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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**

**René Ryan Receives  
Lifetime Achievement Award!**

*(Editor's note: An email from Lisa Mathes, as posted on O-Terps, is reprinted below. TSHA is very proud and excited to see our own Executive Director, Rene' Ryan, receive recognition for her years of hard work. Congratulations, Rene'! Sincere congratulations to Jeannette and L.V. as well.)*

On behalf of the Oklahoma Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Awards Committee (Joni Bice, Linda Blue, and myself) I would like to announce the following recipients of our annual awards.



Janna Byrd, René Ryan, and Lisa Mathes

**LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

OKRID annually recognizes a member who has provided exemplary service to OKRID and the field of interpreting over their lifetime. **This year we are honored to name Rene' Ryan as OKRID's 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.** We recognize you, Rene', for your many years of service to OKRID and the Deaf Community. We acknowledge your steadfast service on committees, conferences, workshops, as a volunteer, as well as an advocate for total access for the Deaf Community. Please accept our appreciation for your lifetime of service.

**RICHARD MULLINS AWARD**

Richard Mullins was a cherished member of the Deaf Community whose generous spirit helped to forge a close relationship between OKRID and the Deaf Community. In his memory we established

a yearly award recognizing OKRID members who have provided exemplary service to the organization and the field of interpreting over the past year. This year we are excited to present TWO Richard Mullins Awards.

The awards went to **Jeanette Buttram** and

**L.V. Berglund.**

These awards were presented publicly...at the TSHA Souper Sunday event by OKRID President, Janna Byrd. Thank you to the TSHA Board and Staff for allowing us this opportunity.

Congratulations to Jeanette, L.V., and Rene' - we are grateful for all of your service to OKRID, the interpreting profession, and the Deaf Community, and your generous spirits. You make us so proud!

Warmly,  
Lisa Mathes

# *We're Moving Forward, Road Map in Hand!*

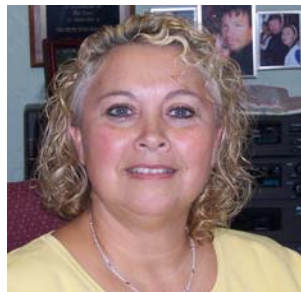
*From the Executive Director's Desk by R. René Ryan*

After a year-long intensive commitment from the board in creating TSHA's 3-5 year strategic plan, the plan is now being acted upon. There are four objectives to the plan with multiple strategies and numerous action steps to be completed. As an Executive Director, I am not only appreciative of the countless hours that went into creating the plan, but am excited to have a road map for the future of TSHA.

I have seen, and participated, in Strategic Plans in the past, but never one with as much thought to the meaning of the agency or the impact on *you*, the consumers. You may not be aware, but TSHA is a unique agency in serving both Deaf and those with hearing loss. The issues of each community are different and we want to always celebrate those differences.

In trying to define the agency and not lose sight of who our consumers are, we realized that our consumer base is actually larger than we had ever thought.

We will always focus on those who have a loss, but in reality we provide services to everyone that is **affected** by the hearing loss, including family members (parents, siblings, children, etc.). Another revelation was the fact that there are many people who are Deaf or hard of hearing and are completely independent and don't need TSHA at all.



Both of these points led us to change our mission statement to, **"Bridging gaps to improve the quality of life of those affected by hearing loss."**

After we announced this mission statement, a comment was made from a deaf individual that he didn't need his quality of life improved. He is exactly right.

For him and others like him, they may only need to access our Interpreter Referral Program and that is fine. For others, they may need intensive assistance from our Independent Living program, or need resources from Information and Referral. *Whatever* the need is, we are here.

One of our first Action Items is to develop a survey regarding our Interpreter Referral Program which will be sent out in the very near future. I hope you take the time to fill out the survey and be completely honest so that we can do the best job possible in meeting your needs.

I will be updating various components of our Strategic Plan in the coming months. I look forward to the work we will be doing and hope that you participate and join us as we move the agency in the direction forward.

## **Tulsa Hears a Who**

The "Tulsa Hears a Who" kick-off of our new Children's Hearing Aid Project, held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, was quite an event!

Almost 200 people from across the state turned out to help launch this new program. CHAP is designed to help parents (who have no other resources) to purchase hearing aids for their children. This program is the brainchild of audiologist Jacque Scholl, who saw many families in her practice who simply could

not afford amplification for their children.

