

VALLEY VISION



VCD is an agency of
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NEW AT VCD! DEAF TUTORING DEAF!

Deaf students can do better, if they get help...

- When they need it
- In language they understand
- By people who understand the material
- By people who understand deafness

VCD understands. We are happy to announce a new program of college graduate Deaf tutors to tutor Deaf students in person or by Videophone.

Back up your VR or parent investment in education with real help!

- Get a tutor set up before you are behind Don't wait for the test.
- Ask your VR counselor or call VCD now
- Deaf Tutors sign with you in person or on VP (videophone)
- Arizona has many deaf adults with college degrees in education and many other fields.
- Deaf adults live the Deaf life. They understand how it feels... our Deafhood.
- Our Deaf Tutors are successful professionals.

Can you succeed, too?
Let our tutors help.

VCD has scheduled to have a open house/ Christmas party on Friday December 18 from 4pm-7pm on the roof of the DEC (Disability Empowerment Center) 5025 E Washington. Food, fun, festivities! An appearance from Santa, and a holiday boutique for last minute Christmas shopping. Watch VCD's website for more information!



VCD now has a Videophone that you can call to us on! It is

(623) 208-4349.



VCD is hosting it's 6th Annual Hondo Open Golf Tournament!

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Rolling Hills Golf Course in Tempe
"Shotgun" Start at 7:00am

The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds for VCD to provide services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. There's still time to be a sponsor!!

VCD would like to thank our current sponsors:

- Arizona Relay Service • APS
- Arizona Freelance Interpreting Services • Morgan Stanley Smith Barney • Arizona Interpreting Services
- DiabeVita • Popilek & Jones P.A. • Lookout Mountain Family Dentistry • Turbo & Electric Sales & Services Co.
- Tri-Media Inc. • Coffin & Trout Jewelers



Arizona Relay Service 7-1-1

is pleased to sponsor the
**Valley Center of the Deaf
Hondo Open**

Good Luck Golfers!



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in the future.**
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**Coming SOON!
CLASSES AT VCD**

Interpreters want to learn about many things and they need CEU's.

Deaf people want to know about many things, too.

Watch for these classes coming soon

• **The Construction Process**

With Apache ASL Trails as the example, learn about the process, vocabulary, and the project.

Speaker: Architect (deaf): Thomas Posedly, FAIA, N.C.A.R.B.

Class language: ASL only.

• **Cochlear Implants**

Learn from the professional who trains doctors and audiologists about the process and the see the equipment.

Speaker: Heidi Levrik, M.A., C.R.C with Cochlear*

Class language: English with interpreters provided.

The Rescheduled AzNM ADARA/ PEPNet Conference and Roundtable

SAVE THE DATE!

Sponsored by:

- VALLEY CENTER OF THE DEAF
- Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing
- PEPNet-West

Topics:

- ADARA National Update
- State of the States: New Mexico & Arizona
- Using remote services in the classroom and for trainings
- And more!

Who: Professionals in the field of deafness in NM and AZ
 Date: Thursday November 12, 2009
 Time: 9:30 am — 4:30 pm MST
 Where: Two locations! Phoenix and Albuquerque—via Web-conferencing
 Details: More to come — watch your "in-box"!

VCD, along with other Deaf community organizations, hosts Diamondbacks game on September 22nd!

VCD and various Deaf organizations in the Valley attended Arizona Diamondbacks game on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. Everyone had a great time. Especially the Deaf-Blind, one person mentioned they enjoyed the game of baseball in person with the help of Support Service Providers.

For everyone involved, the game was a great time to get away from the everyday grind, and for some, a night out that doesn't occur often.



VCD can now take online requests for interpreters from a company! To make a request: go to <http://www.vcdaz.org>, click on "request an interpreter" and fill out the form!

VCD is a write-in recipient agency for United Way campaigns (code 0316)

Donate a vehicle to benefit VCD, call 1-800-833-3006 and select VCD as your charity.



Take Advantage of the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit!



The Arizona state government recently made a change to the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Program that makes it easier for people to give to agencies like Valley Center of the Deaf. The program gives donors a dollar for dollar credit (up to \$400 for couples filing jointly; \$200 if filing singly) on their state income tax when they make a charitable contribution to an organization that serves the working poor. Previously, the amount an individual or couple could receive as a tax credit was determined in part by using a baseline measure of their previous giving. That provision has been dropped, meaning that donors who itemize can feel certain in receiving the dollar credit for every dollar contributed. Gifts to VCD may also be claimed as charitable donations on the donors' federal income tax.

You may participate in the Charitable Tax Credit Program year after year. Please note that this credit is completely separate from the Private School Tuition and Public School Activities tax credits. You may claim any or all of these credits.

To contribute to Valley Center of the Deaf and claim your state tax credit, please mail or donation to: Valley Center of the Deaf, 5025 E. Washington St, #114, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

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 Enclosed is my gift in the amount of \$ _____ (Please make checks payable to Valley Center of the Deaf)
 Or, please charge my _____ Visa or _____ MasterCard for the amount shown above.
 Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____
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