

## *Access - Connect - Equality* *July 2019*

### *Inside the Georgia Center...*

*Please enjoy our complimentary newsletter for the latest news and events from GCDHH.*

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### *Meet our Community Coordinator, Andrea Alston!*

Andrea was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia. At eight months old, she lost her hearing from contracting meningitis and became Deaf. Andrea attended mainstream schools all her life until she graduated from high school then straight into Gallaudet University in 2002. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Family and Child Studies in May 2007 and continued onto Master of Arts in Deaf Education in May 2011. Throughout her years at Gallaudet University, she was able to embrace her Deaf identity. Andrea learned about Deaf Culture and how the community impacted her to become a better person and gain the necessary skills to survive in the real world.



Andrea always wanted to give back to the Deaf Community, which led to her passion to teach Deaf children that they can become successful. She was a certified teacher in Deaf Education field for seven years, but she wanted to do something different for the Deaf Community. And so, her journey as the Community Coordinator with Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the summer of 2018. Andrea provides an array of resources and supports to the Deaf Community with employment, resume building, and training, just to name a few. During her free times, she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter and two dogs. She also loves to travel, go on adventures, and read books.

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## GCDHH's 30th Anniversary!



### *“The Center of the Community: Past, Present & Future”*

September 29, 2019  
1 PM – 4:30 PM

The Historical DeKalb Courthouse  
101 E Court Square  
Decatur, GA 30030

To purchase the ticket or make a donation <http://tiny.cc/p15x7y>

Look for more announcement on our [www.Facebook.com/GCDHH](http://www.Facebook.com/GCDHH)

## Camp Julienna Summer 2019



For the past 27 years, GCDHH has hosted Camp Julienna for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youths. This year's camp we had 27 campers and 16 staff. We will like to send a special thank you to the local businesses surrounding the LaGrange area for their donations and time.

- Tony & Debbi Quave for the firework show!
- Chris and Kim from Dixie Donuts for the delicious donuts!

- Suzi McKibben from Wren's Nest Pottery for providing the campers their clays!
- Donna Kirkendall from Primo Arts for teaching the campers how to paint with watercolors!
- Frio's for providing our campers with fruit popsicles!
- Donna Kirkendall from Primo Arts for providing cupcakes and teaching them how to decorate their cupcakes!
- Air Evac helicopter from Troup County landing on the field and demonstrating how to operate a helicopter!
- Troup County Firetruck #6 fir visiting the campers every year and cooling off our campers with the water hose!
- Kona-Ice by Chris for providing snow cones!
- Tiger Lilies Floral owner Heather Peebles for providing and teaching our campers how to plant and paint the pots!
- Jennifer Smith our mom of the year for reaching out and encouraging many of the local businesses to participate in providing the campers with many of the fun activities this year.

We also want to thank Quota Club of Northside Atlanta, Georgia Registry Interpreters for the Deaf and Essential Ingredients owner Cheryl Marcello for donations for the Wilma Owens Scholarship Fund.





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## Upcoming Events

**Movie Night in the Park-** Date: **August 10th, 8:30 p.m.**

**Movie:** Aquaman(Open captions)

**Where:** Mason Mill Park

**Address:** 1340 McConnell Dr. Decatur, GA 30033

Bring your own food, picnic blanket, lawn chairs, no glass drinks and no alcohol permitted.

**We recommend you come at 8 p.m. to catch up with friends and find a good spot.**

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**ATL United- Saturday, Sept 14th at 7 PM**

[www.fevo.me/aslday](http://www.fevo.me/aslday)

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**GCDHH 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversay- September 29th, 2 pm - 4 pm**

Address: 101 E. Court Square, Decatur, GA, 30030

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**Six Flags-Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at Six Flags over Georgia**

**Saturday, October 5th**

Promo code: ATLDEAFDAY

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**Deaf Santa- December 6th(schools) & 7th(community)**

**Location:** To be announced

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**404.207.9362**  
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## Client Feedback



My name is Tymera Smith, a native Georgian who attended Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD). As a Vocational Rehabilitation client, I interned under Work-Based Learning (WBL) program. I received services from the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GCDHH) under the Employment Support Services. My dream is to become a hairdresser and business owner. It was not easy finding a hair salon that was willing to accept me as an intern without any previous skills or knowledge. With the help of Employment Specialist, Penny Hollis, I was able to land a spot as an intern at La'Sheik Hair Salon in Gainesville, GA.

My first day as an intern, I was a bit anxious because I was unsure if I could handle the responsibilities that came with working in a hair salon. The salon owner was very welcoming and took me under her wings and taught me the ropes. In the time I was there, I learned a lot of things before graduating in May 2019. I decided to apply to Beauty School at Lanier Technical College in Gainesville to increase my skills and knowledge. I am grateful for the GVRA and GCDHH staff who helped make my dream possible..

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## Community Involvement



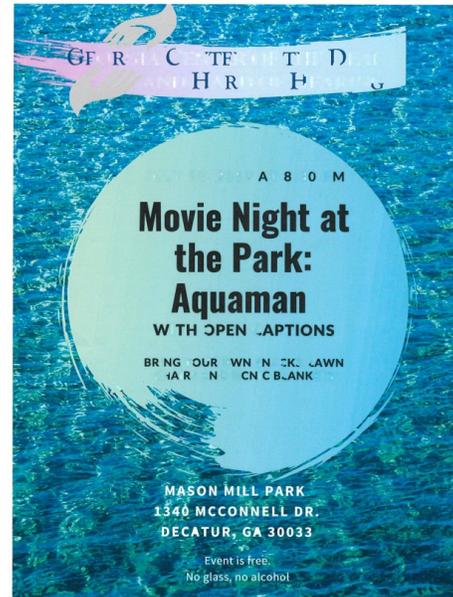
ASL Day at White Waters



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Aquaman August 10, 8:30 pm

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