TSHA has taken that idea and made it a reality. CHAP is the newest program under TSHA's umbrella of services. We have received funding from several sources, so we are ready and eager to assist more children!

If YOU know of a child who is going unaided because of his or her family's inability to afford hearing aids, please have them contact us at [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc) or (918) 832-8742 .

***Editor's Note: We did not do a March newsletter due to Souper Sunday. We have combined March and April here.***

## Belk Charity Day Event

Belk has invited us once again to be a participant in their bi-annual charity day event. There will be up to 70%-off sales storewide. Tickets are only \$5. Proceeds from tickets we sell benefit TSHA. They will be handing out free gift cards that are valued \$5-\$1,000 to the first 100 people. So buy a ticket at TSHA and come out to shop at the Owasso Belk Store on Saturday, **April 16th from 6 am – 10 am**. Contact Kirsten at [kwilson@tsha.cc](mailto:kwilson@tsha.cc) for more information. Check out TSHA's website for more information and details. Here are a few things people said after the last charity day event:

*"I was able to buy all the women in my family Mother's Day gifts and only spent \$40!...the savings were amazing."*

*"I bought several presents including a \$200 projector for less than \$50. I will go again."*

*"There were so many good bargains!"*

### NEW! - Database Entry Project

TSHA was fortunate to receive money which allowed us to purchase new database management software... much needed!

However, it does involve re-entering every person manually into the new system. Our receptionist / program assistant Kirsten has spent many days already keying in the information, and she will be spending more.

NOW would be the perfect time to be sure we have your correct contact information. If you have had any changes recently in your address, phone number, email, etc. – please contact [kwilson@tsha.cc](mailto:kwilson@tsha.cc) or call (918) 832-8742 as soon as possible. We look forward to our wonderful new database making it easier for us to efficiently stay connected to those who make TSHA's services possible.

### TSHA Food Drive Results

While Souper Sunday took most of our attention, TSHA did manage to gather the equivalent of **288 lbs of food** (food and money combined) for the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma!! Thanks to all who contributed, for supporting a fellow non-profit and for helping to feed our neighbors.

### TSHA Skill Enhancement Series "Performance Interpreting"

TSHA will host a series of workshops on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. We are still firming up details, so be sure to check our website for more information.

This workshop will be focusing on music. Friday evening and Saturday morning we will have a variety of activities all aimed at performance interpreting. Jenna Griffith will be sharing various websites that will help us in our preparation. We will be taking apart and reassembling several songs, looking at both ends of the language continuum. There will be a panel of Deaf individuals who will share what they do and do not like from their interpreters when it comes to music and concerts.

After lunch Saturday René Ryan will be showing what she does to prep for concerts. René is requested quite often for concerts, so she does a lot of them. If you've ever worked a concert with her, then you know about her famous "book". We are hoping to finish the day with a tour of the BOK where most of our concert work takes place.

It is shaping up to be an interesting weekend. Of course CEUs will be offered. Lunch on Saturday will be included. We will be able to accept only 35 registrations! Check for more details as they become available at <http://tsha.cc/EnhancementSeries.htm>.

### Upcoming Silent Dinners

April -Tuesday 12th

May - Thursday 19th

June - Tuesday 21st

For more information, contact Kirsten or Diana at (918) 832-8742, or [kwilson@tsha.cc](mailto:kwilson@tsha.cc). Everyone is welcome!!

## Substance Abuse



Substance abuse is defined as the over-indulgence in or dependence on any chemical that affects one's physical, mental, or social health. Common chemicals that are abused include sodas, coffee, and desserts. More dangerous chemical combinations that are often abused include cigarettes, alcohol, and prescription medications. Abusing illegal substances leads to legal consequences as well.

Abusing these substances actually creates changes in how your brain works: sometimes causing the chemicals in your brain to be "off balance," sometimes decreasing

your brain's ability to do certain tasks on its own, and sometimes physically changing your brain itself, or even destroying parts of your brain. Substance abuse also has a social impact, both from the consequences of bad choices and from the way others view our community. Substance abuse also interrupts your ability to learn certain developmental tasks, which will limit your social skills and make it more difficult to solve problems or resolve conflict.

The good news is that we now know more about substance abuse and addiction issues than we have

ever known before, and this means there are a variety of ways to obtain confidential help. Successfully conquering substance abuse requires hard work, including changes in environment and patterns of behavior. It also helps to have a support system of loved ones, family, and friends.

