

The Communicator

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Newsletter

Christmas 2007



SEDHHS Annual Membership Drive

South-East Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Inc is a non profit agency dedicated to providing services, programs and advocacy to individuals who are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing and their families.

SEDHHS is largely funded by the **United Way of Greater Moncton Southeastern N.B. Region Inc.** Other sources of funding are received through contracts, purchase of service agreements, memberships, private donations and our annual golf tournament.

If you did not renew your membership in September, or you would like to be a member, please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed membership form. We rely heavily on community support in order to continue to support our clients and families, as well as to ensure our programs and services meet the needs of the community.



Memorial Donations

SEDHHS has memorial cards placed in the many funeral homes in our area and at our office. This is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones, who have left us, during the Christmas season. Tax deductible receipts are provided for donations of \$10.00 or more.



Executive Director's Message

The year 2007 has held many changes and growth for South-East Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Inc. We were able to have Tobie Martin come on staff to organize our Community Workshops, work on our Parents Program, and instruct Baby Sign classes. The success of these classes is in large part due to Tobie's vibrant personality and enthusiasm. She is very supportive of the agency and we appreciate this very much. We look forward to continuing to work with Tobie in 2008.

Bonnie Swan has been with SEDHHS for two years now. Her knowledge of our special needs equipment is limitless. If you have any questions about equipment she is the person to see. Bonnie has been a tremendous support to me during my transition to Executive Director. For this I am extremely grateful. "Thank you, Bonnie, for all the hard work and extras you put into your job!"

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors, Ginnie Black, Raymond and Cheryl Dupuis for all the hard work and effort they put into the agency. All of you are invaluable to the agency and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Everyone at SEDHHS and the Board of Directors are busy planning our fundraising events for 2008. We will be producing a cookbook to sell early in 2008, so be sure to send in your favorite recipes to add to this great fundraising idea. We will be having our Roast Beef Supper in the spring, and we will be holding our 4th Annual Golf Tournament in July. The year 2008 is already looking to be a successful one.

Our Christmas Open House is on Thursday, December 20/07 from 1-3pm at the agency. We hope you are able to come to help us celebrate the Christmas season and the close of 2007.

From my family to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that is filled with peace, happiness, family, friendships-old & new, and good health.

Merry Christmas...

SKSK
Laurie V.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

We need your help.....please give us your favorite recipes.

November 19, 2007

Hello everyone,

South-East Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Inc has decided to create a cookbook as a Fundraiser for the agency. To create a cookbook it takes a lot of work, but more importantly, to have a good cookbook we need lots of recipes.



We are asking you to help by sharing some of your more favorite recipes, and we would like to have your name beside your recipe. If you do not want your name in the book, then please tell us.

It would be best if you could send the recipes by email, but if you bring it to the office, fax, or mail it, that too would be acceptable. You can issue as many recipes as you wish. Variety is key; so please feel free to give us sweets, sweetbreads, fudge, play dough or any other miscellaneous items, jams, meals...any recipe you use and know works well. Please read it over before sending us the recipe as I will not know if you missed an ingredient.



I will be compiling the cookbook over the next couple of months, but the sooner I get the recipes, the easier it will be. The funds from the cookbook will go directly into the agency to help with programs, etc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Bonnie Swan
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New and updated “Deaf ID” plastic cards are now available to be picked up at SEDHHS. This card is important for you to have with you at all times in case of an emergency.



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN IN SEPT'2008?

In January 2008 we have a volunteer, a retired teacher from District 2 and SEDHHS Board Member, who is willing to prepare your children for Kindergarten. The children will get together once a week for half an hour at SEDHHS. They will be read to, play educational games, be introduced to printing letters & numbers, and listen to music & poems, and many more fun activities that will help them to be ready to attend Kindergarten.

If you would like more information about this program and to register your child please contact the office (859-6101) or TTY (384-8260).



