



Hear Fayette Program
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Uniontown Conference

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October/November 2016

Hearing Loss Expo 2016! We are going!

**Stop and see us at our table. We'll give you a
visor card, a smile, and maybe a hug!**

November 2 - November 3, 2016

Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

[https://www.facebook.com/events/](https://www.facebook.com/events/553252441508978/)

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Technology is our Latest Focus!

There's a wealth of new ideas and devices to help you hear. Can we afford them, though? We're going to find out in November as we begin a new project focused on technology. At the Hearing Loss EXPO 2016, we will be gathering the latest information to share.

Technology is not always complicated! It can be basic common sense techniques that have been used for centuries or the latest, greatest devices.

Date is still not decided, but we will have an open house at our place at St. Vincent de Paul, 90 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown in the Samaritan's Well.

You will be able to place the TV devices on your ears and see how much better you enjoy the experience of watching TV at your own necessary volume. (Your family may appreciate the change, too!)

You can see free phones that are available and try assistive listening devices for meetings and one-on-one conversations.

You can find out whether you are eligible for free hearing aids through Hear Now of Starkey (an application fee of \$125 for each aid is all you will pay).

You can pick up a Highway Hearing Safety visor card for your car or truck. More details follow on our Facebook page Hear Fayette Program & Deaf Community Outreach. <https://www.facebook.com/HearFayetteSVdP/>

Christmas Gathering!

Hear Fayette invites you to a Holiday Meet & Greet

for Deaf & persons with hearing loss & guests
Saturday, December 3, 2016

from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

at Perryopolis Moose Club

137 Perryopolis Rd. (Rte. 51S)

Perryopolis, PA 15473

Cost \$20* adult (includes fabulous food, fun,
games and lots of prizes) RSVP by November 20, 2016

Name _____

Address _____

email: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: St. Vincent de Paul (mark for Hear Fayette party)

Mail to St. Vincent de Paul, PO Box 195, Uniontown PA 15401

*The price may be less if more people show!

Questions & more information: Phone 724-736-2000 or email hearfayette@gmail.com

Sign Language Classes!

Next Beginners' Class! Beginners Introductory Class starts Saturday, January 7, 2017.

Class begins at 9:30 and ends at 11:00 a.m. We will continue until early May.

You must register for this class. Teacher is Jeff Martz, who is Deaf.

Tuesday Intermediate Class for those who know basic sign meets 5 till 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

ASL Structure Class meets 5 till 6 p.m. on Wednesday, both taught by Betsy Kipila.

Saturday Signers Practice meets from 11:00 till 12:30

All classes take place at St. Vincent de Paul, Samaritan's Well, 90 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown, PA.

Register or send questions by emailing hearfayette@gmail.com

Group for Women with Hearing Loss Important Change!

We are now meeting the first Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. in the Samaritan's Well at St. Vincent de Paul, 90 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Union town. Come join us for fun, discussion, and lunch! Next one is December 1.

Please save the date in 2017

**Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc. presents
Sign-A-Thon 2017 Saturday, March 25, 2017**

Mall at Robinson from Noon-4:00 p.m. This event is very well attended. If your organization would be interested in hosting an information table, please contact Sharon Morris at [412-281-1375](tel:412-281-1375) or email smorris@hdscenter.org.

Thanks Giving Time!

Thanks go to **Cindy Hanzes** who interpreted for the MusicUp Program on September 4. Wow, did she rock!

And Cindy again for being our interpreter for the TV crew that visited us in October. (More news on this to follow).

Thanks to **Hila Saxer** and Cindy, too, who interpreted at the Afternoon of Reflection for Persons with Disabilities in Greensburg, PA. They did a fabulous job interpreting a skit involving God and St. Francis! We'd like to see that one again!

We must thank the Women of Soutwestern PA who have been a support of women with hearing loss and Hear Fayette for many years. We thank them and **California University of PA Communications Disorder Department** for helping one of our women learn to speak for herself through speech lessons. Having a voice is a blessing that we often take for granted.

Thanks to Suzanne and Randy Chambliss, Michelle Shimko, and Beth Liptak for the creative Trunk & Treat display before the Uniontown Halloween parade. We only came in 4th place but mean to change that next year. Beware East End United Community Center!

Thanks for Rob Obar, Beth, Norma Luketic, and Mary Anne Vrabel (and our mascot Dwain) for reaching out to the public at various fairs this year.

Thanks to the fabulous people who work and volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul Stores in Uniontown. They live and breathe their mission "To provide help and hope to those in need."

Resources for Help

Free captioned telephone for persons with hearing loss. No charge at all for the phone, delivery, and training. Yes really! It's free from CaptionCall. <https://www.captioncall.com> (No income restrictions. You need a landline phone, high-speed Internet and hearing loss—that's all!)

Free phones that can amplify, caption, and provide assistance for persons who cannot hear. **PIAT TDDP** Income eligibility applies, PA residents. <http://www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/programs/assistive/tddp/equipment.shtml>

Icanconnect. PIAT TDDP offers help to persons who are legally d/Deaf and blind through Icanconnect.

<http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive/icanconnect/>

Starkey Foundation's Hear Now is a program that offers hearing aids for eligible individuals with hearing loss. The fee is \$125 for each hearing aid and is given to The Starkey Foundation in order to continue their offer for free hearing aids. Phone 1-800-328-8602 and ask for Hear Now. At Hear Fayette at SVdP, **we accept used hearing aids and forward them to Starkey.**

Health bridges A Wealth of information of all kinds for Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. <http://healthbridges.info>

Hear Fayette is one of the programs and activities that thrive at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. "Providing help and hope to those in need," our mission statement, is also the goal of the society's members.

<https://www.facebook.com/stvincentdepauluniontown/>

St. Vincent de Paul Store is not one of Fayette County's best kept secret places to shop! In fact, nearly everyone has shopped or keeps coming back to shop. We know because we see your friendly faces when you visit, and we count the Likes and the hits on posts on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/stvincentdepauluniontown/>

We've got the regular store and a furniture department that now contains our Seasonal Shoppe. Right now, the Seasonal Shoppe is all sparkles, glitters, lights, colors, greens, reds, and all things bright and beautiful. If you're ready to decorate, wrap, and look for a Christmas tree, stop in.

Like our other stores, the Seasonal Shoppe is open from 10 a.m till 3 p.m. The Seasonal Shoppe is in the furniture department. The furniture department is the building between the Salvation Army Store and the St. Vincent de Paul Store.
<https://www.facebook.com/SVdPChristmasShoppe/>

St. Vincent de Paul accepts donations of nonperishable foods (especially during the Christmas season) and monetary donations as well. If you wish to donate to support our mission to Provide help and hope to those in need, please send to St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 195, Uniontown PA 15401. If you wish you can mark your donation for Hear Fayette Program or Emergency Food Pantry. Thanks in advance.

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Please share our newsletter with others,
and if you no longer wish to receive the letter, please email to hearfayette@gmail.com. Thanks.

