

2023 Annual Report



Dear MDHAC donors and friends,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As the president of the Museum of Deaf History, Arts, and Culture (MDHAC), I am happy to connect with you. Your recent donation and support have a profound impact on our mission to preserve Deaf and American Sign Language (ASL) history, arts, and culture.

Your help allowed us to provide 33 Deafhood classes and workshops, hosted a youth De'VIA competition with an impressive 940 art submissions from 17 schools, and showcased the work of featured artist Susan Dupor at our Grand Reveal in April 2024. Your support fuels our passion and dedication, allowing us to create enriching experiences and educational programs that positively affect many lives.

We are also excited to announce our merger with The Deafhood Foundation, bringing new Board members - Kevin Clark, Matt Ellis, Misty Flowers, and Butch Zein – into our community. As of January 1, 2023, the Deafhood Institute is now a recognized program of MDHAC.

The Deafhood Institute initiated the development of a comprehensive Youth Deafhood Curriculum for educational settings across the USA. Led by esteemed educators and facilitators, Joyce Brubaker and Marvin Miller, this curriculum aims to empower Deaf youth by fostering identity, cultural pride and a deeper understanding of Deafhood within a diverse ecosystem.

During our recent Board retreat in Olathe, KS, we laid the groundwork for a new five-year strategic plan and hosted the UnGala fundraiser the same weekend. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Melinni Taylor and Lorrie Shank for chairing this event, and to our esteemed donors and sponsors. We are thrilled to report that the UnGala raised \$21,957!

We invite you to visit our museum, both in-person and online, to witness the transformative power of your GENEROSITY. Together, we are building an amazing Deaf and ASL cultural legacy that will inspire and educate for years to come.

Thank you once again for being an important part of our museum. Your commitment to our cause is truly inspiring!



With deepest appreciation,

Wendy Koch
President, MDHAC

Highlights

Cultural Series Events

Ice Cream Social with Rosa Lee

Deaf Mountaineers



NEW "Welcome" Video



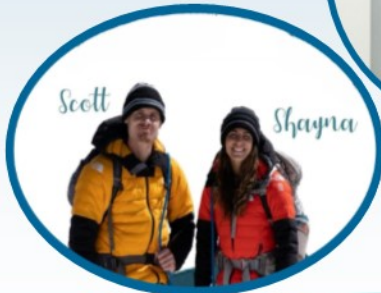
Immersive Hands-On Workshops



Private Docent Tours
Representative Sharice Davids (KS-3)



Board of Directors



Visitors

Museum visitors: 2,231
Website visitors: 33,380

Participants:

Cultural Series: 3,307
50 Private Docent Tours: 429
19 Immersive Hands-On Workshops: 360
33 DeafHOOD Institute Classes: 1,640
5K ASL-For-ALL: 210



Volunteers

Fundraiser Events

1st Annual 5K ASL-For-ALL & Boots & BBQ Ungala



Booths

DeafNation - Pasadena, CA
Deaf Fest - Ocean View, DE
Deaf Cultural Festival - KC, MO

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Docent Tours

DH 101 in Memphis, TN Facilitated by DeAnna Swope

Immersive Hands-On Workshop

BOOTS & BBQ UNGALA



Holiday Tour of Homes Hosted by Trumbles and Kathy Motes

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