



2018

Speech & Hearing Center

## *Making Communication Possible*



### ***In Memory of Barbara McCoy***

Looper Speech & Hearing Center was very fortunate to have Barbara McCoy serve on our Board of Directors. She brought a smile to your face whenever you saw her. She had a fashion style that showed the bright colors with all the matching accessories. If you spent any length of time around her, you were always treated to one of her stories.

Barbara had a passion for floral design which was a perfect fit for Looper. Along with her co-chair, Rita Norville, they planned, organized, and executed the annual floral fundraiser for the Center for six years. Each year they searched for exciting floral designers. As lovers of flowers, our guests were exposed to many talented individuals who shared their floral design secrets. Many long hours of planning went into each event. After six years, that is over a thousand hours of time donated to Looper.

### **The following describes Barbara:**

To be a volunteer, it takes...

Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others.

Understanding, because their lives might be very different from your own.

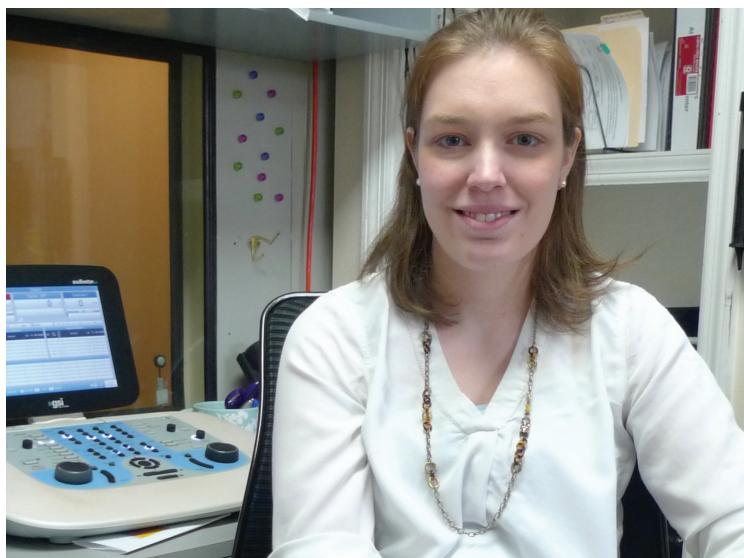
Empathy, an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they must feel.

Compassion, to truly care about making someone else's life better.

Patience, because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might.

Dedication, to stick with the project and see it through.

She has shown these qualities and so much more over the years. We thank her for her time, dedication, and humor. Her passing has left a void but we have so many memories that we hold dearly in our hearts and will recall for many years to come.



## Looper Speech & Hearing Center Welcomes Dr. Katie McCreery-Scarbor, Au.D., Audiologist

We at Looper are so excited to announce Dr. Katie as a new member to our team. Her enthusiasm, excitement and knowledge are going to be a great addition to the Looper organization.

**Katie McCreery-Scarbor, Au.D.**, is an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association certified audiologist whose passion is removing barriers to hearing healthcare for everyone. Hearing loss can be an isolating experience, and Dr. Katie

takes pride in helping her patients reconnect with their world through the use of assistive technology. In addition to providing hearing evaluations and rehabilitation services to children and adults, her clinical interests include tinnitus management via the use of sound therapy. Dr. Katie received her Doctor of Audiology degree from East Tennessee State University in 2017, where she was trained in all facets of hearing healthcare. Georgia born and raised, she is happy to be serving patients in her home state. When she is not in the clinic, she enjoys creative writing and exploring the North Georgia mountains.

## HEARING HEALTH DECISIONS

■ IN THE US, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT **29 MILLION** PEOPLE HAVE **DIABETES** AND **8.1 MILLION** ARE NOT YET DIAGNOSED

**DID YOU KNOW?** Hearing loss occurs almost twice as often in adults who have diabetes than those who don't.

■ IN THE US, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT **37 MILLION** ADULTS HAVE SOME DEGREE OF **HEARING LOSS**, WHILE **22 MILLION** SUFFER FROM SOME FORM OF **DEPRESSION**.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Your ears can be a "window to your mind" and hearing loss may increase depression risk.

■ RESEARCH INDICATES YOUR INNER EAR'S SENSITIVITY TO BLOOD FLOW MAY ENABLE **HEARING LOSS** TO BE AN **EARLY INDICATOR OF AND SCREENING TEST** FOR HEART PROBLEMS.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Your ears can be a "window to your heart" and that 600,000 die annually of heart disease in the US.

