

GCDHH NEWSLETTER



Winter 2022

GCDHH receives the 2022 Partnership Award



Jessica Scott, Jimmy Peterson, and Scott Cohen along with two representatives from the GSU College of Education & Human Development smile at the camera with the award plaque.

This November, Georgia State University's College of Education & Human Development awarded us with the 2022 Partnership award for our collaboration with the college in providing educational resources for the community.

Our partnership with GSU was established in 2017 and has been growing ever since. We have collaborated on things such as the STEM Hands summer camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing high school students and Parent Literacy Night in which we provide literacy resources to parents with Deaf or Hard of Hearing children.

We want to thank Jessica Scott and Scott Cohen for their hard work and dedication to these programs. We are honored to have received this award and excited for the

future of this partnership.

To read more about the Partnership Award and the other recipients, click [here](#).



Scott Cohen, Jimmy Peterson, and Jessica Scott each give a speech to the audience at the awards ceremony.



Introducing DEAFestival!

The Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is happy to announce the first biannual DEAFestival in Georgia to kick off Deaf History Month 2023!

DEAFestival will be an event that will celebrate, promote & preserve Deaf History Month through art, culture, and history.

There will be vendors, artists, and entertainment provided for all participants to enjoy, learn, and make connections. DEAFestival 2023 will be at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD) on April 1st.

We are looking for Exhibitors and Volunteers. If interested, please visit our website for more information using the button below.

[Visit our website](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Did you know that we have multiple social media accounts? We post updates on community news, events, and more on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as weekly videos about the Center, Deaf Culture, and History on TikTok. Follow us to stay updated! [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#).

Congratulations to Nancy Davis!



It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Nancy Davis as she retires this year. Nancy has worked for GCDHH for 15 years, serving the community and bringing her expertise and friendliness to every client she meets.

She is effortlessly kind, charismatic, and knowledgeable in her work and has helped provide no-cost equipment to thousands of clients, mostly in south Georgia.

We were able to celebrate Nancy's work this past week by having dinner with our staff and some of our board members.

Selfie of Nancy holding up the ILY sign with a pink glove on.

Nancy has worked hard over the years to make sure that Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened Georgians in southern Georgia have access to assistive equipment to help them live their lives and communicate with their family.



A picture of Jimmy, Anne, Nancy, Janet, Jonathan, and Cheryl smiling at the camera while at Nancy's retirement dinner,

A second congratulations to Nancy for being awarded Employee of the Year for 2022.



Nancy and Jimmy smile at the camera while holding the ILY hand given to Nancy to celebrate her 15 years of service.



Jimmy and Nancy smile at the camera. jimmy holds the plaque with all of the former Employee of the year names and Nancy holds a certificate and gift cards.

Thank you, Nancy, we wish you the best of luck in your post-retirement life, and will always be thankful for the 15 years of dedication you put into the center.

Educational Youth Programs

This summer, GCDHH is hosting three youth programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth and teens. Registration is now available for all three programs taking place this summer. Apply online using the buttons below.

STEM Hands (High School Students)

- STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This week-long program sends high school students interested in college degrees related to STEM to stay and sleep at Georgia State University in Downtown Atlanta. Students take part in classes, field trips, and hands-on activities to learn about the various branches of STEM and work towards finding their goals for their secondary education.

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G.R.O.W. (High School Students)

G.R.O.W. (Getting Ready for Opportunities in Work) is also a week-long program intended for high school students. GROW focuses on getting students ready for employment after high school. The camp works closely with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) to prepare students for work by giving them opportunities to learn soft skills, self-advocacy, resume building, and more.

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More](#)

Camp Julienna (ages 6 - 13)

- Camp Julienna is a week-long residential camp for children ages 6-13. This year, the camp will be in LaGrange, Georgia. Campers will do arts and crafts, outdoor activities, and bond with the other campers throughout the week.

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Client Testimonies



Recently a member of our community, Terri, came into the center to show her friend our organization and what we do. Take a look at what she has to say about GCDHH and our services.

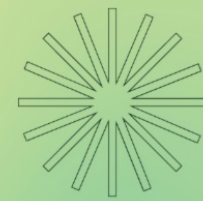
"Will I be with Ericka too? She's the one who helped me find this job. Her role as a coach is to guide me through on the first day of employment."

Eduardo, VR Client

Check out this sneak peek of some of the events we are hosting in 2023!



