

“DEAF WORLDS” SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AT SILENT CELEBRATION 2010!

Silent Celebration event

DHHS is hosting Silent Celebration on June 12, 2010 at Johnson Park in Walker, MI. Silent Celebration is an annual trademark with DHHS.

“Discovering Deaf Worlds,” a non-profit group from Rochester, New York, including Christy Smith and David Justice, will perform during Silent Celebration’s closing ceremony that evening at Pine Rest’s Postma Center.

Silent Celebration is held every summer and we have between 125-200 people getting together from all across Michigan to socialize and enjoy BBQ lunch, raffles and games. The admission price (including lunch) for the all-day event is \$5. Children under age 10 are free. Our big raffle prize will be a brand new gas grill! We will also have some small raffles. A flyer with more information about raffles and other games at Silent Celebration will be sent out in the next few weeks.



Christy Smith and David Justice of “Discovering Deaf Worlds” will be at Silent Celebration’s closing ceremony on June 12. *Photos from DDW site.*

Our closing ceremony that evening will have entertainment. Christy Smith and David Justice will perform from 5:30-7 p.m. at nearby Pine Rest’s Postma Center.

About Discovering Deaf Worlds

You may know of Christy Smith as a deaf contestant from the T.V. show, *Survivor: Amazon*, in 2003, and Dave Justice is an experienced speaker. They, along with Davin Searls, founded “Discovering Deaf Worlds,” a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that helps people understand about deaf culture in different countries. They collect information and videos from their trips. They give performances all around the

(Left) People enjoying Silent Celebration event in June 2009. Last year’s big raffle item was a flat-screen TV.

United States to educate people about it.

The performance is for anyone—youths, adults, senior citizens, interpreters, interpreter students, to enjoy!

The ticket price will be announced and go on sale May 1 and the location will be at Pine Rest’s Postma Center, 300 68th Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49501, after the Silent Celebration is done at Johnson Park.

To purchase your ticket for the performance, you can either call DHHS at 616-732-7358, e-mail info@deafhhs.org, or vp at 616-828-0186. We accept check, cash or credit card. They will also be sold at Silent Celebration event and at the door at Pine Rest’s Postma Center the evening of the performance. Maximum number up to 250 people only.

Thank you for your donations this quarter!

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2010 Interpreter Series Workshops

We care about our interpreters' professional needs and ensuring they maintain credentials. Here is a list of workshops for 2010, all held at DHHS. Some are definite and some are tentative. Most workshops last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$40 if we receive pre-registration payment. Lunches are on your own. Check with Bethany Perry at 616-732-7358 or bperry@deafhhs.org for updated information or to reserve your spot at the workshops (50 max). They fill up fast!!

Scheduled workshops

May 1—"Religious Signs" workshop with Jo Dishaw

June 19—"Knowing Your Boundaries on the Job" workshop with Leslie Pertz

November 13—"Linguistic Features of ASL" workshop with Jo Dishaw

Tentative workshops

July—"Becoming Comfortable Voicing for Deaf Customer" presented by Jilian Rakow

August—"Interpreting in a Mental Health Setting" workshop (TBA) Bert Schwartz and Michelle Wolner

September—"The Ray and Rosie Show" with Rose Gelushia and Ray Thomas

October—"Strong Language" workshop with Misti Ryefield

Social events and advocacy through DHHS

The three top winners at Euchre Tournament on February 27, 2010: (From L) Darin Dahl, Richard McClish and Troy Chesebro.



People play in the euchre tournament, hoping to score high points!



Deaf and hard of hearing volunteers from Grand Rapids and Holland speak on a panel at Holland Hospital. They taught doctors and nurses how to treat and communicate with patients appropriately. Pictured are from (L), Tito Galvan, Cindy Hall, Nancy Van Duinen, Alisha Douglas and Nancy Gingery. Thank you for volunteering!

The senior citizens group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at DHHS. They have presenters come and speak about loss and grieving, interpreter rights, and many other topics. They also socialize and play cards, bring delicious food (we love Audrey's desserts!) and have a good time together. About 20 to 30 senior citizens come every month.



Make plans with your child this summer for Kids Kamp!

Kids Kamp 2010 is underway! We are eager to work with DHHS and continue our 2nd annual Kids Kamp this summer, from July 26 to August 6. The Kamp will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings for the two-week run.

Approximately 25 kids came last year, and we are expecting more this year. Which is good because kids with different backgrounds and communication modes can meet each other and have fun!

Kids Kamp is open to deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing children, children of Deaf



Gearing up the Kammers for 2010 Kamp!

adults (CODAs), siblings or relatives of a deaf child or a child whose mom or dad works in the deaf community. We are open to Western Michigan area. The kids must be between 3 years to 10 years old and fully potty-trained. Kids Kamp was made possible by a grant through Amway's One-by-One Campaign and private dona-

tions.

