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Ribbon-cutting at Advanced Hearing Center in Albertson.

Ribbon-Cutting for Advanced Hearing Center New Facility

As hearing loss impacts more people over the age of 50 every day, Advanced Hearing Center has grown and recently moved to a larger, fully renovated facility located at 1163 Willis Avenue in Albertson, LI. This is across the street from their current Long Island location.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on April 7 at 11:30 a.m. Patients and business associates attended the event. Co-owners Dr. Amy Sapodin and Dr. Alison Hoffmann received a citation from Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi and a proclamation from the Town of North Hempstead.

In their new 1,500 sq. ft. state-of-the-art office, Dr. Amy Sapodin and Dr. Alison Hoffmann, audiologists and owners of AHC, will enhance patient care and provide additional services to the community. "By doubling in size, we are planning to sponsor more educational workshops on "Coping with Hearing Loss," says Dr. Sapodin and Dr. Hoffmann. They will also start special groups for hearing aid users that will be held in the large reception room.

A handicapped-accessible, highly visible street-level location with convenient parking, the new AHC, facility is designed for patient comfort. The large circular reception desk gives patients a warm welcoming feeling. In addition, the waiting room will be equipped with a large flat-screen TV showing a continuous feed of instructional programming. To enhance audibility of the TV, the reception area will be completely looped with a system that allows hearing aid users to hear di-

rectly through the telecoil of their hearing aid. Patients will also be able to experiment with various assistive listening devices on display in the office.

Designed in a neutral earth tone color palette, the facility blends a tweed carpet in the corridor with a mosaic tiled floor in the waiting room, as well as rich wood materials and leather chairs for a soothing, comfortable environment. Offering an efficient space, patients are easily directed from the waiting area to the adjacent soundproof hearing test booth. The testing area will be separated from the rest of the space and include: private offices, two bathrooms, file room, storage space and a lab used for hearing aid cleaning and repairs.

Advanced Hearing Center offers specialty equipment to troubleshoot and repair hearing aids in their lab. They can also create instant ear molds and hearing aid shell modifications using ultraviolet light as a convenience and timesaver for patients. Equipment using centrifugal force will remove wax and debris in ways that vacuuming cannot achieve.

Dr. Amy Sapodin and Dr. Alison Hoffmann, co-owners, Advanced Hearing Center, diagnose and treat hearing loss as well as perform hearing aid evaluations, testing, and maintenance and dispense hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and custom ear molds. In addition to its Albertson, LI facility, Advanced Hearing Center has a Queens location in Floral Park. They also offer a free guide to "Coping with Hearing Loss." For more information, call: 516-484-0811