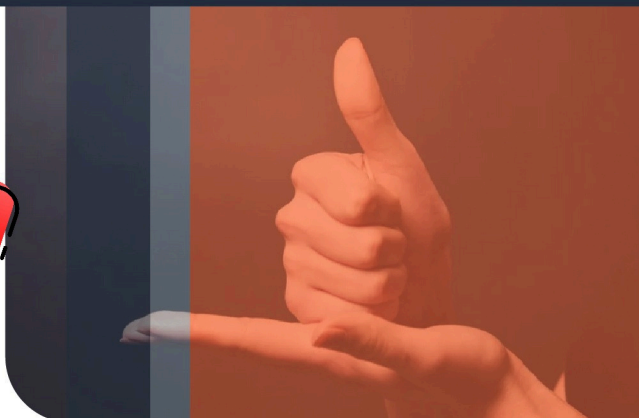




HELPING HANDS



**NEW YEAR,
NEW US!**

What's New?

- New address!
We moved!
- Upgraded
Newsletter
Design
- Staffing
changes
- New software
system in
place
beginning in
2024!
- Continue
reading to
learn more!



DS Gets a Makeover! ✨

You are probably already familiar with our new logo by now, featuring a street lamp to light the way. Deaf Streetlight continues its work to update more parts of the organization. We've expanded the reach of the new logo by redesigning the Helping Hands Newsletter. What do you think? A much needed upgrade!

Other efforts to update Deaf Streetlight include: the board of trustees created a subcommittee to develop strategic planning goals, review bylaws, and develop a board of trustees handbook. Beginning in January of 2024, we will implement a new data system that will allow us to be more technically savvy and better stay in touch with you and the people we serve.



We've Moved!

Deaf Streetlight has officially moved its office. DS staff and volunteers continue to prepare the Warsaw Avenue location for sale, but we've relocated the business operations to a space in Christ's Church of the Deaf at Western Hills Church of Christ. We're happy to be selling the building to a non-profit organization called Price Hill Will, which serves the local community to revitalize and improve the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods. Please pray for the search to discover a location that will better suit Deaf Streetlight and the people we serve. We are looking for a building centrally located in Hamilton county with ample parking and easily located, preferably near a bus line.



Welcome Danette!

Please help us welcome Danette to Deaf Streetlight as the newest staff member! Danette has served as a board member for many years, and has now transitioned to fill the position of Administrative Assistant. Danette celebrated her retirement in December of 2023 and she rang in the new year by relieving Britney of admin duties and bookkeeping!



Upcoming Events:

Deaf Family Connect

(All About Deaf Kids Fair)
Saturday, March 2nd, 10am-2pm



- ↳ Inspirational message from guest speaker Jon Kitna
- ↳ Lunch provided
- ↳ Games, activities & prizes!
- ↳ and so much more!
- ↳ Fun for the whole family!



Join us!

St. Rita's School for the Deaf
1720 Glendale-Milford Rd
Evendale, OH 45215



Deaf Streetlight Camp "Jesus, Teach us to Pray"



July 25-28th, 2024
Camp Allendale

Join us for loads of fun at Deaf Camp! Family and friends of the Deaf are welcome, too! Choose from some great activities such as swimming, archery, slides, zipline, a giant swing, wall climbing and more! We have some great lessons prepared to teach us how to elevate our prayers and enhance our relationship with God. Registration opens soon on our website and on Facebook!



Deaf River Coffee is a place to socialize and receive encouragement with a devotional message and discussion.

A light ice breaker game may be played.



Meetings are currently held in Mason at Kala Coffee behind Axis Church.

Location is subject to change.

Food and beverages are available for purchase with Kala Coffee.

*DRC is intended for fluent ASL users. Students are not encouraged to attend. Children are welcome!

More 2024 Events:

International Conference on Missions (ICOM) 2024 will be held November 14-16 in Lexington, KY.

National Christian Convention of the Deaf (NCCD) 2024 will be held August 29 - September 1 in Westcliffe, CO.



Other News & Mission Updates:



Gifts of Hope Toy Drive



Thanks to all our supporters from GE, we had another successful toy drive!

Pictured, from left to right:

Will Dickmann, DS Director, Will Richer, GE retiree, Britney Garstka, Community Connections Coordinator, and Rob Rachedi, GE aerospace

Will Dickmann gets Ordained!

January 20, 2024



"Being ordained was an extraordinary experience and an incredible honor to be blessed by so many faithful people. It was a special moment for me to acknowledge that God can even use a deaf person!"

- Will

Thoughts from the Director:

I feel beyond blessed to still be here serving God, especially now in a fuller capacity! I occasionally preach at the Deaf Church in Cincinnati. I felt honored and grateful to preach the first sermon of 2024. It was a neat experience, even though I was feeling ill at the time with bronchitis. The topic was "2024>2023". How is it possible? We all have choices to make; either follow God's ways or your own. Which will you choose?

Psalm 37:23-24 CEV says, "If you do what the LORD wants, he will make certain each step you take is sure. The LORD will hold your hand, and if you stumble, you still won't fall."

What an excellent guide! Hey, it's OK if we make mistakes or get distracted. The LORD still holds our hand and guides us; not allowing us to fall. The angels repetitively said to multiple people these very words, "don't be afraid." These words encourage us to put one foot in front of the other and to have faith. *He* will show you the rest.

We all (including you!) can have many stories of accomplishments and victories for 2024 when we please our awesome God. The same goes for Deaf Streetlight. We are working on developing a clear vision and goals that matches God's plans. It is currently underway. Please "remain in your seat." It shall be an awesome and unforgettable ride. Yes, my kids influenced me as they love roller coasters. 😊 Its always a fun thrill, but I still make sure to buckle up tight! Just like in life, buckle the seat belt of God on tight, and he won't let you fall.

Will Dickmann



PRAYER REQUESTS

GROWING OUR REACH

Pray for the strategies that our staff has put into place in order to increase efficiencies and to have more impact on more people with our events, to support families, reach individuals, spread awareness of the Deaf and of sign language, touch hearts, and to spread the Good news of Jesus.

INCREASED GIVING

As inflation and the effects from COVID still burden the world, Deaf Streetlight is not exempt from the same stressors. Pray for increased giving to maintain not only our resources to conduct events and serve people, but also to support our overhead costs to effectively run a business and support our staff.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS

Pray for wisdom for staff and the board, as they continue to develop a strategic plan and more updates to Deaf Streetlight. Pray for unity, collaboration, and effectiveness. Pray also for the transition of selling the previous office property and finding a location that will better serve the mission of Deaf Streetlight.



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stay updated on events,
or to contact us,
visit our website
or Facebook page.**



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