



Annual Impact Report 2019





John Moore CEO and Executive Director

I'm very pleased to share that Deaf Services Center just completed another very successful, impactful year!

With many thanks for your support and generosity, our programs and service offerings grew across the board, not only in Columbus, but in Portsmouth and Toledo as well. We enrolled more Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids in our 6th annual Summer OYO Camp program than in the previous year, our Interpreting enterprise continued to grow and serve an ever- expanding and diverse client base, and our capacity to provide ASL classes could barely keep pace with demand.

We ended 2018 on a solid financial foundation and we began planning for future growth and expansion, all with the intent of making the programs and services we offer even better aligned to meet the increasingly diverse needs of the communities we have served for over 30 years.

Many exciting opportunities lie ahead of us, including relocation to a larger space to more effectively house our growing organizing.

I hope you will read this Impact Report to better understand the many ways Deaf Services Center continues to make an impact on our community. I hope you will like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and I hope you will take a moment to make a gift of support for our essential, transforming work.

Your consistent support makes possible all that we do, and on behalf of our board, staff, and most important – the members of the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind communities, we thank you!

With appreciation,

John

## **Managing Our Resources**

To best support the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind community | July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

### How We Use Our Resources (\$)



### Sources Of Support (\$)

- Interpreting Fees 2,459,000
- Grant Revenue 969,000
- Contributions and Other Revenue – 256,000

Total Sources Of Support: 3,684,000

Revenue and Expense numbers are from our most recently completed audit.









# **Early Intervention**

- 88 Families were served in 5 counties.
- Partners with Department of Developmental Disabilities, Action for Children, Bright Beginnings, Help Me Grow, and many audiologists.
- Language deprivation is a common concern with 0-3 years old being the window of learning language. Early Intervention works with families to communicate with their infant and improve language acquisition.

# OYO Camp

- 100 youth who have hearing loss attended OYO camp
- Over 50 staff supported these youth all were fluent in sign language
- Communication modes during camp: sign language, oral, total communication, and gesturing.

## **Peer to Peer**

- Over 700 hours of support were provided to Deaf individuals ages 14 – 85.
- 10 refugees from Nepal who are Deaf were supported to learn American Sign Language, integrate themselves into American culture, learn about shopping, and understanding money management in the USA.
- Worked with individuals who are Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind to understand banking, money management, accessing utilities, explaining written documents, filling out on line forms, teaching about available technologies, and explaining their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Empowering individuals to advocate for themselves

**DEAF YOUTH PROGRAM** (DKTC and CAREER OPTIONS)

- The Deaf Youth Program helps over 50 youth who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing learn about themselves and develop interpersonal skills with the goal of helping them reach their fullest potential to become productive adults.
- Deaf Kids & Teens Club provides opportunities for youth ages 9-18 to interact with successful Deaf adults and develop positive self-esteem and confidence, while having a great time. The program is a partnership with the Columbus Hearing Impaired Program, supported by a grant from the Dorothy E Ann Fund.
- Career Options program, located at Dominion Middle School, educates middle school students on career choices. encourages youth to consider college or trade school to assist in becoming gainfully employed upon graduating high school.
- Successful Deaf Professionals are brought in to give presentations to inspire youth in different career paths.



Youths .....

Hours

Refugees





DSC's Mission is to empower the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind and to promote access to communication, services and events in the community.



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