New hope for stroke, brain injury patients

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The Language Care Center at St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers, 5454 Hohman Ave. in Hammond, is offering the Lingraphica system, a specialized speech therapy for adults who have lost the ability to speak because of strokes or injuries.

* The hospital offers a complementary screening to see if the therapy is appropriate. Test results are then sent to the patient's physician.

* For more information, call the Language Care Center at (219) 852-2492.

HAMMOND - A stroke cost Riccardo Callejo his ability to speak.

After traditional speech therapy failed to return his speech, Callejo, an accomplished California lawyer, was told he should learn how to play dominos and do crafts because that was how he would spend his days at adult daycare centers.

"I never had anything so devastating," he said.

But a new kind of speech therapy using computer-assisted technology and new strategies unlocked Callejo's ability to speak within six months of starting the program.