

April 18-24
Is National
Volunteer
Week

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TSHA's Office Hours

Monday
8:00 am -7:00 pm

Tuesday- Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Closed Friday,
Saturday & Sunday**

Extra-Special Care Required

By Ingrid Lobaugh

(Editor's Note: It's difficult enough to be a new parent of a healthy baby. It's even more challenging for hearing parents to discover their child is deaf. But many parents are faced with the news that their child is not only deaf, but has other issues to deal with as well. One parent shares her story with you here.)

Our daughter Anna is 8 years old and in the 1st grade. Her favorite color is pink and she loves anything "princess." The highlight of her day is picking up her big sister Rachel from school. Anna has a mischievous sense of humor. Her favorite TV show is iCarly. She is affectionate with her family and her friends and is dearly loved in return.

But these are probably not the first things you'd notice when you meet Anna.

**...she loves
anything
"princess."**

Anna was born with a syndrome called CHARGE,

caused by a mutation found on gene CHD7. Her father and I do not carry the mutation; neither does our older daughter. No cause is known. Approximately one in every 10,000 births has CHARGE.



Affected systems vary, but can include heart, eyes, and ears, among others. The first two years can be a very dangerous time, but after that, most CHARGErs have a normal life expectancy.

In her short eight years, Anna has already had 21 surgeries (#22 is pending).

She is Deaf. She cannot safely swallow food and has to be fed through a tube in her stomach five times daily. She has weak muscle tone, which caused her to work very hard for many years to be able to

walk independently – but she IS walking now!

Balance & sight issues make walking more strenuous for Anna than for most children. The weak muscle tone also causes severe sleep apnea. Neurological issues prevent her from being fully potty trained, and from being able to smile. We have to give her a daily growth hormone shot and occasional breathing treatments.

This doesn't seem to paint a very happy picture, but anyone who spends time with Anna quickly learns that she is a happy child.

She knows she is different. Sometimes she will use her fingers to push her mouth into a smile, which is adorable and heartbreaking at the same time. Like most people, she wants to be included, to have a chance to participate in conversations and activities. We spend a lot of time at various therapies and at medical appointments, trying to help her achieve her full potential.



“Who said 2009 was a bad year?”

From the Executive Director's Desk

by R. René Ryan

The economy of 2009 was crippling for many people, which in turn had a devastating impact for many businesses. All predictions given to me at the beginning of the year were to be prepared, because non-profits would greatly feel the impact and we could expect less funding and fewer donations from outside sources.

I will not lie and say 2009 was a “piece of cake,” because it wasn't. But the hard work and determination of a small but dedicated staff and board, and you - our supporters - turned 2009 into a great year for TSHA.

TSHA had the best year ever in obtaining contributions: total contributions were \$120,000 compared to \$95,000 the previous year. Corporate donors doubled, as did foundations and grants. We also showed an 8% increase in other donations. With those resources, we were able to serve a great many people in need.

TSHA served a total of 26,372 consumers in 2009. Of those, Interpreter Referral provided interpreters to 2,181 unduplicated individuals, Information and Referral provided assistance and information to 24,068 individuals and Independent Living served a total of 121 individuals on an “in-depth” basis.

Of those contacting TSHA for assistance, **94% received the needed assistance** with 6% being provided alternate resources since it was outside TSHA's realm. Most of the consumers working with Independent Living (92.5%) achieved their goal or are on the path to achieve their goal with only 7.2% dropping out of their program.

Staff and board expect that 2010 will not be an easy year, but all indications are showing that it too will be a great one with continued support from you. We are pleased with what we were able to accomplish in the past year and **thank each of you** who had a hand in making it possible.

Volunteer Appreciation Month

As we step into April we can all celebrate the end of the snow, slushy roads and dreary weather. However, even more important, we can celebrate the wonder of volunteers. For each of you who have given your time throughout the year so that we can serve the community, we say thank you. TSHA is a small staff of nine, but through you - our volunteers - we can accomplish so much. From the bottom of our hearts – *thank you*.

