

**Do you have a hearing challenge? Take this quiz to find out. Circle those that apply.**

- I often ask people to repeat what they have said.
- I can hear, but sometimes cannot understand what is said.
- I have trouble hearing in noisy places like restaurants.
- I have trouble following group conversations.
- My family complains about the TV being too loud.
- I have more trouble understanding women and children than men.
- I have trouble hearing and understanding on the telephone.
- I avoid social gatherings and have become less and less outgoing.
- I have trouble understanding conversation while riding in a car.
- I think I may have a hearing loss, but have difficulty admitting it.

**IF you circled more than two of the above, you should contact an audiologist for a complete hearing evaluation.**

**About the Program...**

CAAG proudly offers Hearing Loss Services funded, in part, by the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services - Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. The basis for this program is to eliminate communication barriers and to facilitate communication access at home or in the workplace through projects to expand or otherwise improve the provision of services to individuals who are hard of hearing, late deafened or oral deaf. To schedule a speaking engagement, seminar or conference, contact our offices as listed on the contact page.

**About our Specialists...**

**Teri Wathen**

**Houston—Region 6**

Teri Wathen is the Hearing Loss Resource Specialist. Ms. Wathen has been active in this field for many years. Teri is the past Chairperson of the Hard of Hearing Task Force Committee for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Teri is a past Board Member of the Hear Me Foundation and is the co-founder and past president of Houston Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH). Teri's past accomplishments also include being on the Boards of Illuminations, Theater of the Deaf and the Texas Alexander Graham Bell Association.

Teri has had a progressive hearing loss since birth and she wears two cochlear

implants. Teri's husband, both sons and grandson have a hearing loss.

**Gordon Greer**

**Beaumont—Region 5**

Gordon Greer holds a State of Texas certification as a Hearing Health Care Practitioner from the State of Texas Committee of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments and is currently working on his Hearing Loss Resource Certification from the Academy of Hearing.

Gordon has worked in the field of hearing loss treatment thru instrument and counseling with an emphasis on communication strategies for the past several years. He is involved in sensitivity training for various disciplines.

**Linda Belk**

**Midland—Region 9**

Linda Belk is the Hearing Loss Resource Specialist (HRLS). Linda has had a progressive hearing loss for approximately seventeen years and understands from her own personal experience, and as a trained Hearing Loss Resource Specialist, how hearing loss can affect one's life, family, relationships and work. Linda has been involved in the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)/Permian Basin Chapter for the past five years and is familiar with all types of hearing loss issues.



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