

*Access - Connect - Equality*

*May 2016*

## *Inside the Georgia Center...*

Greetings!

Welcome to our first and special edition newsletter!

This is a very exciting time for our organization! As some of you know, we recently changed our name from GACHI to the **Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GCDHH)**. The new name fits the clients and community we have committed to serving for over 25 years. Click on the link below to review the press release Vlog as posted on our website - <http://www.gachi.org/our-new-agency-name/>. Please be sure to like and share our new Facebook page "Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - GCDHH" by copy and pasting the following link in your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/gcdhh/>

Please continue reading for more exciting news and happenings at the Georgia Center.

Thank you!

### **View Upcoming Events**

## *Pre-ACT Camp*

**June 12-18**

**Columbus State University**

Students will have the opportunity to take the Pre-ACT exam, while learning additional skills and interacting with peers during various social activities. **SPACE IS LIMITED to 25 STUDENTS!** For more information or to register your child, contact Kathy Keeter via email [kkeeter@gcdhh.org](mailto:kkeeter@gcdhh.org).

## *Save the Date*

**Friday, June 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

We invite you to come out to a special Open House event. Please join our staff, Board Members, and various members of the community for this event! More information will be available on our website. We look forward to seeing you then!

## *Camp Julienna*

**July 3-9 Teen Camp (Ages 13-17)**

**July 17-23 Youth Camp (Ages 6-12)**

Camp Julienna is a week-long, residential camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing teens and youth. We offer a positive camping experience for those who might otherwise be denied the opportunity to explore their own assertiveness, confidence, and independence. For more information and to register your child, please go to <http://www.gachi.org/gachi-programs/camp-julienna/>.



## Employee of the Quarter

Each quarter we recognize the hard work and efforts of our staff members by presenting the "Employee of the Quarter" award. The following criteria are considered when selecting the person for this award -

- Attitude and Commitment
- Interpersonal Skills
- Work Performance
- Personal Traits

Durkhy Haque (pictured here with Executive Director, Jimmy Peterson) received the award at the March 2016 staff meeting. She is an Employment Specialist in the Decatur office and has been with the agency since 2015. Congratulations Durkhy!

## Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations Stephanie Jackson and Kathy Keeter for 15 years of employment!  
Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

## DONATE TODAY

Donate and watch us grow! We are a small organization that operates with limited funding. Your contributions are critical to our continued growth. Please show your support today by making an online contribution by clicking on the "donate now" button above. You can also mail your check or money order to:

GCDHH  
4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 103-B  
Decatur, GA 30032

## Community Involvement



Georgia Youth Day Project



**Georgia State University and Perimeter College  
Sign Language Interpreting Program (SLIP)  
Pinning Ceremony**



**Video Relay Services (VRS) in Correctional  
Facilities**

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