Children's Hearing Aid Program – “Children's Earz”

Applications soon to be accepted. Contact Diana Higgins at 918.832.8742 or dhiggins@tsha.cc for an application or go online at www.tsha.cc. CHAP-Children's Earz is a program funded by Tulsa Area United Way, George Kaiser Family Foundation and private donors to provide hearing aids at a greatly reduced cost to those that have no other resources. If all other avenues have been tried and the child (age birth to 18) has been denied, this program can help.

Loop, Anyone?

TSHA's conference room is now equipped with an induction (hearing) loop designed for hearing aids with t-coils, for direct broadcast. This is provided by Hearing Specialists of Tulsa. We have tried a mini-loop system in the past with mixed results. We are thrilled with the new system and hope that it makes listening better for our friends who are hearing aid users. A huge thanks to Julia Shirk, Au.D., CCC-A and Hearing Specialists of Tulsa for making this happen!

We have been fortunate to find so many great resources along this journey. TSHA was one of the first places I visited when I learned that Anna was Deaf, and where we took our first sign language classes. SoonerStart services were invaluable, and are available to any child age 0-3 who has any kind of developmental delays. Anna attended the Little Light House for 5 years; we simply can't say enough wonderful things about this very special school. Tulsa is blessed to have this fantastic resource here.

Anna has participated in therapeutic horseback riding since she was two years old - at *Helping Hooves* in Bixby in the summers, and at *Bit by Bit* in Oologah during the school year. The Oklahoma Family Network provides mentors and support groups, trains parents on how to

advocate for their child, helps us find respite resources, keeps us informed on upcoming events and trainings, and hosts one of our family favorites – SibShops.

“She knows she is different.”

SibShops is a group for those extra-special siblings of special needs children. We have assembled a great medical and therapy team, as well as devoted educators, paraprofessionals and interpreters.

We are just beginning our public school years, and know that we have much more to learn. But we will continue to search to find the extra-special care that our extra-special princess deserves.

(Editor’s Note: If you’d like to know more about resources for children with multiple disabilities, we’d be happy to pass your inquiry on to the Lobaugh family, who has put a great deal of time into discovering resources. We’d also be happy to help you search for services to meet your own special needs. Conversely – if you can share information you have learned with others that may need it – please let us know.)

Resources:

- www.chargesyndrome.org
- www.tsha.cc
- www.okdhs.org
- www.littlelighthouse.org
- www.helpinghoovesok.org
- www.rsu.edu/bitbybit
- www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org

For more on multi-disability issues, see page 11.

TSHA’s Skill Enhancement Series presents: Mental Health Interpreting Workshops

By Brenda Carpenter

Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10 TSHA will be presenting workshops focusing on mental health interpreting at Tulsa Community College, Northeast Campus.

Friday, April 9, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm will feature a panel discussion with interpreters who have extensive experience in mental health interpreting and professionals from the mental health field will share experiences and discuss questions. Participant discussion is strongly encouraged.

Saturday, April 10, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm will feature Deaf psychologist, Dr. Emily Thomas. Dr. Thomas will present information on the day-to-day aspect of interpreting in a mental health setting. She will cover the mental status examination, interpreter safety, professional distance, and give us the perspective of a mental health professional who understands the Deaf world and interpreter ethics. Any of you who have heard “Dr. Emily” before know she is an amazing speaker. You won’t want to miss this!

For more information or to download a registration form, go to <http://tsha.cc/EnchancementSeries.htm>. Registration **deadline is April 7, 2010**. CEU’s will be available.

It is spring cleaning time and we are now taking donations for our annual garage sale and book sale. Donations are accepted during office hours. Please contact us first if you have furniture to donate.

GAP (Gathering As Professionals)

GAP is designed for people age 21 and over who are deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing individuals connected to the community. GAP is a time for relaxation and easy conversation. Join us!

More detailed information and directions will be sent to those who RSVP in advance to Diana Higgins at dhiggins@tsha.cc or (918) 832-8742 v/tty. Diana will be happy to add you to her GAP email list – just send her your address. That way you can be notified of events as they occur.

