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## **Hearing Resource Center Launched by AARP**

Website Provides Tools and Tips for Living Well with Hearing Impairment

**WASHINGTON, DC** — To address the needs of the 70 percent of Americans age 50+ who suffer from some level of hearing loss, AARP has launched the AARP Hearing Resource Center. The platform, online at www.aarp.org/hearing, connects AARP members and other consumers interested in hearing health with helpful tips, information, tools and links to related product solutions and programs. A Spanish language version of the site is also available.

"Hearing loss results from many causes, and up to 70 percent of those who have hearing loss do not seek treatment," said Stephanie Miles, Vice President of Member Value, Products and Platforms at AARP. "Our research shows that hearing loss can impact the income of a working individual and, in certain cases, affects other aspects of health and can even be tied to depression. The Hearing Resource Center will provide information, tools and more."

The Hearing Resource Center includes:

- Educational content about hearing-related topics, including common causes of hearing loss, information on maintaining hearing health, tips and solutions for living with hearing loss and for loved ones of the hearing-impaired;
- Assessment tools for evaluating hearing loss;
- Maintenance and care tips for hearing-related equipment, such as hearing aids.
- Links to hearing-related products and programs, including AARP Driver Safety's "Honk if You Hear Me" program, the AARP Foundation's Isolation program, and hearing aid discounts.

The site will be updated on a continuous basis with new data, resources such as informational videos and webinars featuring audiologists and other experts, and topical articles. For example, a current feature, "Hearing Well for the Holidays" discusses how to enjoy the best of holiday time with family and friends.

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## **About AARP:**

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