See here for a list of resources, including the 12 steps written in both English and ASL:

<http://www.rit.edu/ntid/saisd/services/resources>

## **Tulsa Hearing Helpers** **"Author and Woodworker"**

*Our thanks go to Linda Blue, for sharing her own experiences in a way that really touched and resonated with all who attended our March meeting.*

We're very excited about our April program, which was rescheduled from February, when the great snow hit. Come meet our brand-new guest!

**April 14 – Special guest speaker, author Barbara Howell**

Barbara, who is hard-of-hearing, has written a book about the trials she faced taking over her husband's woodworking business, and establishing Southern Ladies Showcases. Her email below will give you

an idea of what this inspiring woman will share with us:

*"I'm an Oklahoma author (Tulsa) and have written an inspirational autobiography about my life. I share my experiences after personal tragedy and being thrust into a profession I didn't understand. I'm a real life example that with grit, determination and faith, you can overcome any obstacle. I have had the opportunity to speak to other deaf and hard of hearing groups and love the opportunity to encourage others with the same struggles that I myself have lived with and overcome..."*

*"You can learn more about me and my book on my web site at [www.SplintersBook.com](http://www.SplintersBook.com).*

*During my presentation, I always like to do a drawing and give away a free copy, read a portion of the book and give a synopsis of the story."*

*Barbara Howell*

Barbara should have copies of her book for sale and signing. It was listed at \$19.95 on her website.

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

**Where:** TSHA's conference room, 8740 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St.

**Accommodations:** We usually have a captionist. Assistive listening devices and interpreters are available upon request, and our room is now

looped, for those with t-coils.

**What is Tulsa Hearing Helpers?** It is a monthly gathering for people who have lost hearing later in life. All ages and amounts of hearing loss are welcome, along with friends, family members, and ANY interested individuals.

Upcoming speakers:

**May 12 - TBA**

**June 9 – Allen Sheffield,** Disability services at OSU Stillwater

**July 14 – Carol Lambert,** audiologist

Call Kaye at 918-296-5559 or Diana at 918-832-8742 (v/tty) for more information.

## Staff Spotlight on...

# Jenna Griffith (TSHA's Staff Interpreter)

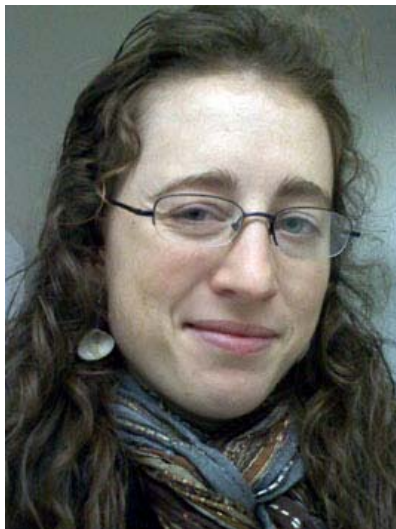
*(Editor's Note: We plan to spotlight each staff member by the end of the year, so you can get to know those of us at TSHA better. We hope you enjoy this feature!)*

Hmm, why does it feel like I just did this? (Write an intro about myself that is...) Wait... what's that you say? It was two years ago now? Wow! I guess as the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun." I have had a great time working at TSHA these last two years, and am looking forward to what the future years bring!

So... hmm...about me...Jenna G.

Well, what do you want to know? I have lived in Oklahoma most of my life (minus being born in Texas and living 4 years in Missouri for college). I have 3 siblings, all of whom are currently in Arkansas for college. I have lived in Tulsa for 10 years, and think it's a great city!

I have been involved in the Deaf community here for about 3 years – and LOVE it. Before that, I was involved with Deaf communities in Missouri and California. So, if you see me use a sign that is somewhat unused here in the Midwest, you'll understand where it's from!



Many people ask me why I became an interpreter.

Really, I didn't set out to be one. I just fell in love with the language, and the culture...and the people that make up that culture.

ASL (American Sign Language) linguistics and nuances captivated my attention, and I wanted to learn more! The interpreter part came by accident, as I happened to pick up the language fairly quickly. I am glad to be able to continue to add to my knowledge daily as an interpreter.

Outside of interpreting, I like to volunteer my time by serving others locally and abroad. I volunteer with Compassion International, and

Campus Crusade for Christ (C3) among others. I spent last summer in New Jersey volunteering. It looks like I may be going back this summer to do the same thing.

So if you don't see me this summer, don't worry. I'll be back. Hope to see all your bright smiling faces when I return!

