South Patterson Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45402**

**9000 North Main Street,
#319
Englewood, OH 45415**

**1861 Towne Park Drive, #H
Troy, OH 45373**

**1189 Wayne Avenue
Greenville, OH 45331**

OVERCOMING HEARING LOSS STIGMA



One in 10 Americans experience some level of hearing loss and the impact of this condition affects the communities that surround those people as well. Hearing loss can negatively affect relationships, workplaces and social interactions.

The fear of being isolated or viewed differently by their peers because of hearing loss leads many people to have a negative attitude towards hearing aids. This is unfortunate considering hearing aids can effectively treat hearing loss in 95 percent of cases.

According to a 2010 study published by Margaret I. Wallhagen, Ph.D., the embarrassment associated with the perceived hearing loss stigma leads many people to avoid treatment such as hearing aids.

The study found that the reason so many are reluctant to try hearing aids despite the helpfulness of the technology is the feeling that hearing aids will affect how

others see them. The study found three factors affected participants' attitudes before trying hearing aids: altered self-perception, ageism and vanity.

People in the study tended to think more negatively about themselves, their age and their physical appearance when asked how others would view them if they tried hearing aids.

While these are legitimate concerns, new technology has allowed for hearing aids that are customizable, more discreet and even invisible. The study also found that the negative responses from study participants were greatly diminished once they tried the more discreet hearing aids!

Don't let hearing loss stigma hold you back from hearing your best. Better hearing can allow more participation in daily activities and therefore an improved quality of life. If you or a loved one is currently experiencing difficulty hearing, don't shy away from effective treatment.

At Hillcrest Hearing & Balance Center, our expert audiologists, dispensers, and physician team can treat all individuals with hearing loss difficulties, regardless of the cause. If you or a loved one struggles with hearing loss, we encourage you to take the first step to better hearing and make an appointment for a consultation.

Call (937) 999-2314 today!

STAFFING UPDATES



CATHERINE L. VOIT, AU.D.
Doctor of Audiology, Northeast Ohio Au.D Consortium

Dr. Voit has been practicing since 2013 and joined our staff in November 2015. She performs a comprehensive scope of audiology services: hearing evaluations, hearing aid and accessory fittings, balance and other neuro-diagnostic evaluations.

Dr. Voit is licensed by the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. She is a certified member of the American Board of Audiology and of the American Academy of Audiology.

Dr. Voit currently serves patients in our Englewood, Centerville and Dayton offices.



STAFFING NEWS IN OUR ENGLEWOOD OFFICE

It is with great sadness that we inform our patient community of the passing of one of our dear staff members. Kathy Cress, one of our hearing instrument specialists in our Englewood office, passed away on October 13, 2015 after an illness of several months.

Kathy has worked with us for over 23 years. Her passion at work was to provide the best service possible for her patients and she is missed by staff and patients alike.

Over the past months, we appreciate her patients' understanding as we have rescheduled and juggled the schedule. Although unexpected

and unavoidable, we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

It has been a time of much change in our Englewood office. In November, Allen Massie retired and Alison Bailey resigned to work closer to her home. Our commitment to provide excellent care with well-trained and qualified staff remains our priority. With skill, confidence and compassion, Kayla Newkirk, Au.D.; Kate Voit, Au.D.; and Nina Sirch, Hearing Instrument Specialist, will continue to provide the care that you have come to expect and depend upon at Hillcrest.

Opportunity to Donate Old or Non-Working Hearing Aids

Although Allen Massie recently retired from Hillcrest Hearing and Balance, he continues to help people to hear through his work with an ENT medical mission in Pucallpa, Peru. As a volunteer since 1997, he tests hearing and fits hearing aids for patients of the mission. All supplies used for the mission are donated -- and the need for hearing aids always outweighs the supply.

If you have old hearing aids in a drawer; if you are considering new hearing aids for yourself; if you have hearing aids of a loved-one who has passed

away, these old, non-working or un-used hearing aids can be reconditioned and used in Peru. Please consider giving the gift of hearing to our Peruvian neighbors by donating these aids to the mission program.

You can drop off these hearing aids at any of our offices. We will provide you a donation document for tax purposes.

If you have questions, please contact Allen directly at 937-216-2264 or allen.massie@gmail.com.