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CHHA Network News

Many exciting events have been launched across Canada. This edition features news from [CHHA-BC](#), [CHHA-Edmonton](#), [CHHA-Manitoba](#), [CHHA-National Capital Region \(Ottawa\)](#), [CHHA-Sudbury](#), and [CHHA-Newfoundland & Labrador](#).

CHHA-BC

Hearing Health Fair – Breaking Communication Barriers

March 3rd is World Hearing Day, and it is also the date of the Hearing Health Fair being organized by the BC Cochlear Implant Support Group. CHHA-BC will be participating and will have a table there.

Date: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Van Dusen Gardens, Floral Hall

Cost: FREE!

Don't miss out on keynote speaker Dr. Lorraine Jenstad and enlightening panels with CI users & experts.

Enjoy hearing screenings, info sessions from top manufacturers, and a light lunch!

Free parking available + transit options nearby.

To register:
<https://forms.gle/rnMvZwZtDJ5QRJuR6> or scan the QR code in the poster.

Hearing Health Fair
BREAKING COMMUNICATION BARRIERS
March 3, 2026 | 10am - 4pm

Floral Hall - VanDusen Botanical Garden
5251 Oak St, Vancouver

Celebrate World Hearing Day. Learn how hearing impacts healthy aging, the steps to take care of your hearing, and helpful technologies and community resources.

Connect, learn, and take action for your hearing

- Lineup of speakers from UBC, BC Adult Cochlear Implant Program, and community audiologists
- Panel of people with lived experience of hearing loss
- Interactive exhibits and mix n' mingle
- Real-time captioning available
- Free hearing screenings
- Complimentary lunch & refreshments

Free entry. Limited spots.
Scan the QR code to register
or email cochlearimplantgroupbc@gmail.com

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presented by the BC Cochlear Implant Support Group

CHHA-Edmonton

World Hearing Day 2026!



CHHA-Edmonton is excited to be hosting a World Hearing Day 2026 celebration event on March 3, 2026!

This annual event focuses on hearing health, with a hearing wellness fair dedicated to community connection. We will have free hearing & cognitive assessments on site, as well as hourly presentations on issues related to your hearing health. Talk with experts about hearing aids and assistive listening devices, cochlear implants and other hearing technology, and meet with others to get tips on how to navigate the world with hearing loss.

AND...Some EXCITING NEWS!! Courtesy of Hear In Edmonton, they will be holding a FREE DRAW!! You could win one of

2 complete Hearing Plans featuring premium GN ReSound Vivia technology, valued at \$7800!!! Two lucky winners will receive these state-of-the-art hearing aids, complete with professional fitting and follow-up care! You must attend the event and be present at the draw to win!

WHEN: March 3, 2026 TIME: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WHERE: Jerry Forbes Centre for Community Spirit 12122 - 68 Street NW, Edmonton

ADMISSION: FREE - RSVP to info@chha-ed.com

Speechreading Level 1 & Coping Class

Still room available for CHHA-Edmonton's Speechreading Level 1 and Coping Classes. Classes are offered at a cost of \$50. Everyone is welcome!

Dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Tuesday Mornings)

Location: Jerry Forbes Centre 12122 - 68 Street NW, Edmonton

Maximum class is 12.

The **Deadline for Registration** is Thursday, February 20, at 2:00 pm. Click [here](#) for the Registration Form (contact info@chha-ed.com for assisted registration) or visit <https://www.chha-ed.com/education/classes/speechreading/>

CHHA-Manitoba

Upcoming Events for February

2026 will see many changes for CHHA-Manitoba as they finalize details for their move to a new location in St. James in the spring. More details on that to come.

In-Person Hard of Hearing Support Groups (drop in - all welcome)

- **St James 55+**
Third Friday of the month – Next meeting **February 20, 1 pm – 2:30 pm**
203 Duffield St (3rd floor) - Wheelchair accessible, Elevator available
Street Parking
- **Transcona Senior Centre**
Third Monday of the Month – Next meeting **February 16, 1 pm – 2:30 pm**
328 Whitter Ave W - Wheelchair accessible - On-site Parking

Virtual Support Groups

Via Zoom, closed captioning available. Contact chhamanitoba@outlook.com to join.

- **Tinnitus support group**
The third Wednesday of each month – Next meeting **February 18, 7 pm – 8 pm**
- **Let's Talk Hearing**
The fourth Monday of the month – Next meeting **February 23, 7 pm – 8 pm**

CHHA-National Capital Region (Ottawa)

February Virtual Event

CHHA-NCR is inviting you to join us virtually on February 3rd, 2026, for an evening of sharing wisdom to inspire our hearing loss journey. It will be from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

[Please register here](#) or use the QR code in the flyer attached. A Teams link will be provided closer to the date of the event.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Carrie Hartwick at Carrie.Hartwick@chhancr.ca.



CHHA-Sudbury

CHHA-Sudbury Visits SNOLAB

By Joe Stacknik

CHHA Sudbury) was contacted by Yusuf Ahmed, who is a research student at The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNOLAB). SNOLAB is an international facility for world-class underground physics research and has an expanding program in astroparticle physics and underground science. Yusef took on an initiative to improve accessibility in physics research for deaf, deafened and hard of hearing students in Canada.

With support from SNOLAB and the MacDonald Institute in hosting and funding his initiative Yusef contacted us to learn about ways to attract students to research science by making labs like SNOLAB more hearing accessible.

After meeting with Yusef we decided that it would probably be best if we could visit SNOLAB to see first-hand what sort of barriers a deaf, deafened or hard of hearing person would face there.

Executive Director of CHHA Sudbury Kim Scott and myself Joe Stacknik, Manager of Programs and Services were brave enough to take that plunge...

The full story is featured in CHHA-Sudbury's November newsletter - <https://www.chhasudbury.com/programs-services/newsletters/>



CHHA Executive Director, Kim Scott pictured here with Joe Stacknik (CHHA Programs & Services Manager), donned Mining gear and went underground recently to tour the Snolab.

CHHA-Newfoundland & Labrador

Free Hearing Screenings Every Tuesday

Do you have questions about your hearing? 🗣️ If you have difficulty hearing in noise or in certain settings, or others are suggesting you aren't hearing as well as you used to. Then a hearing screening could be beneficial to you!

A screening is a quick test to see how well you hear certain sounds that are important for understanding speech. CHHA-Newfoundland & Labrador offers free hearing screenings for adults at their Mount Pearl office every Tuesday (by appointment only). For more information, contact info@chha-nl.ca.