Kids Kamp admission is \$40 per child or \$80 per household for between 2 to 4 kids. The Kamp is at DHHS' location on 44th and Kalamazoo.

To register your child(ren) for Kids Kamp 2010, call our agency at 616-732-7358 or e-mail info@deafhhs.org and have the registration and liability forms mailed to you, or print the forms from our web site, www.deafhhs.org. If you have any questions, please give us a call! Our registration deadline is July 19. You can either pay now or send the registration form in and pay at the door when you arrive for the first day of Kamp with your child. We look forward to seeing you!

Hearing Loss Association—Grand Rapids Chapter presents “Meet Jordan Levin—Deaf Motivational Speaker”

Jordan Levin was born three months premature and was diagnosed as profoundly deaf. Jordan could lip-read and learned how to speak. He graduated from MSU with his Bachelors and enjoys his career as a personal trainer and motivational speaker.

The event is at Metro Health Hospital on June 9, at 7 p.m. The program will have a sign language interpreter, Loop system and Real-Time Captioning. For more information, contact Juli Wiseman at juli@adshopetc.com or 616-855-2595.

Intern Katie Oskam enjoys working at DHHS

Katie Oskam, a senior at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, has been interning with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services for the past six months.

Katie is studying for her Bachelors in Social Work and interns under Mark Harrison in the mental health coordination program. She took ASL 1 and 2 at Calvin College, and is picking up on more signing skills during her internship here. She helps Mark do case management work for

twenty-four clients under our partnership with Pine Rest. Katie says, “Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services has done a great job in preparing me to work in the field of social work, particularly with the deaf. I also improved my signing and receptive skills and for that I’m grateful. I have met many extremely kind members of the Deaf community and I feel comfortable. I thank DHHS for all they have taught me. It was a great experi-

ence.”

When Katie completes her internship this spring, we certainly hope to see her around here often! She has been a good asset for the program and has a good rapport with the clients.



Save the Dates!

March 19—Trix Bruce performs at Kalamazoo Valley Community College from 7-9 p.m. Tickets on sale now.

March 20—“Classifiers: Shaping Your Interpretation” all day by Misti Rye-field at DHHS

April 24—MIRID workshop about “BEI Certifica-

tion Overview” with Laurie Metcalf in Lansing. [Wwww.mirid.org](http://www.mirid.org).

May 1—“Religious Signs” workshop with Jo Dishaw at DHHS

May 12—Day at the State Capitol (DASC) from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Lansing

May 22—Medical Inter-

preting Weekend by MIRID with Nigel Howard at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

June 12—Silent Celebration at Johnson Park in Walker, MI from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 12—“Discovering Deaf Worlds” at Pine Rest—Postma Center following Silent Celebration, 5:30—7p.m.

Becoming involved with our Michigan community....

- We became affiliated with Michigan Deaf Association in March 2010.
- DHHS is a sponsor of the Day at the State Capitol (DASC) for the May 12 event.

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Contributing to DHHS' Capital Campaign

Capital campaign information

DHHS has a two-year land contract for our building at 4328 Kalamazoo Ave S.E., Grand Rapids, MI. It is a community center and human services agency, with 2,500-3,000 people that walk through our doors on a yearly basis. We are raising money to pay down the building and become ours. It will be the *first and only* community center for the deaf and hard of hearing in Western Michigan.

How much does DHHS need for the campaign? Between \$100 to \$10,000 individually before January 1, 2011. The goal of our total amount is \$20,000 from you so we can reach \$40,000 through foundations using matching funds from the community. It all starts with you *first!*

Ways of donating: www.deafhhs.org under "Get Involved," deduct from paycheck on monthly basis, sponsor a table at the 2010 gala, or write a check to our P.O. Box address. Can be monthly or one-time.

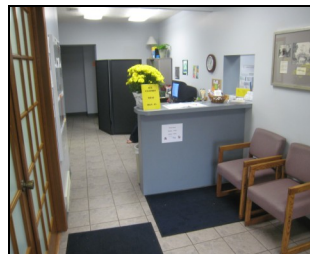
FAQs

How much should I give? However much as your heart desires.

Can I become an anonymous donor? Yes!

Can I break it down monthly instead of one big check? Yes!

How do we know you need more money to raise throughout the year? We communicate through a quarterly newsletter and a thermometer on our web site that follows closely how much we raised and how much is needed.



What you will benefit from contributing:

Giving back to community
Plaque with your name on wall
(for non-anonymous donors only)



Ways to contribute towards the campaign:

www.deafhhs.org

Call 616-732-7358

Mail a check to DHHS



How DHHS will benefit from your contribution:

Reduces monthly mortgage by half
Money invested back into programs
Long-term stability with services