EVENTS 2023



Feb 11: ASL Day at the Atlanta Hawks

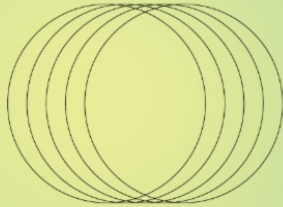
Feb 24-25: In Their Shoes

April 1: DEAFestival

April 23: ASL Day at the Atlanta Braves

June 17: ASL Day at Wild Adventures

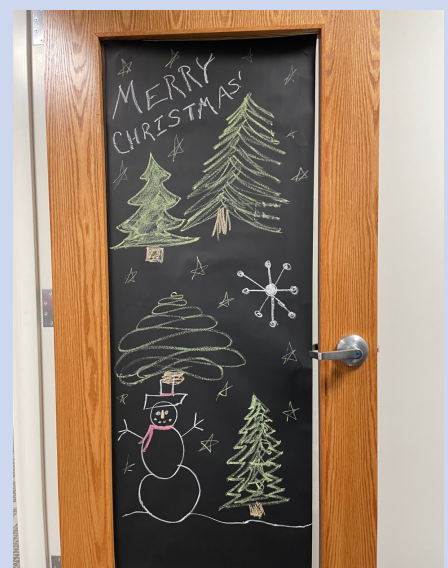
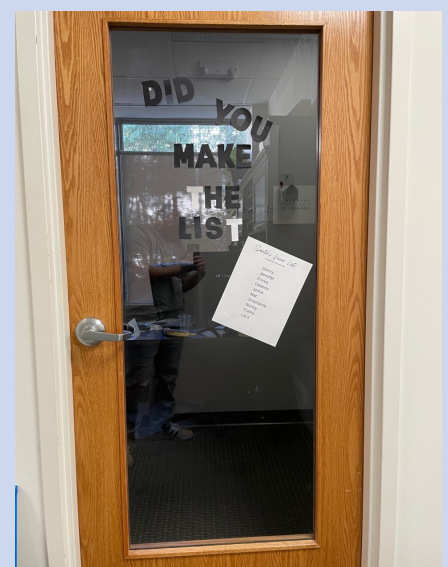
June 29: ASL Day at the Rome Braves



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Holiday Door Contest 2022

It's that time of year again! We're back with our new holiday door decorations in the office. Which one is your favorite?



Signing Santa

This month, GCDHH collaborated with Santa again to spread some holiday cheer to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students. Santa met with classes on zoom to chat and

ask them what they wanted for Christmas this year.



Santa waves at the camera while on a Zoom call with some students.

AASD Fall Festival

The Fall Festival at AASD was a big hit! We had a great turnout and met a lot of old and new faces. Thank you to everyone who came! We hope to see you again next year.



3 people at the GCDHH booth. Jamie stands behind the booth smiling.



A crowd of people visiting different booths.



A group of people stand and chat in front of the Camp Juliena Booth.

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Did you know that GCDHH partners with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) to provide Drivers Education test prep sessions?

During sessions, students can focus on learning:

- Road Rules
- Road Signs
- English Translation of test materials

With these sessions, students will be set up for success. We have a high percentage rate of students that pass the test post-class.

If you are interested in acquiring these services, please contact:

Ericka Lipscomb-Capel: elipscomp@gcdhh.org



Interested in employment? GCDHH and GVRA has got you covered. The phases in the employment process include Intake, job development and placement, workplace readiness, and self-advocacy. Additionally, a job coach is provided for comprehension and communication access. If you are looking for employment support – reach out to us!

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ASL CLASS



Registration Now Available!

Virtual ASL classes this Winter are now available for registration! We have classes ranging from beginner to advanced with both online and in-person options. The deadline to register is January 3, 2022. Below is the schedule for upcoming classes:

Tuesdays (Jan 10 - Feb 28)

ASL I: 6pm - 8pm EST

ASL II: 6pm - 8pm EST

ASL III: 6pm - 8pm EST

Saturdays (Jan 7 - Feb 25)

ASL I: 10am - 12pm EST

ASL II: 10am - 12pm EST

ASL III: 10am - 12pm EST

For more information or to register for one of the classes, visit our Eventbrite page by clicking the buttons below.

**Register for Tuesdays
Here**

**Register for Saturdays
Here**

**Check out the rest of our ASL
Classes!**

The textbook is highly recommended for all ASL units- **A Basic Course in American Sign Language (Second Edition)**. This can be ordered via Amazon.

GCDHH offers ASL classes for children younger than 14 years old with 8 - one hour sessions. We also offer private ASL classes one-on-one for a separate fee.

If you have questions, please email Lara Whitfield at: Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org

[Visit our website](#)

Did you know you can sign up your workplace for American Sign Language Classes?

GCDHH offers customized ASL classes for businesses and workplaces. With a flat rate (prices are negotiable), your company can pick the hours and multiple dates for ASL classes. You and your co-workers will take sessions and practice together on learning a new language. If interested, you can bring this available course to the attention of your management and contact us at Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org.

Your company can make a difference in language accessibility for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community!

[Fill out Questionnaire](#)

GCDHH has its own interpreting service!

Whether it's in-person or virtual interpreting, we will make the process easy for you. Contact us for more questions or to book an interpreter:

requests@gcdhh.org

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