

## Program Summary

### Funding Amount Requested

Impact Grant of \$17,000

Used Passenger Van \$11,000

Program Expenses 6,000

Lesser amount would certainly be accepted and welcomed

### Program Description

Deaf Connect is a communicational and educational program that reaches deaf families throughout the rural areas of Texas. Isaiah's Place, Inc. enables IP staff and leadership trainees to take American Sign Language instruction, educational activities, and parental support groups to communities throughout Texas. Programs are scheduled in 3-4 day blocks in outlying towns and at Isaiah's Place.

### Constituency Served

Isaiah's Place serves families with deaf/hard of hearing family members.

### Expected Outcomes

Local involved deaf/hearing community members will continue using the Deaf Connect Program that Isaiah's Place introduced and implemented during the 3-4 day stay in the respective towns and/or areas.

Isaiah's Place website has further information about our facilities and our programs.

[www.isaiahspplace.org](http://www.isaiahspplace.org)

### Items of interest

2014 Brochure (About us page)

Deaf Connect Brochure (Education Page)

Oakwood Deaf Church Event Summary (Activity Page)

## Section I: Contact Information

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## Section II: Organizational Description

Overview Isaiah's Place was established in 2002 as a 501©3 non-profit corporation. It is a retreat center for the deaf and their families. All ages are welcome with programs available for everyone.

History - Isaiah's Place founding...Two young children, who are deaf, inspired Diane Frederickson. Diane met these individuals at a National Baptist Conference for the Deaf during the summer of 1996. Randi, Diane's daughter, was an intern at New Life Deaf Fellowship in Ft Worth, Texas. The Hill family, Sue, Barry, Corinna, and Colin were members of New Life Deaf Fellowship. They joined the National Baptist retreat where Diane first met them. During that week Diane "fell in love" with Corinna and Colin. It was at the Glorieta Prayer Garden in New Mexico that Diane prayed and felt the "calling" from God to begin a place to serve the deaf communities of Texas. (Dina Klotz, writer)

Purpose - IP was established to enrich the lives of the deaf and hard of hearing of Texas and surrounding states. It is a unique country educational retreat center open all year.

Mission Statement – IP provides enrichment materials, programs, and activities geared to building communication skills, confidence, and relationships among deaf, their families, and those involved with the deaf community.

### Programs Goals and Accomplishments

Provide ASL Children's Retreats for deaf children and their families

Provide Educational and "Interest" Workshops for all ages using ASL as the primary language. ASL Classes and Day Camps taught and conducted.

Provide Bible Studies and Quarterly Bible Study Retreats for Adults

**Promote and Implement Deaf Connect throughout Texas and Beyond (Education)**

**Continue our new Mission Deaf Connect Program begun in 2012**

Offer Our Horsemanship Program to Families - Provide 4 levels of horsemanship instruction

Provide all deaf regional day schools in Texas with our Character Displayed DVD

### Facility Accomplishments and Improvements

Business office and Registration – Built in 2002

Barn Conversion to Bunkhouse 2005

Outdoor Kitchen, Library, Youth/Movie/Activity Room – Completed 2007

Butterfly Gardens – 2008

2002 Diesel F250 and 24' stock trailer purchased

2010 – 3600 sq ft horse barn constructed (6 horses and 2 miniature horses)

2011 Outdoor Chapel

2012 – Smith Foundation Grant for road resurfacing

2013 – 5 Water Storage Tanks and gutter work – Smith Foundation Grant

### Section III – Program Description – Deaf Connect

- a. Isaiah's Place Deaf Connect will enrich and improve communication and relationships between deaf and hearing members of families throughout Texas.
  1. Current Statistics identify the need for improved communication.
    - There are 2.5 million deaf in the state of Texas
    - 95% of all deaf children are born to hearing parents
    - Only 10% of parents know enough sign language to hold a conversation with the deaf/hh children
    - Only 2% of Deaf people have accepted Christ as their Lord
    - Deaf people who use American Sign Language as their primary language are the largest unreached linguistic-cultural people group in North America
  2. Spread out locations of deaf families warrant the need for travel to serve.
    - Communities - Texas has 59 Regional Deaf Day Schools in 4 different regions.
    - Examples: Lubbock TX serves 20 counties in the panhandle.
      - Waco TX Regional Day school has about 15 students from the area.
      - Hill County TX has 4 deaf/hh students
- b Deaf Connect is an educational enrichment program that provides resources to enrich communication in four areas: deaf children meet and build relationships with other deaf children, hearing parents and siblings learn to communicate with their deaf children, support groups are formed for hearing parents with deaf children, everyone has an opportunity to be introduced to Christ using American Sign Language along with multiple visual tools. Our leaders meet with a core group of parents, deaf, and interpreters to create a program that will work in their community. This includes dates, times, facilities, program choices, asl instructions, and consulting for follow-up activities.
- c Deaf Connect works with the entire deaf community including all deaf and hard of hearing, their families, friends, and interpreters. Community and church members and those interested in working with the deaf and learning ASL are also included. The deaf families in each community would determine the number of people served. The Deaf Connect Program is all inclusive to enrich effective communication and relationship building.
- d The Impact Grant would enable Isaiah's Place to introduce Deaf Connect to an increased number of communities throughout Texas. We communicate with the schools, churches, and deaf members of each community to introduce Deaf Connect to the community. We began using Deaf Connect at Isaiah's Place in the summer 2011. We also went to Yukon OK and held a day camp at a local church. In the summer 2012 we trained leadership for Deaf Connect and worked with the

Waco Deaf Ministry and had several sessions at Isaiah's Place. In the summer of 2013, IP went to Lubbock TX for a 3 day camp at Oakwood Deaf Church. We again visited in November to follow-up with another Saturday event. We are currently working with several regional day school districts to bring Deaf Connect to 3 different Texas regions. (San Angelo, College Station, Tomball)

e...Budget for Deaf Connect – Impact Grant

1. Passenger Van \$11,000  
We travel with 2-3 adults and 4-6 youth leaders, educational materials, drama props, AV equipment, sports equipment, food supplies for the day camps
2. Funding for Deaf Connect Programs for 2014
  - Leadership Training \$1,000
  - Deaf Connect Day Camps and 3 Day Camps at IP
    - Waco Deaf Students, Family Retreat, Deaf Youth Retreat \$1,000
    - Rural Community Day Camps (3) \$4,000Expenses include lodging, food, fuel, teaching materials, 3 family meals at each site
  - Total funding \$17,000
3. Isaiah's Place would be most appreciative with whatever funding you feel would be appropriate for Deaf Connect

f. Outcomes and accomplishments

1. Parent support groups will be established
2. ASL Classes will be available to the families
3. Students isolated in different schools and home schools will build relationship
4. Churches will offer these families the best Christian education for their deaf family members.
5. Potential directors and Leaders will accept responsibilities for keeping the programs active.
6. IP Leaders, staff, and board members will follow-up with personal communications, consultations, activities, and events.
7. Participation stability, the number of families involved, and increasing new involvement will be monitored.

g. Funding will be for the program for 2014. Funding for the passenger van will serve Isaiah's Place for subsequent years for the Deaf Connect Program.

h. IP has not received a previous TRC grant.