May 15, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – ***A Mexican Mayfest***

We enjoyed gathering for a meal and heading to Mayfest (Tulsa's awesome arts festival) so much in 2009 that we decided to combine the two again in 2010. We'll meet at the Mexicali Border Café downtown at 5:00 p.m. to rest our feet and enjoy conversation. If you're a "day Mayfester," you can go early and wrap up your day with a Mexican dinner. If you're a "night Mayfester," you can fortify yourself with chips and salsa, gather a few friends, and head to the festival after dinner. "Vamos a la Mayfest, amigos!"

July 17, Saturday, time TBA – "Float Trip!!"

September 4th, Saturday, time TBA – "Labor Day Weekend Pool Party & Cookout"

November 13, Saturday, time TBA – "Wine, Cheese... and Sommelier Skills"

Charity Day Event

There will be a Charity Day Event on May 1st at the Belk's store in Owasso. If you have been to the Evening of Giving event at Christmas time at the mall, it is similar to that. Tickets are \$5 and you can pick them up at TSHA. Check out TSHA's website for more information and details. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit TSHA.

Conference on Aging Finally Comes to Tulsa!

From Carol Carter, LIFE Senior Services

After 34 years in Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma Conference on Aging is finally coming to Tulsa! The conference is slated for **May 18-20** at the Southern Hills Marriott.

Tuesday, May 18, is Senior Day and features a full day of FREE activities for seniors 60+, including breakout sessions on important topics for older adults, a Senior Resource Fair, and a complimentary lunch featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jean Root. We are planning for 800 to 1,000 seniors to join us!

The last two days are designed for aging services professionals and will feature keynote speaker Bill Thomas, founder of the Eden Alternative, as well as nearly 50 breakout sessions!

If you have questions, please direct them to Patty Porter, 405-752-3935, patty.porter@mercy.net



Maintaining Mental Health for Seniors

One of my favorite groups of people is the Senior Citizen group. They are so wise, know so many things, and have so much information within them... and they tell the BEST stories!

Their amazing stories come out of having lived their years and had so many different kinds of experiences. However, some of those experiences for senior citizens are many life changes that are not always welcome. These “end of life” changes can become significant stressors for seniors.

Seniors often live at a comfortable pace compared to the fast-paced world developing around them. They see the countryside change landscape, and witness families growing up and friends passing away. Their access to the world is sometimes more limited if they do not have a good support system to help them learn things like new technologies, all while being

frustrated that youngsters won't stand still long enough to “listen” and learn from them.

“Their amazing stories come out of having lived their years and had so many different kinds of experiences.”

There are several important factors for maintaining mental health for seniors. One is making sure that senior has a special role in projects and events, so that their wisdom and experience can be shared with others. This also adds meaning and purpose to their experience. Another is providing situations and events for seniors to socialize and enjoy the company of others.

Volunteering is a great way for seniors to share their special

gifts with others, while getting to spend time with others in the community. Another important factor is helping connect seniors with good resources for maintaining physical health. So much of mental health depends on what the brain, body chemistry, and organs are doing and how they are functioning. Eating well, sleeping enough, taking walks in the sunshine, and keeping a pet are all great ways to stay healthy.

For more information on Senior Mental Health:

http://www.gmhfonline.org/gmhf/consumer/factsheets/hlthage_mental.html

(Editor's Note: *Our senior volunteers are some of our most valuable, due to their commitment, their knowledge and their availability. For information on volunteering at TSHA, contact dhiggins@tsha.cc or call (918)832-8742 v/tty.*

THH-Tulsa Hearing Helpers “Relationships and Hearing Loss”

On April 8, Alan and Teresa King will share their personal experience on how hearing loss can add extra challenges to the dynamics of a couple-and how a couple can overcome those challenges.

When: The second Thursday of each month, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: TSHA's conference room, 8740 E. 11th St.

Accommodations: We usually have a court reporter type and project everything that is said on the wall for all to read. We have assistive listening devices and interpreters, upon request.

Call Kaye at 296-5559 or Diana at 832-8742 (v/tty) for more information.

Day of Caring Turns into Many Blessings

By Belinda Singo, Volunteer from Ametek Chandler Engineering, Broken Arrow, OK

What was to be one beautiful fall day in September of 2009 volunteering at TSHA, has turned into many blessings in my life.

