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# SOUND *Advice*

Winter 2007/2008

## ALD HOLIDAY OFFER

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# 10% Discount on ALDs!

There are many  
ALDs available to fit  
your needs; make  
an appointment to  
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ALD that's right for  
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## Assistive Listening Devices

**H**aving trouble understanding what's being said on television or over the telephone? People with all types and degrees of hearing—even people with normal hearing—may benefit from an assistive listening device (ALD). An ALD can increase the loudness of a desired sound, such as a radio, television, or a public speaker. Various types of ALDs exist, including TV listening systems, telephone amplifying devices, alarms and auditorium-type assistive listening systems. Most ALDs can be used with or without hearing aids. The different types of ALDs are:

### Telephone ALDs

ALDs designed for telephone use can alert you when the telephone is ringing, or can help you to better hear the phone conversation. Devices that help you know when the telephone is ringing can change the frequency (pitch) or loudness of the ring. They may also flash light or vibrate when the telephone rings.

ALDs that help you hear the other person include receiver amplifiers, speaker phones, "feedback cushions" and telecoils. Some hearing aids have automatic phone modes which switch into a phone program when activated by a phone placed in close proximity to the hearing aid.

### Television ALDs

These ALDs can be used in conjunction with a hearing aid or alone, depending on the type of ALD you have. Devices that help you hear the television without a

hearing aid include infrared and/or FM devices (such as TV Ears) which wirelessly transmit the sound directly to headphones. Closed captioning is also useful for people who have difficulty hearing the television. A hearing aid can be coupled to the television using a neck loop and hearing aid telecoil.

### Alerting ALDS

This type of device can include alarm clocks, smoke/fire or doorbells. ALD alarm clocks can give the alarm a different pitch and/or make the alarm louder. They can also activate a flashing light or a vibrator to help awaken the user. Alerting devices can also use a flashing light or vibro-tactile device (belt or wrist worn device) which can be programmed to alert the user to a doorbell, fire alarm, a baby crying, dog barking, motion detector, etc.

### Group ALDs

These categories of devices are typically found in churches, theaters and auditoriums and can be used with or without hearing aids. Most auditoriums have infrared systems that can be used with a neck loop if the patient has a hearing aid with a telecoil in it or with headphones for those without hearing aids. These ALDs directly link the user to the sound system.

**O**ur office is currently working on creating a "hands-on" ALD display where you can experience the ALD devices and see how they can benefit you.

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### CLEAN & CHECK HOURS

Don't forget, if you need your hearing aids cleaned and checked, come by our walk-in hours and let Whitney take a look at them! Walk-in hours are at our Carmel location.

#### MONDAY

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Office News

### *Happy Holidays!*

Everyone here at Total Hearing Solutions hopes you had a happy and healthy holiday season! If you had trouble hearing your family while eating holiday dinner, come in for an evaluation and see about the newest technologies available!

We have a new front office assistant, Chanda Rippy. Chanda joined our team in September and is doing a great job in the front office.

Congratulations to audiologists Kira VonBlon and Rebecca Trepcos on the new additions to their families. Kira and her family welcomed their daughter, Isabella, in October and Rebecca and her family welcomed their son, Nikolas, in November!

