

# **FCSLA FRATERNAL OUTREACH IS ON THE MOVE IN 2010**

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## **MAY IS BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**

Did you know that hearing loss affects millions of Americans? It can be gradual or sudden. You may not realize that you have a problem. There are many causes; trauma, tumor, birth defects, medications, loud noises and injuries.

Here are some signs of decreased hearing:



You complain that people are mumbling.



You ask for conversations to be repeated.



You miss phone calls or doorbells.



Your family complains that the television is too loud.



You do not respond to friends calling you.



After attending a meeting, you have to ask for details, because you missed important information.

If you realize your hearing is not good, contact your health care professional to see if you need a formal hearing evaluation. The American Speech-Language Hearing Association has a website with information and a hearing test. Their website is [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org).