## TSHA – Over a Century of Experience!

*We thought you might be interested in knowing just how experienced a group of people your staff at TSHA is. Below is the number of years each person has worked at TSHA.*

**Rene' Ryan** (executive director) 24.5 years  
**Diana Higgins** (community relations manager) 22.5 years  
**Brenda Carpenter** (technical administrator/IRP special projects) 18 years  
**Linda Hawkins** (interpreter referral program coordinator) 18 years  
**Lynn Null** (independent living coordinator) 17 years  
**Yamileth Canales** (accounting director) 12 years  
**Kirsten Wilson** (receptionist/program assistant) 5.5 years  
**Jenna Griffith** (staff interpreter) 2 years

Your small TSHA staff has a grand total of **119.5 years of experience** at working with the deaf and hard-of-hearing community at this agency alone!!

*It's rare for people to stay in one position for long these days. The tenure of the staff is a testament to what a wonderful place TSHA is to work, and how much we all enjoy the community of people with whom we work. Thank YOU for helping make our jobs a pleasure!*

## Summer Camps 2011!!

Parents! - Summer is just around the corner. Wondering what to do with the kids? Here is a comprehensive list of all the Oklahoma camps we know of specifically geared to your deaf / hard-of-hearing / CODA / sibling kids:

### Happy Hands Education Center - Tulsa

June 6 – August 12

The theme is *Leapin' Literacy!* Now enrolling students grades kindergarten through 5th for summer. Swimming, field trips, language activities and more. Enrollment is limited! Tuition is \$100/week or \$20/day. DHS EBT payments accepted. Scholarships may be available. Call 918-893-4800 or email [jan@happyhands.org](mailto:jan@happyhands.org) for more information or to enroll today.

### Loving Hands Ranch - Sulphur, OK

**CODA\*** Ages 6-18 runs June 7-11 -Tue-Sat

**Deaf Teens** Ages 11-18 runs June 24-28 -Tue-Sat

**Deaf Children** Ages 6-10 runs June 29- July2 -Fri-Tue

**Special Needs Deaf** (for all ages) runs July 5-9 -Tue-Sat

\* CODA stands for *Children of Deaf Adults*.

Cost is \$120 a week. For more information on these *overnight camps*, with traditional “camp” activities, contact Roy Woodall at 580-622-6085 (v, tty, vp) or 580-622-2155. Or visit their website at [www.lovinghandsranch.com](http://www.lovinghandsranch.com) or email at [lovinghandsranch@yahoo.com](mailto:lovinghandsranch@yahoo.com).

## TSHA's Kids' Summer Day Camp

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

**July 18 - 22**- Our theme is “**1 – 2 – 3...GO!**” Camp is from 9 am – 3 pm, for kids ages 7-13 yrs. (14-15 yrs. can be counselors-in-training) Deaf/HoH/siblings/CODAs welcome (*though we will keep our hearing enrollment proportional to our deaf/HoH*). We will have fun with hands-on activities all related to numbers and math...cooking, measuring, building, baking...and we'll visit places where numbers are used everyday. Of course, we'll swim, have a parent party, etc. as we always do.

**Kids' Camp cost:** \$50 for the week (\$60 for hearing kids). Scholarships may be available. Contact Diana Higgins at [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc) or (918) 832-8742.

Our Independent Living Teen Camp will not be offered this summer.

Instead, we are looking at holding an IL Reality Lock-in Night in October. It seems this will better fit families' schedules and needs. Stay tuned! Teens' information: [lnull@tsha.cc](mailto:lnull@tsha.cc).

### Oklahoma School for the Deaf - Sulphur, OK

June 19 – 24 (**high school, ages 12 - 17**)

June 26 – 29 (**elementary. ages 6 - 11**)

The theme this year is, “*Read it, Learn it, Live it!*” This no-cost, 5-day *overnight program* combines both education and recreation to help encourage students to increase and appreciate their reading skills. Both camps will enjoy the challenge of reading in varied classroom projects and settings, as well as leadership, drama, art, and recreational activities. For more information contact Brent Behrens at 580-622-4949, cell: 580-618-5009 or email at [bbehrens@osd.k12.ok.us](mailto:bbehrens@osd.k12.ok.us). Website: <http://www.osd.k12.ok.us/>

## Contact Info for VR

*(Editor's Note: TSHA often gets calls from people wanting to contact Vocational Rehabilitation across the hall. Here is their information.)*

“Purple” indicates the videophone numbers on their computers, so they can all take calls from clients. Any type of videophone can call this number.

