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# RiteCare Center Awarded 2021 SPEAK OUT! & LOUD Crowd Grant

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The RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders at Georgia Southern University has been named a recipient of the 2021 SPEAK OUT! & LOUD Crowd Grant Program. The grant is awarded annually by the Parkinson Voice Project with the goal to make quality speech treatment accessible to people across the globe who are impacted by Parkinson's.

With the grant, the center will receive free SPEAK OUT! & LOUD Crowd training as well as teletherapy training for their speech-language pathologists and graduate students in Georgia Southern's [Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate program](#). Additionally, the center will receive speech therapy supplies and funding for their LOUD Crowd® groups.

"The grant from the Parkinson Voice Project has been significant in improving the student clinicians' knowledge of Parkinson's disease," stated Tory Candea, clinic coordinator for the RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders. "Further, the grant has allowed the RiteCare Center to become an invaluable resource for members of the community impacted by Parkinson's disease."

The Parkinson Voice Project is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the world solely dedicated to helping individuals with Parkinson's improve their speech and swallowing. More than 3,500 speech-language pathologists have been trained through the organization's SPEAK OUT! & LOUD Crowd Program.

For more information on the RiteCare Center's SPEAK OUT! & LOUD Crowd program visit <https://chp.georgiasouthern.edu/rehabilitation/ritecare-center-for-communication-disorders/speak-out-and-loud-crowd-program/>.

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