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HANDS THAT SPEAK VOLUMES, INC.

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HANDS THAT SPEAK VOLUMES' HISTORY, PURPOSE AND VISION

HISTORY:

Hands That Speak Volumes, Inc. was founded in May of 2005 and received its 501C3 status in July of the same year. Hands That Speak is a grassroots organization conceived and formed to address an urgent need for more American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and training programs in the Greater Cleveland area.

PURPOSE:

Our purpose is to reach across the communication barriers that divide and separate people who are deaf/hard of hearing and hearing by hosting a variety of programs, activities and services. We will endeavor to fund and host health, educational, recreational and social programs that will further promote an atmosphere of inclusion and integration. To facilitate our purpose, our organization can help people to *become* qualified interpreters by providing scholarship funds to qualified applicants enrolled in an Interpreters Training Program. We believe qualified interpreters can and should be made available to the community at large to promote inclusion.

We will work with, and for people who are deaf/hard of hearing addressing their lack of equal access to programs and activities that people who are hearing take for granted.

VISION:

“Our vision is a community adequately supplied with well-qualified interpreters so that individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing can move within their community with confidence and ease”.

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