

## Press Release

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FREE HEARING SCREENING THROUGHOUT QUEBEC ON

MAY 2, 2018



Hello everyone,

My name is Nechama Surik and I am a committee member of the Journée Nationale de l'Audition du Québec or JNA, a non-profit organization which began in France, and which now has members from around the world. I am proud to let you know that JNA has now opened its first Canadian branch here in Quebec.

JNA's mission is to talk about prevention of hearing and help people of all ages and throughout society who struggle with hearing loss. After all, this disability is not only a "problem of the elderly;" our sense and quality of hearing profoundly affects every aspect of our lives. It is essential for language development, for communicating with others, and has a deep impact on both physical and psychological health.

Today, JNA Quebec has great news: We declare May 2nd "Hearing day" and will offer free Hearing Screenings all across the province. For appointments at your nearest location, check the web site at the "Participants" section here: <https://www.journee-audition.ca/participants/>. We call on health care professionals, teachers, media personnel, parents and everyone around us to help spread the word and to take advantage of this offer for free Hearing tests.

I myself suffer from profound hearing loss, and it is only through using two hearing aids that I can really enjoy life. But I also know that many feel that there is a heavy stigma associated with this.

Together, let's fight this stigma and send as many people as possible to take advantage of the free Hearing screenings and other activities, on May 2nd, 2018. Together, we will build a better quality of life for everyone.

Sincerely,  
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