### From the Audiologist: **Healthy Hearing for a Healthy Brain**

Until very recently, hearing loss was considered just another side effect of having more and more birthdays under your belt. In addition, making sure that you got treatment for your hearing loss was considered "elective" by many, including those in the medical community. However, new research has turned this idea on its head. Now, we know that your hearing health has a direct impact on your brain health. Audiologists have known for a long time that treating a hearing loss with hearing aids results in improved quality of life for our patients. They are able to be more active in their communities, and they are able to be more engaged in the activities they enjoy. They are able to communicate with friends and family and maintain these important relationships. With this new research, we now know that treating your hearing loss doesn't just impact your social life. It also results in improved brain health by reducing your risk of anxiety, depression, and dangerous falls. Perhaps even more importantly, the medical community has recently discovered that treating hearing loss can slow the progress of dementia by up to 70%! That's a fantastic breakthrough. Over the course of my first year here at Looper, I have loved getting to spread the word about all of the new advancements in hearing aid technology, such as smaller hearing aids, better sound quality, and cell phone connectivity. Now, I get to tell people all of the good things hearing aids can do for their brains! This year, we have helped more than 60 individuals take charge of their long term health and quality of life, and we look forward to helping many, many more in 2019.

Founded in 1969, LOOPER SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER is a private, not for profit 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, dedicated to meeting the speech, language and hearing needs of Northwest Georgia's children and adults. The Center is a direct service provider, an information resource center and an advocate for people of all ages who suffer from hearing loss, or have speech, swallowing and language disabilities.

In 2017, Looper Speech and Hearing Center provided over 9725 services. Of those services, 5670 were financially assisted to 538 individuals.

Of those served:

26% are infants or youth under age 18

26% are adults under age 65

48% are older than 65,

71% are residents of Whitfield and Murray Counties

29% are from the surrounding communities

Income produced from Service Fees and Sales:

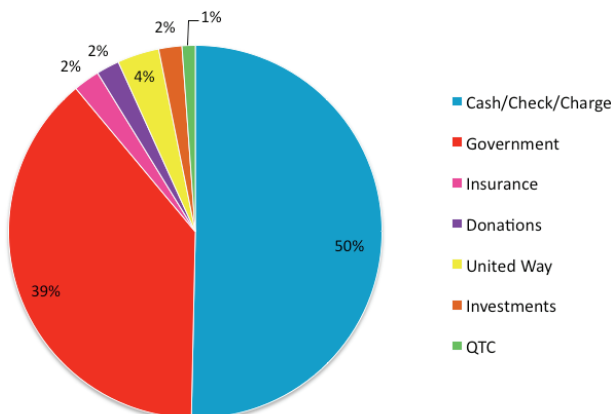
71% from Speech Services

14% from Audiological Services

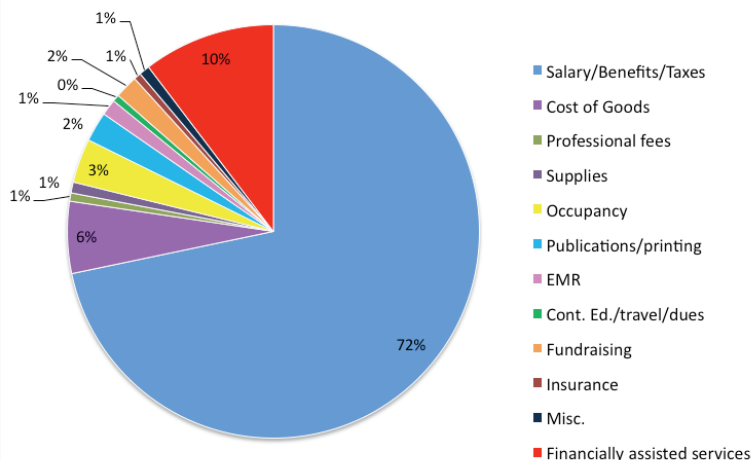
15% from Hearing Aid Sales

Looper Speech and Hearing Center's fiscal year is January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017. The Center has an annual audit conducted by Ethan Miller of Johnson, Hickey, Murchison, CPA an independent auditor, and files an IRS Form 990 each year.

**INCOME 2017**



**EXPENSES 2017**



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**You Made A Difference.**  
**You Made it Possible.**

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Watch out 2019 - It is time to celebrate!  
Looper Speech & Hearing Center will  
be celebrating

**50 YEARS**

of serving Northwest Georgia.

## 2017 Fundraising Event

### **Communicating With Comedy & Magic**



A fun-filled family evening of comedy and magic - hosted by Kyle Jarrard

Plus a Raffle Drawing to Benefit Looper Speech & Hearing Center.

GRAND PRIZE \$10,000

Looper Speech & Hearing Center expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the community for its support of our 2017 fundraising event. The outstanding presentation by our guest Kyle Jarrard, assisted in making the event a success. The generous support of our financial sponsors, the support of our many In-Kind contributors, the work of many dedicated volunteers and the attendance of enthusiastic guests enables Looper to continue providing life-changing services to patients with communication difficulties. We are fortunate to be a part of such a generous community.

Gratefully yours,  
Board of Directors, Event Committee and  
Kathie Edwards, President

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