1. The cost of hearing loss to the Canadian economy is estimated to be in the tens of billions of dollars.

2. 47% of Canadians between the ages of 15 and 64 who have a hearing limitation report being unemployed.

3. Only 53% of people who would benefit from a hearing aid actually has one.

4. Over 5% of the world’s population has disabling hearing loss.

5. Every $1 spent on early childhood health and development saves up to $9 in future health, social and justice services. Return on investment (ROI) = 800%

6. A UK study found that approximately 36% of 11 year olds with specific language impairment (SLI) were at risk of being bullied.

7. In Canada, boys with language impairment have higher rates of arrests and convictions than boys who do not.

8. A Canadian study found that young adults (between the ages of 18 and 24 years old) who had a history of language impairment had one of the highest rates of psychiatric disorders in the community: 37%

9. A study comparing individuals with untreated hearing loss to those using hearing aids found that those with untreated hearing loss were 36% more likely to have suffered from depression in the last 12 months.

10. Infants with hearing loss who are identified and receiving intervention by the age of six months perform 20% to 40% better on school-related language measures than children who are only identified later.