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This newsletter is dedicated to uniting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of East Texas and all supporters by providing information and reporting events that enhance our lives and our community.

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CONTACT US: You can leave a compliment or complaint at:
www.tdhhc.org/feedbackform.html.
We want to hear from you!

Fall in Love with TDHHC!

We have some *great news*!
Since we had to postpone our annual KissFist Christmas indefinitely, we decided to get *creative*.

We are **happy to announce** that TDHHC will be hosting an **online auction** via FaceBook this fall during the month of October.

Join in the fun!
We will **need** baskets of **goods, gift cards, and great services** to put up for sale. If you or your business are interested in donating, please contact Brenda at **connections@tdhhc.org**.

More details to come in September.

COVID-19 ISSUES: ACCESSIBILITY - UPDATED RESOURCE!

Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD.ORG**)** has re-designed their COVID-19 information website and it looks great! They even have an **ASL Hotline**!

Click here to get the latest: https://www.csd.org/coronavirus/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sharpspring&sslid=Mzc0NjUysrS0MDI3BQA&sseid=MzIwNzAxNDY2NAUA&jobid=bff519a0-1474-4eb9-9ef6-54f8809652a4 .

NEED HELP?

SOMETIMES ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT THINGS TO DO IS ACTUALLY ASK FOR HELP... BUT, PLEASE ASK! THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP. NON-PROFITS HAVE PLANS IN PLACE TO ASSIST US WITH OUR NEEDS.

EAST TEXAS HUMAN NEEDS NETWORK SET UP 903HELP.ORG TO HELP GUIDE US TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN MEET OUR SPECIFIC NEEDS.

DON'T DELAY! IF YOU NEED HELP, GET STARTED TODAY.

http://www.903help.org/

In the Spotlight: Board Member Susie Grona

Susie feels blessed to be a part of the dynamic group of people who make up TDHHC. She has been on the TDHHC Board of Directors since 2012, and is the current Vice President.

Susie is an alumnus of Texas Woman's University, where she received her Deaf Education degree in 1979 and met her husband Patrick. They have been married for 40 years, and have two grown children who stay busy with their own careers — Katie in Myanmar (Burma) and Jacob in Kerrville, Texas.

Susie has been an active member of the Deaf community since the 1980s. She stays involved with local and state organizations that serve the deaf and hard of hearing community, as well as interpreter organizations, and is a highly qualified Certified Deaf Interpreter.

She taught at Corpus Christi ISD Regional Day School for the Deaf for 30 years and retired from there. Her other teaching experiences include Del Mar College ITP in Corpus Christi, Communication Skills Workshop at Texas School for the Deaf, the Tyler Junior College ITP, and numerous presentations for workshops in ASL and interpreting. Susie's professional career in education lasted for over 40 years.

She and Patrick moved from Corpus Christi to East Texas in 2009. They wanted to be nearer to both sets of parents. They do not regret the move. Because of her love for fishing and tall pine trees, Susie and Patrick reside in Hideaway with their two grand dogs, Molly & Timber.

ALL TDHHC CALENDAR EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Stay tuned for any additional updates on Facebook and at www.tdhhc.org

Deaf Creativity

Interested in creating infinite video loops? Gus from the Apple Carnegie Library in Washington, DC, shows us how in ASL using the free Clips app. Check it out at https://www.apple.com/today/feature/today-at-home/.

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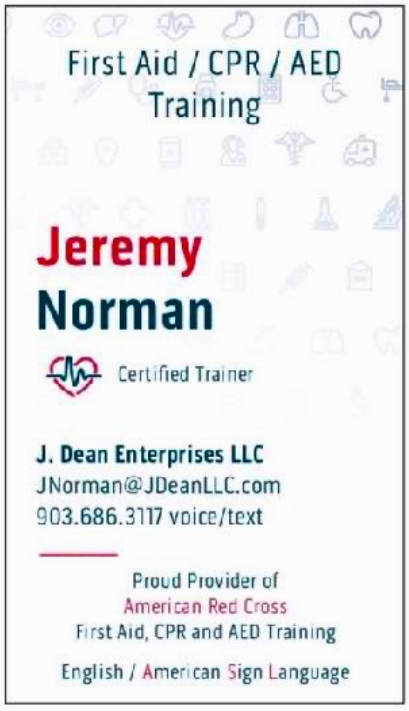

Looking for a creative way to finish out the summer?

HHSC HAS CREATED A PEN PAL PROGRAM!

Do you or your children or your grandchildren enjoy **drawing pictures**, **writing letters**, or **making cards**? Or just **chatting** on the VP, telephone or texting?

HHSC has started a volunteer program to **bring some joy** to the lives of those who are shut-in at facilities such as state hospitals or nursing homes. ***YOU can volunteer to brighten someone's day*** — check it out here:

https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/news/2020/06/state-hospitals-state-supported-living-centers-create-pen-pal-programs-during-covid-19-pandemic

Volunteer here:

https://texashhs.secure.force.com/Volunteer/

HELPFUL REMINDERS

You can access help regarding hospital communication here:
https://mailchi.mp/tdiforaccess/communication-guide-if-going-to-the-hospital-covid-1320654?e=aefc735069

You can access ASL interpreted updates from Governor Abbot's office at https://www.youtube.com/user/txgcpd/videos.

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