Healthy Hearing

Those courageous and talented athletes taking part in the Texas Special Olympics Games at the University of Texas at Arlington this weekend won't be the only ones demonstrating their expertise.

The UTD/Callier Center's audiologists, students and other volunteers will be there to administer Callier's Special Olympics Healthy Hearing Program.

In past Texas Special Olympics Games, the Callier team has screened more than 400 athletes.

With more than 600 athletes expected to attend the event, the Callier team will start working at 8 a.m. today and Saturday and stay till they're through in the afternoon.

The purpose of Healthy Hearing is to:

- Screen the hearing of athletes and notify athletes and their coaches if follow-up care is needed.
- Provide corrective services such as hearing aids and preventive services such as custom swim earplugs where possible.
- Study the prevalence of hearing loss in athletes competing in Special Olympics events.