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### **CHHA-NL hosts workshop for individuals with hearing loss & their families in Gander**

*Gander*– The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association – Newfoundland & Labrador (CHHA-NL) seeks to raise awareness of hearing loss in communities throughout the Province.

Myrtle Barrett, President of CHHA-NL states that:

*“Individuals with hearing loss are a rapidly growing group. The Hearing Foundation of Canada estimates that three million Canadians (one in ten) have a hearing loss. This is due to the fact that recreational and industrial noises are the leading cause of hearing loss. Research shows that this generation is losing their hearing at a faster rate than their parents did.*

*There is no doubt that hearing loss is an issue now, and will continue to be in the future. Will this Province be able to meet the challenge of providing services? CHHA-NL is concerned that there are not enough professionals such as audiologists and speech language pathologists to meet the diverse needs of this growing group. Will the situation get worse? CHHA-NL will continue to increase public awareness of the needs of people with hearing loss”*

CHHA-NL is hosting a Hearing Health workshop on Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Hotel Gander, Salon “C”. The focus of CHHA-NL’s workshop is to share knowledge about coping skills, showcase and discuss communication technology for the hard of hearing, and provide support for individuals and families who experience hearing loss.

For more information, or to arrange an in-person interview on May 4 or 5, please contact:

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