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS UPDATE

In September we gave a workshop for the deaf and hard of hearing community on “Understanding After Hours Emergency Interpreting Services.” I would like to thank all those who attended. I would also like to thank Ginnie, Tobie, and Bonnie for their input in putting the workshop together.

In October guest speaker, Lucie Belliveau, with Service New Brunswick came from Fredericton to talk to us about the “Opportunities Fund and other grants” that are available to the deaf and hard of hearing. This workshop was very well attended and SEDHHS was very grateful to Lucie for volunteering her services.



In November our guest speaker, Debbie Kogon, a gynecological nurse spoke to the women about “Women’s Health Issues.” We would like to thank Debbie for her patience when answering all of our questions. For those who are interested we are looking into having Debbie speak to us again in the spring of 2008. I know many of you mentioned you would like to hear from Debbie again. ☺

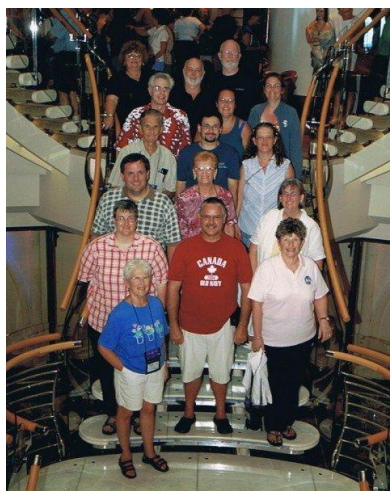
- **Next workshop:** January 26/08 (1-3pm) “Symptoms to watch for when having a Heart Attack, Stroke, High Blood Pressure, and other aging Concerns.”

PROGRAMS

- The NB Community College in Moncton will be offering a **Deaf Literacy Program** to 8 deaf adults, **for free**, beginning on January 8, 2007. This part-time evening course will be taught by a Deaf instructor using ASL. The course will provide training in reading, writing, & understanding the English language, math, and other topics to prepare you for a post-secondary course or for employment. Seats are limited - contact SEDHHS or NBCC immediately to register.
- We are now accepting registrations for Sign Language Level I, II, III, & IV and Baby Sign Language. Classes begin in January 2008.
- In the New Year, our **Parenting Skills Program** will continue with support from United Way. This program is offered to our Deaf parents of hearing children, to hearing parents of Deaf children, grandparents, caregivers, and significant others who have a relationship with the child and his/her family. If you would like to register for the program or would like more information please call the office (859-6101) or TTY (384-8260).

COMMUNITY NEWS

- “Welcome home,” to our friends who went on a Caribbean “Deaf” cruise (the entire ship: guests and staff are Deaf) this past October 26th to November 4th. We are happy you made it back safely and that you enjoyed your time in Miami, Mexico, Grand Cayman Islands, and Jamaica.



Group from the Maritimes
(NB, NS, PEI)



Teena & Stephen Fisher, Mary Foran, Anne MacDonald, Raymond Dupuis, Cora & Reg Cassidy.

- With sorrow, we send our condolences to the family and friends of Donald William Marshall who past away on Oct. 3/07 in New Glasgow, NS.

If you have news to share in our newsletter (birth announcements of children/grandchildren; death notices; milestone wedding anniversaries; or a special event) please contact the office to have it added to our “Community News” section.

“THANK YOU” TO UPS FOR YOUR DONATION

Our friends from UPS generously donated \$200.00 to South-East Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Inc to buy a new toilet for our downstairs (classroom) washroom. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. “Thank you” to Bob and Bonnie Swan for taking the time on a weekend to install it. We are very lucky to be surrounded by thoughtful and supportive individuals.



Desiree Beaulieu (UPS), Bonnie Swan,
Raymond Dupuis, Alison Colwell (UPS)
& Janice Cooke (UPS)



Raymond, Bonnie,
Desiree and Janice



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO
JOIN US ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
1:00 – 3:00PM**

There will be coffee, tea, light refreshments, door prizes and more.

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Please contact the office to let us know if you plan to attend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from SEDHHS!