I decided to volunteer for Tulsa's Day of Caring [sponsored by United Way each year] when I saw the request for volunteers posted on our bulletin board at work. It was a day I will never forget. It was a day of physical work—washing windows, planting flowers, organizing closets, and whatever needed to be done.

Other people were painting, repairing, clearing fences, and cooking our lunch (we had a wonderful lunch of grilled hamburgers and all the fixings – the best in town!) I was having so much fun; it was not work to me. It was not work when I was getting to know my coworkers better, meeting other people, and reaching out to others.

I also learned that I wanted to do more, so I **became a volunteer at TSHA** a couple of weeks after Day of Caring. I volunteer on Mondays from 5:30 – 7, after I get off from my full-time job.

TSHA is a great organization to volunteer for because of the genuine, sincere, and dedicated staff, which is always looking for ways to meet the needs of people in the deaf community.



Above: Volunteers who came out to help on a past Day of Caring.

So if you are looking for something to do because you are “bored”, please consider becoming a volunteer for TSHA. You may think “I don’t have time”, or “I have to take care of my family first”, or “I don’t know what I can do.”

The staff at TSHA will help you find your niche.

Something else to consider is that you can also turn this into a family project of volunteering. My family sometimes volunteers together, so we have a common goal and it gives us something more to talk about and grow from as a family. It is also teaching our kids that there is more joy in giving than receiving.

“...when you reach out to someone else, the joy will return to you.”

There is one guarantee when you become a volunteer at TSHA. **You will be the one to receive the blessing.** No matter how much or how little time you can give, every little bit counts and it is appreciated. Just remember when you reach out to someone else, the joy will return to you.

Will you extend your hand and reach out to TSHA?

THANKS to our amazing volunteers

We send a heart-felt “thanks” to all the amazing people who have inspired us by their example of volunteerism through TSHA. Volunteers make it possible for us to serve more people and solve more problems.

There are many options for volunteer service: from making copies to covering the front desk, to helping with Summer Camp, to being a Peer Advisor, to name just a few. We can work together to find something that fits YOU.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a valued volunteer at TSHA, contact Diana Higgins at dhiggins@tsha.cc or call 832-8742 (v/tty).

National Volunteer Week

April 18-24, 2010

Theme:

“Inspire by Example”

Purpose: To recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels

<http://www.pcc.edu/resources/service-learning/documents/NationalDaysofServiceCalendar09-10.pdf>

Charles Spent his 82nd Birthday Volunteering



Charles Dye is a dedicated, long-term volunteer at TSHA. He does whatever is needed, from speaking to sign classes, working Deaf Deaf World workshops, and counting the attendance at Silent Dinners for our United Way reports, to being one of the top sellers of Souper Sunday tickets (our annual fundraiser).

On his recent 82nd birthday, he was kind enough to spend the day at TSHA boxing up auction items to get them ready to transport to the SpiritBank Event Center. Charles is a special man, and he is greatly appreciated by all of us at TSHA.

He makes a difference in the Tulsa community.



TSHA's Kids' & Teens' Summer Day Camps

Kids and teens - Plan now to be part of the fun and learning with your peers! *Volunteers* – put these weeks on your schedule. You won't want to miss the fun!

July 19 - 23- "Camp Hero!" Kids ages 7-13 yrs. (14-15 yrs. can be counselors-in-training) In this Olympic year, we will look at sports, and at heroes both deaf and hearing. Kids' Camp cost: \$50 for the week. Contact Diana Higgins at dhiggins@tsha.cc or (918) 832-8742.

July 26-29 - Independent Living Camp for teenagers. Contact lnull@tsha.cc.

Website for both: www.tsha.cc

Watch the May newsletter for a complete listing of all the Oklahoma camps we've heard of for deaf and hard-of-hearing kids! Need that info sooner? Contact Diana at dhiggins@tsha.cc or (918) 832-8742.

Souper Sunday 2010 Donors

We wish to thank all the following people for making the Silent Auction at Souper Sunday a success. We had over 300 auction items! We couldn't do it without you!



