



Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center

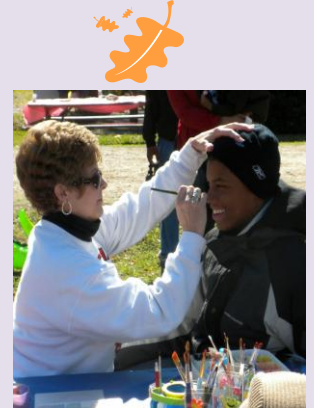
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Current Events –Fall Festival on Saturday Nov 6!

We are excited to announce that Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center’s 2nd annual fall festival was a great success once again this year. The festival featured bounce houses, slides, obstacle courses, carnival games, prizes, concessions, bake sale and more. Of course the key components were free screenings for children and referral assistance and advice for parents. We partnered with Milestone Therapy to provide speech-language, gross motor and fine motor screenings. Over 75 families and approximately 250 individuals participated in our festival this year and over \$500 was raised though ticket sales and our bake sale. Most importantly we provided great outreach to the community and a safe and understanding environment for kids with communication disorders and for parents seeking help.



Expression of Support: We would like to recognize and thank our 2010 Fun Fest Charlotte Sponsors: Milestone Therapy, ARC Medical Billing, Charlotte Pediatric Dentistry, Charlotte Aquatics and The Bounce House Man.

Companies like yours help keep our community strong; we appreciate your support!

Mission Focus: Charting” new territory: CSHC serves 2 local charter schools



In an effort to broaden our impact and diversify our service model CSHC now provides speech-language as well as audiology services to two charter schools. We began services to Kennedy Charter School (KCS) in November of 2009. KCS, founded in 1997, serves over 350 at risk children from kindergarten to 12th grade. Mountain Island Charter School is in its inaugural year and is our newest community partner as of September 2010. They serve children from kindergarten to 7th grade currently and have a high proportion of special needs students. CSHC dedicates a speech-language pathologist to each site on a part-time basis and provides an audiologist on an as-needed basis. This year our therapists have provided services to over 75 children at these 2 sites including speech-language and hearing screenings and evaluations, speech-language therapy and audiology assistance with setting up and monitoring FM systems for hearing impaired students in the classroom. Our therapists also participate in IEP (individualized education plan) meetings and provide parent and teacher education regarding how to help the students in the school and home environments. We are excited to partner with these two schools and to be a part of their student’s academic success.



- Charter schools are innovative public schools providing choices for families and greater accountability for results. They are tuition free and are supported by federal, state and local taxes.
A student who graduates with a high school diploma has significantly better chances for success in life relative to employment, relationships, personal development and decision making
Charter schools must ensure that each of its students with an IEP receives all special education supports identified in the student's IEP. The local school system does not provide these services. That’s where CSHC can help!

Get Involved! If you would like to support CSHC by volunteering or through a donation please call 704-523-8027 Ext. 12

CSHC IN THE COMMUNITY

Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center is excited to be a part of the Larry King Center's Kindergarten Readiness Community Action Plan. We were one of many community agencies involved in the early stages of reviewing the research and framework for school readiness and participating in table discussions for a school readiness equation. We look forward to being part of the "Ready Children" action team and incorporating our existing early identification and intervention efforts into a broader community-wide framework.



NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE: Congratulations to Rhian Vanderburg, one of our newest speech-language pathologists, for her presentation at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association national conference in Boston this month. Her work focused on current research about employer based skills and how it helped with interviews and employment

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center is pleased to announce that Shannon Tucker, MA CCC-SLP became the new Executive Director of CSHC in September 2010. Mrs. Tucker came to CSHC in February of 2000 and served as a speech-language pathologist in a variety of settings until 2008. At that time she was given the position of Development Director and was responsible for grant writing, event planning, community relations and fund raising. Following Bill Hall's retirement in February of 2010 Mrs. Tucker served as interim operations director until her official appointment by the board of directors in September. Her knowledge of the speech and hearing field and her work in the area of non-profit development combined with her recent experience managing operations will provide a valuable background for her role as Executive Director.

Message from the Executive Director:

I am excited and honored to be given this opportunity and look forward to working with the staff, board, donors and community partners of Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center. Together we will ensure the successful continuation of our mission in serving those with communication disorders. It is a strategic time for our organization as we look ahead to a relocation in the spring of 2012 and an expansion and diversification of our services throughout the Charlotte area. I'm confident that with the help of CSHC's amazing staff and strong board support you will be hearing great things about our organization in the future and for years to come. Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Shannon Tucker

CSHC Highlights

September 16, 2010 was a PINK day at the office! We welcomed two tiny new members to our CSHC family within hours of each other. Both babies were born at CMC, they were even neighbors!

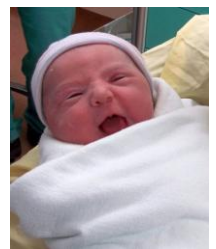
Cara and her husband Robbie welcomed their daughter Maya Michelle Price, followed shortly by the happy arrival of Greta Taylor Starnes to excited first-time parents Joy and Steve. Cara and Joy are both speech-language pathologists (SLPs) at CSHC. Congratulations to you and your families!

We also had two weddings within 1 week of each other. SLP Kendra Stitch was married on October 30 and SLP Mai-Anh Nguyen celebrated her big day on November 6. Best wishes to both couples.



Greta Taylor Starnes, 9lbs
4 oz

Maya Michelle Price,
8lbs 14 oz



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