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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROFESSION SPEAKS OUT IN DEFENSE OF BBC TV HOST

Bethesda, MD — After the response to Carrie Burnell—who has only one arm—becoming the new host of BBC’s children’s network, CBeebies, in February, the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) issued the following statement:

“Occupational therapy enables people of all ages live life to its fullest by helping them promote health, prevent—or live better with—injury, illness or disability. We applaud Ms. Burnell for doing just that—getting beyond her limitations and thriving in what she loves to do. Children should look up to her as a role model because she has focused on what matters most to her and achieved independence.”

Founded in 1917, the **American Occupational Therapy Association** (AOTA) represents the interests and concerns of more than 140,000 occupational therapists, assistants and students nationwide. The Association educates the public and advances the profession of occupational therapy by providing resources, setting standards including accreditation and serving as an advocate to improve health care. Based in Bethesda, Md., AOTA’s major programs and activities are directed toward promoting the professional development of its members and assuring consumer access to quality services so patients can maximize their individual potential. For more information, go to www.aota.org.