Think your communication is “as good as it gets”?  
Better communication awaits you in a caring environment where you can find answers to your questions and support from professionals and other people with similar experiences. It is never “too late” to start improving your communication!

**Listening for Life**

**Monthly Meeting and Social**

hosted by

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UNCG Speech and Hearing Center has served both students and the community for the last fifty years. As a nonprofit organization and institution of higher learning, we strive to provide services that are both beneficial and hard to find. Since 2007, the Center has offered a unique series of workshops designed for adults living with hearing loss. These Listening for Life workshops aimed to improve communication competence through education, group support, and targeted skill training to help better manage hearing loss. These workshops have been consolidated into a monthly meeting, which is offered at no charge as a service to our patients and the Triad community as part of our educational mission. We believe that empowering patients to make informed decisions about their plan of care, while providing support along the way, will help them to accomplish their communication goals.

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AGENDA:

4:00 – 4:30 Meet and Greet
Meet your fellow participants and enjoy light refreshments (coffee, soda, and water provided). Submit questions to be addressed by our faculty.

4:30 – 5:30 Topical Presentation
Presentations will focus on topics related to technological approaches for managing hearing loss (hearing aids and assistive listening devices) and compensatory strategies for optimizing communication including nonverbal cues & speechreading training, strategies for preventing or repairing communication breakdowns, and assertiveness training.

5:30 – 6:00 Putting New Skills to Work
Participate in roleplay activities, mingle with participants, and share stories about hearing loss.

TOPICS COVERED:

- Learn how hearing loss impacts your communication
- Discuss the importance of auditory training to improve listening skills
- Describe realistic expectations for hearing aid performance
- Learn to care for and troubleshoot hearing aids
- Learn how assistive listening devices (ALDs) can improve communication in challenging listening situations
- Discuss use of ALDs for alerting signals
- Learn about the role of speech reading in communication
- Partners learn how to use clear speech” to enhance understanding
- Make better use of important nonverbal cues in everyday interactions
- Identify communication barriers that can be easily eliminated
- Learn to effectively repair communication breakdowns
- Evaluate how to get what you need from your communication partners