



Annual Letter

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Dear Friends,

As the new Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC), I am thrilled to share the incredible journey we've been on this year. I stepped into this role on September 23rd, following the extraordinary leadership of Dr. Eileen McCartin, whose dedication has left a lasting legacy. It is a privilege to build on the strong foundation she created while steering NVRC into an exciting new chapter.

A Legacy to Build Upon

First, we honor the remarkable legacy of Dr. Eileen McCartin, whose tireless leadership has left an indelible mark on NVRC. For years, her unwavering dedication made NVRC a cornerstone of education, advocacy, and community connection for Deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families. Her vision and passion have empowered countless lives and set the foundation for the future of NVRC. Eileen's impact will be felt for years to come, and we send her our heartfelt thanks and best wishes as she begins her well-earned retirement.

2024: A Year of Connection and Impact

This year, thanks to your generosity, NVRC has reached new heights in our mission to educate, advocate, and connect. Together, we achieved:

- **Stronger Connections:** Events like Celebrate Communication and ASL socials brought together hundreds of participants, fostering inclusion and community.
- **Empowerment through Advocacy and Education:** Workshops and presentations, hearing screenings, awareness trainings, ASL classes, and advocacy efforts equipped individuals and families with tools to thrive.
- **Access through Technology:** Demonstrations of assistive devices provided practical solutions for overcoming communication barriers and increasing independence.



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Mark Your Calendar: Giving Tuesday, December 3rd

“Every Gift Creates Connection”

This Giving Tuesday and throughout the holiday season, we invite you to join us in making a difference. Your generosity fuels the programs, services, and events that transform lives. Whether it's a one-time donation or a monthly contribution, every gift you give creates connection, fosters empowerment, and builds a brighter future for the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

Together, we aim to raise \$10,000 to directly support vital programs like assistive technology demonstrations, educational workshops, and community events that promote inclusion and advocacy. Your contribution makes an immediate and lasting impact, ensuring NVRC continues to be a cornerstone of empowerment for generations to come: <https://ddock.co/LWU0HFAFD1>

Looking Ahead to 2025

The future of NVRC is bright! Guided by our mission to empower individuals through education, advocacy, and community involvement, we are poised to:

- Expand our outreach to underserved communities across Northern Virginia
- Build partnerships with businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies to bring the best resources to our region
- Enhance our programs, offering even more opportunities for connection, learning, and advocacy

As part of my personal vision, I am committed to fostering a thriving, inclusive society where Deaf and hard of hearing individuals are fully empowered and integrated into every aspect of life. Together, we can turn this vision into reality.



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Ways to Support NVRC

Your experience with NVRC was shaped by the generosity of those who came before you. Now, by giving back, you can help continue that legacy and ensure NVRC remains strong for future generations. Every contribution supports the programs, advocacy efforts, and community experiences that you know and love, while opening doors for others to communicate, thrive, and make their mark on the world.

1. Donate: Contributions of \$25 or more automatically include an NVRC membership, connecting you to our mission and community. Your support ensures NVRC can continue providing essential programs and services.
2. Join as a Sustaining Partner: Monthly giving helps NVRC thrive year-round, allowing us to plan for the future with confidence and grow our impact.
3. Participate in Giving Tuesday: On December 3rd, your donation will help us reach our \$10,000 goal to directly support advocacy, education, and connection.

Let's Shape the Future Together

Your support makes everything we do possible. By donating, becoming a member, or joining us this Giving Tuesday, you're ensuring that future generations of Deaf and hard of hearing individuals receive the same opportunities to thrive that NVRC has always provided.

Together, we can continue to create an inclusive and thriving community for all.

On behalf of NVRC, thank you for your generosity, your belief in our mission, and your dedication to empowering others. Here's to an incredible 2025, filled with connection, opportunity, and growth!

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year,

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