

Margaret Mead said, **“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”**

DeafCAN! is **indeed** a small group of thoughtful committed citizens, and we believe that we are changing the world for the better for many of those we work with, most of whom are unnoticed, underserved, or unserved by others. Your support helps us to put service first!



Lockards and volunteers Carly Auchey & Doreen Kelley attend Prison Society event

Incarcerated Deaf individuals and returning citizens: We continue to visit those in county jails, state prisons, and state hospitals, and support those coming out on probation and parole. We have joined the PA and Chester County Reentry Coalitions, meet with Federal Bureau of Prisons, and do significant advocacy despite the isolating, oppressive, heart-wrenching, indifferent and often defiant criminal justice system. DeafCAN! is still the only such dedicated service in Pennsylvania.

Deaf refugees, immigrants, and asylees (RIAs)—As the only dedicated service in PA for these equally isolated individuals and families, we continue weekly citizenship and integration classes in two sites. We have worked with people from at least 32 countries and helped 10 pass their US citizenship interviews the past three years. We recently co-founded the **National Deaf Refugee Provider Coalition** to educate other providers, advocate, win more resources, and significantly improve services across the U.S. Our recent RIA Thanksgiving dinner gathered people from eight countries with a visit from a hard of hearing state representative who used to be an immigration lawyer.



Mohammed (Iraq) becomes US citizen!



DeafCAN! SSP Kathie Gray-Plotkin chats with Andy Stender

Now in our tenth year as the first and **only continuous SSP service in SE PA**, we hosted a summer picnic and are collaborating with the new statewide StepUp SSP services to host our annual **DeafBlind** holiday party Dec. 30

Our **Chester and Delaware County case management contracts** have increased. A training is planned for early 2024 to assist others serving deaf individuals with family, aging, mental health, intellectual disabilities, drug & alcohol, and other challenges. We are honored to serve 250+ individuals a year in all our programs.

DeafCAN! Silent Auction now through Dec. 7 at www.deafcanPA.org
December 10: **Christmas luncheon & raffle**
April 13: **DeafCAN! Service Fair** at West Chester University
April 27: **Annual Deaf Expo** at Christ the King Deaf Church

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