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Volunteers

*Last but certainly not least, for we couldn't fathom putting on this event without each and every one of you.... a heartfelt "thank you" to all the **individual volunteers**, as well as those who are included in one of these groups.*

***Note: Because we had over 150 volunteers, there is not enough room to list everyone.*

Disney Volunteers
 SACS
 RSVP
 TSHA Staff and Board
 TCC Students
 Quota Club
 Camp Fire Girls
 TU Students



"Deaf plus" are Minus the Services

By Jeanne Pease, Special Ed teacher

There is a "Deaf plus" population – deaf + developmentally delayed, deaf + blind, deaf + autistic, etc. Few really understand the needs of this group, and few services are provided. There are some important issues to be aware of, and some steps families can take to help their child succeed.

One major issue is that **Oklahoma has NO group homes specifically for this population.** There's a critical need. Several of my own former students have both an intellectual disability *and* deafness. Their quality of life would increase by leaps and bounds if they were to live in such a home, with qualified staff and appropriate services. One area deaf ed teacher said there are at least four students in her school system who will desperately need such a place when they graduate.

"...supported living issues will impact this group for the rest of their lives."

My dream is that someday Tulsa will set up a group home facility to serve this "Deaf plus" population. School is only for 21 years, but transition and supported living issues will impact this group for the rest of their lives.

One thing I would strongly encourage families with "Deaf + developmentally disabled" children to do: **Sign up for DDSD waiver**

services - early! Too many of our families wait until their child is in high school before doing this, and then **they end up waiting for years after graduation** before getting "to the top of the list" to receive services for supported employment and supported living assistance.

Also, parents may need to advocate for their "Deaf plus" child to have sign language included in their child's educational program, and to **have a deaf ed teacher actively involved on the IEP (individualized education plan) team.** I've had three students with intellectual disabilities and significant hearing loss who never once had a deaf ed consultant or teacher participate in their IEP - the deaf part of them is ignored, yet it significantly impacts their learning and happiness factors.

None of the three came to me in 9th grade with hearing aids; none of their other special ed teachers thought it important enough to investigate that possibility for them.

Two used to wear hearing aids way back in their elementary school years. I worked to get these two a hearing aid again. **One went from a kindergarten reading level to a second grade reading level in just 7 months** after getting a hearing aid! The other showed drastic improvement in behavior and emotional stability after getting an aid.

This second student was fairly fluent in ASL (American Sign Language), having attended and lived at a school for the Deaf for about two years in the past, yet none of her special ed teachers saw that as significant, and constantly overestimated her comprehension of oral information. As a result, she was often misunderstood, or misunderstood others, and was often frustrated.

"...the deaf part of them is ignored ..."

That highlights some of the most important issues: accessible transition and supported living options, the importance of applying for DDSD waiver services, and the importance of making sure there is a deaf ed teacher or consultant on the "Deaf plus" educational planning team.

Most important of all, is parents advocating for their child. *Hands & Voices* has a website that is a very good resource. (<http://www.handsandvoices.org/>) It has lots of general information for families and advocacy, as well as for this specific population.

If we all work together, I hope that one day the "minuses" can be turned into "pluses" for our "Deaf plus" population.

Get Ready for May Better Hearing and Speech Month

Sertoma clubs will be receiving a packet of information outlining *Celebrate Sound™* and *A Sound Investment*, as part of their new efforts in recognition of "May – Better Hearing and Speech Month." If you're interested in information on hearing health or induction looping, contact a local Sertoma Club (TSHA can help) or the Sertoma Headquarters at: (816) 333-8300 - Fax: (816) 333-4320 - infosertoma@sertomahq.org.

TSHA Membership Application

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| _____ | Number of persons who are hard of hearing |

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 Buck & Pat Herron

Souper Sunday Comments....

One attendee "has officially renamed it Souper FUNday, hellllloooo!"

"TSHA and their rowdy friends sure throw one heck of a party....golly gee that was fun! Am so glad I get invited!"

"It was REALLY, REALLY SUPER (and Souper). Great event, great job!"

Thanks for letting me participate!



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All you can eat !
Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Milk, Juice

More fun than your average pancake breakfast – don't miss it!

****B.J.'s Barbershop Quartet****

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Saturday, May 1
7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
\$5.00 per person
Sertoma Bingo Hall
222 S. Memorial Drive, Tulsa
(SW of Wal-Mart)

Proceeds will support the
**SERTOMA HEARING AID
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