

### **Ladybug Tea Party:**

*This is the time where Deaf and Hard of Hearing girls and their mothers spend some quality time together and join an afternoon tea with various educational activities.*

**GOAL: Develop a strong core of Deaf leaders and a strategy for emerging leaders within the Deaf community to sustain the organization.**

*We mentor our future leaders to strengthen our communities.*

**GOAL: To align ourselves with other organizations to establish a community center.**

*It is the long term goal of DHHA to provide the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community with a Community Center - a place where Deaf and Hard of Hearing people can gather where everyone is fluent and/or learning Sign Language—including teachers, administrators and programming staff.*



### **Did you know that...**

...American Sign Language (ASL) is the natural language of our Signing Community. By learning in ASL, we thrive and flourish.

...MANY Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in our community are dynamic leaders.

...We have talented and skilled Deaf adults teaching classes, sharing their knowledge, and strengthening our Deaf Community.

*Because DHHA values a visually accessible environment, all classes offered through DHHA are taught in Sign Language.*

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# Welcome to DHHA!

## What We Are All About.

The mission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alliance is to provide opportunities for leadership and personal growth within the Signing Community, while respecting culture, language, and a visual environment.

This will be accomplished through collaborative social, recreational, and educational programming.

DHHA values inclusiveness and culture and will provide opportunities where Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and their extended communities can pursue personal development and leadership in a linguistically accessible environment.

We Foster  
Deaf Leadership!

## What is DHHA?

We are a non-profit organization serving the entire “Signing Community” which includes all individuals who value and communicate in American Sign Language (ASL). Comprised of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and hearing professionals who are fluent in ASL and value Deaf Culture— we are an organization that cherishes a visually rich communication environment — an organization that values YOU and the ways of your extended family and loved ones by requiring our board to have a minimum of 51% representation from our Deaf Community.

## Who are the people involved with DHHA?

The following individuals currently serve on the Board:

Dan Houlihan, President

Vice President TBA

Andy Altmann, Secretary

Cott Harrison, Treasurer

Lori Duvernell

Denise Johnson

Sandi Peplinski

Greg Puhlmann

Jason Suhr

Bonnie Schwebke, Program Director

## What are the goals of DHHA?

**GOAL : Foster accessible and collaborative social, recreational, and educational programming to encourage personal growth and leadership among Deaf and Hard of Hearing people.**

*We accomplish this through a variety of programs and activities, including:*

### **ASL Playgroup for Children**

*The American Sign Language Playgroup is designed to encourage communication between a young Deaf or Hard of Hearing child and their parent. It offers interaction in a natural and visually stimulating environment alongside native ASL users. This interactive playgroup gives each child full access to a variety of linguistic experiences and natural role models.*

### **DHHA-YA**

*The DHHA-YA is designed to provide Deaf and Hard of Hearing adult role models to educate and inspire young adults to develop their leadership potential through fun and interactive role play.*

### **ASL Classes for Adults**

*Basic instruction in American Sign Language, for adults.*

### **Deaf Comedy Club**

*Deaf Comedy Club, a semi-annual event, is an evening of fun and laughter with entertainment provided by local Deaf and Hard of Hearing talent as well as national Deaf celebrities.*