

PRINCIPLES OF THE HEARING LOSS EVOLUTION

- 1. Our lives define us, not our hearing loss.
- 2. We're intelligent, engaged and valued in spite of our hearing loss.
- 3. We're the heroes of our hearing loss, not its victims.
 - 4. We advise people what we need them to do so we can hear them best.
 - 5. We're honest with ourselves and others; we don't pretend to hear when we don't.
 - 6. We use assistive listening devices proudly, and advocate for installing them in public places.
- 7. We see the humor when we misunderstand what people say, and are able to laugh at it.
 - 8. We accept with grace the hearing challenges that we cannot change.
 - 9. We are grateful for our courage and strength in living these Principles.