Tiffany: [tharris@okdrs.gov](mailto:tharris@okdrs.gov)  
918-836-5556 voice/office  
918-948-9918 purple/VP  
918-836-7105 tty

Cody: [mfrancisco@okdrs.gov](mailto:mfrancisco@okdrs.gov)  
918-836-5556 voice/office  
918-574-6163 purple/VP  
405-464-4748 text  
918-836-7105 tty

Sandy: [skeesee@okdrs.gov](mailto:skeesee@okdrs.gov)  
918-836-5556 voice/office  
918-948-8951 purple/VP  
918-728-5089 text  
918-836-7105 tty

Jonathon: [jcook@okdrs.gov](mailto:jcook@okdrs.gov)  
918-836-5556 voice/office  
918-948-8944 purple/VP  
918-720-7561 text  
918-836-7105 tty

## What Would You Say??

*This was posted on LinkedIn, on the Deaf Education Association group. I thought it would be interesting to pose the question to our Oklahoma community:*

**If you were the first person to talk to a couple who just found out their child is deaf, what ONE thing would you tell them?**

Contact [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc) or (918) 832-8742 with your answer. We'll post this on social media as well, and print the answers in an upcoming newsletter.

## Deaf Youth Groups Forming

*(Editor's Note: This information is passed on as a service to our community.)*

The Deaf Church at Battlecreek (3025 N. Aspen Ave., BA, OK 74012) has started a teen youth group and kids' group. Contact Chris Harvey at VP# 918 994 1027, text # 918 237 5773, or [chrisharvey4@valornet.com](mailto:chrisharvey4@valornet.com). Planned activities include doing dramas and making movies, crafts, wii night, Kinect night and skating, etc.

## DEAF HISTORY MONTH

*(Information from an internet posting, and our own Lynn Null, former secretary for NAD.)*

*Did you know...*

... that Deaf History Month runs from **March 13** (commemorating the 1988 victory of the Deaf President Now movement at Gallaudet University) to **April 15** (commemorating the 1817 founding of the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut)?

The Friends of Library Association, a sub-committee of the NAD (National Association of the Deaf), submitted this proposal at the 2006 conference, and it passed.

## Souper Sunday - A Touchdown!

*By René Ryan*

What a fun-filled Souper Sunday we had this year, with our Super Bowl (football) theme!

A thank you goes to ALL those who made the day successful. Board member, **Ryan Zilm**, deserves special recognition for chairing this year's event and making it appear so effortless.

**We brought in close to \$38,000 - our all-time high!!** (We are still waiting for a few auction items to be picked up and paid for.)

The event would not have been possible without the *countless* hours put in by board, staff, and volunteers.

Helped by the efforts of our auction and PR committees, we “scored” more revenue than previous years. The restaurants participating were instrumental in making the event a touchdown for the “fans.” Thanks to Ingrid Lobaugh, Sponsorship chair, and our many sponsors (you will find the full list on the next page) we achieved our ambitious sponsorship goal.

As always, it was good to see so many old familiar friends, and to meet new ones. Mark your calendar, and plan to join us next year on **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012** as we celebrate our *30<sup>th</sup> year of Souper Sunday*.

# Souper Sunday 2011 Donors

We wish to thank all the following people for making the Silent Auction at Souper Sunday a success. We had over 400 auction items! We couldn't do it without you!

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# Souper Sunday 2011 Donors

## Restaurants

*You are the stars of the event! Without you, we couldn't call it Souper Sunday.*

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- Amish Kitchen
- Ann's Bakery
- Charleston's
- Compadres
- Cosi
- El Chico
- Elephant Run
- Full Moon Cafe
- Gina and
- Guiseppe's
- Ike's Chili
- It's Greek to Me
- Los Cabos
- Mexican Grill & Cantina
- Mexicali Border Café
- Mimi's Café
- On the Border
- Panera Bread
- Qdoba
- Red Lobster
- Te Kei's
- Texas
- Roadhouse
- The Boulder Grill
- Wolfgang Puck Bistro



## Bakeries and More

*Those delicious breads and desserts topped off the meal.*

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*A huge thank you to the following companies /persons for making our event possible:*

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- Guard, Steve
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## Volunteers

*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.*

- SACS
- RSVP
- TSHA Staff and Board
- TCC and TU Students
- Quota Clubs



# 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. *More detailed information and directions will be sent to those who RSVP by April 7 at noon to [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc) or (918) 832-8742 v/tty.*

### April 9, Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m. – Picnic at Woodward Park

When's the last time you spread out a blanket, brought a basket full of delectable treats to share with friends, and enjoyed being outside? Here's

your chance! Woodward Park is beautiful in the spring (2324 S Rockford Ave, Tulsa, OK 74114, [tulsa-parks.com](http://tulsa-parks.com)). And they even have swings, if you want to relive childhood memories! Let's meet across the drive from the swings.

