



New Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

January 26, 2012

To: President of each organization as well as any other elected officials/
Any community members who want to contribute

Roundtable Discussion/Forum

New Jersey Association of the Deaf would like to follow up on the invitation for your organization to participate in Roundtable Discussion/Forum which would be held on February 4, 2012 at the East Brunswick Library. I would like 2-4 delegates sent from your organization to participate in what I would hope to become the backbone of NJAD. The National Association for the Deaf has biennial conferences that have the delegates from each state association go and represent the deaf community in the goals of helping NAD develop their goals/priorities for their administration in making a difference on a national level. I would like for the deaf community to do the same for NJAD on the state level, utilizing all the leaders in their own right to come and discuss the needs we have here in New Jersey.

Issues can be related to employment, getting access to services, accessibility, communication, interpreters, et al. This would be a working group discussion to create a vehicle of goals and ideas that NJAD needs to focus on.

We will have lunch as well as a fundraiser – Cupcake Wars to help fundraise for 4 NJAD delegates to go to NAD conference this summer. After we are done with the round table discussion/forum, we will proceed with a brief presentation on Project Endeavor at 2 p.m. while the board set up for the General Meeting – which is to begin promptly at 2:30 p.m.

Date: February 4, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Where: East Brunswick Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Who: All organization delegation as selected by president/chairperson

Then NJAD will host a general meeting afterwards, in which you can stay afterwards for 1 ½ hours – this would be an opportunity to make a formal motion to put forth the priorities that were discussed during this forum for the NJAD board as well as the deaf community members such as yourself to help make New Jersey a better place for everyone.

I look forward to getting your RSVP so we can figure out how many people will be in attendance in order to have groups ready. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cline, NJAD President

Please RSVP to this email address: president@njadeaf.org

p.s. since NJAD do not have regularly scheduled events and don't charge for admission, we seek for creative fundraising during our hosted events so we can have fun – making a difference, and enriching our palate!!