*Plan ahead:*

### June 3rd or 4th, TBA – Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

What says "summer is here" more than a good old American baseball game? Those who have seen the new OneOK ball park are anxious to go back, and those who haven't yet experienced it – now you can! We will pick the exact date and time when we get closer, but 7:05 home games are scheduled both Friday and Saturday – let me know your preference. Tickets are as low as \$5.

## A Spring - or more of a FLOOD - of Learning!!

There is an absolute flood of educational opportunities and activities for EVERYone this spring!! - parents, interpreters, deaf/HOH individuals, professionals and more. Many are free. Some require advance registration. The flyers and emails have been circulating on most of these for some time, so we just wanted to pull it together in an organized schedule. I don't know about YOU, but we're beginning to lose track of everything! A point of contact is listed for each so you can get details. If you have not yet subscribed to TSHA's blog, you may wish to do so at [www.tsha.cc](http://www.tsha.cc). We post lots of items such as these there, even if they miss our monthly newsletter.

**April 2** Parents' Basic Rights/ IEP Training\*\* Contact: [mfrancisco@okdrs.gov](mailto:mfrancisco@okdrs.gov)

**April 3** Interpreted European Trip Exploratory Meeting [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc)

**April 5** Parent Involvement Night on Literacy at Wright Elementary [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc)

**April 5** People With Disabilities Awareness Day 2011 [www.okdrs.gov/pwdad](http://www.okdrs.gov/pwdad)

**April 9** DRS' Interpreters Roundtable Meeting [lberglund@okdrs.gov](mailto:lberglund@okdrs.gov)

**April 9** GAP Picnic at Woodward Park [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc)

**April 12** Silent Dinner at Woodland Hills Mall food court [kwilson@tsha.cc](mailto:kwilson@tsha.cc)

**April 14** Oklahoma Parents Center's annual conference [info@oklahomaparentscenter.org](mailto:info@oklahomaparentscenter.org)

**April 14 - 15** OTDHH and OEITI, Fairview Workshop [tthomson@osd.k12.ok.us](mailto:tthomson@osd.k12.ok.us)

**April 16** Belk Day (TSHA benefits) [kwilson@tsha.cc](mailto:kwilson@tsha.cc)

**April 21** Deaf Deaf World workshops at OSU Stillwater [dhiggins@tsha.cc](mailto:dhiggins@tsha.cc)

**April 29 – 30** TSHA's Interpreter Series workshops\*\* [bcarpenter@tsha.cc](mailto:bcarpenter@tsha.cc)

\*\* Indicates interpreting CEUs are available.

*Italics indicate a NON-educational event.*

It's exciting to see so many educational opportunities right here in Oklahoma, so let's support them!

## Disability Awareness Day 2011

April 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Oklahoma State Capitol

To stand united, wear green, to have a greater impact. Interpreters will be provided.

Register for the event at:

<http://www.okdrs.gov/pwdad/default.asp>

**The 2011 Tulsa Wind Riders Club  
18th Annual Festival of Kites  
Benefiting Happy Hands Education Center  
May 7th & 8th, 2011 10:00am-5:00pm  
43rd Street and South Garnett in Tulsa  
For more information contact:  
Christina Treat: 918-893-4812  
Christina@happyhands.org**

# TSHA Membership Application

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Support TSHA through your annual membership and/or a donation.  
Mail completed application to:

**TSHA, Inc. / Membership Application, 8740 E. 11th Street, Suite A Tulsa, OK 74112-7957**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Category

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- Hard of Hearing  
 Deaf  
 Cochlear Implants  
 Equipment  
 Professionals in the field of Hearing Loss  
 Children  
 Sign Language  
 Oral Communication

Your Advocate membership will cover the cost of providing a workshop about diabetes, voting, money management or nutrition.

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*Bridging gaps to improve the quality of life of those affected  
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