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What is Cancer Awareness Recovery Education?

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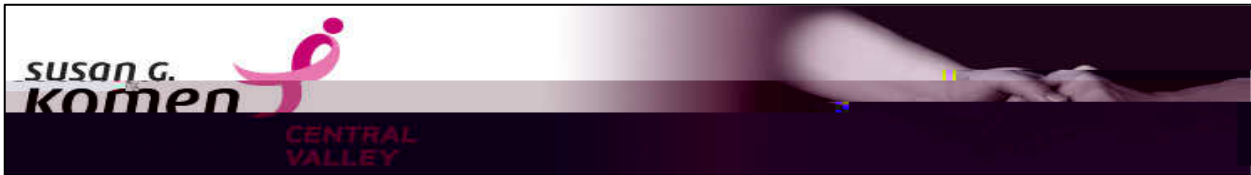
For the second year DHHSC has been awarded a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. DHHSC is pleased to welcome Joelene Spires and Stephanie Flerchinger as Breast Cancer Educators for the Cancer Awareness Recovery Education (CARE) for Deaf and Hard of Hearing community of Fresno County.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the fight against breast cancer. In 2008, Susan G. Komen awarded a grant to DHHSC for the Cancer Awareness Recovery Education (CARE) for Deaf and Hard of Hearing community of Fresno County. This grant will support the work of Breast Cancer Educators for the Cancer Awareness Recovery Education (CARE) for Deaf and Hard of Hearing community of Fresno County.

A Breast Cancer Educator is a trained professional who provides information and support to people with breast cancer. For more information, contact us at info@care.org or call 1-800-4-A-RECOVERY.

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NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Fresno will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The City of Fresno does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA.

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More information about the ADA can be found at the US Department of Justice website, www.ada.gov, or by calling their helpline at 800-514-0301 (voice), 800-514-0383 (TTY). Applicants or employees of the City of Fresno who would like to request a reasonable accommodation or have other disability-related concerns may contact **Dan Turner, Risk/Safety Manager**, at **559-621-6901** or dan.turner@fresno.gov. Concerns or complaints that a program, service, or activity of the City of Fresno is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to **Elizabeth Kunz, ADA Coordinator** at **559-621-8716 (voice), 559-621-8721 (TTY), 559-457-1051 (FAX)** or **elizabeth.kunz@fresno.gov**

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Deaf Leaders Make an Impact in Community

Stephanie Flerchinger
Leadership Coordinator

Deaf leaders are making a significant impact in the community through various initiatives. Stephanie Flerchinger, Leadership Coordinator, highlights the work of several individuals and organizations. For example, the Fresno County Deaf Community Center provides a safe space for Deaf individuals to connect and support each other. Additionally, the Fresno County Deaf Community Center offers a variety of services, including job training and career counseling. These efforts are crucial in ensuring that Deaf individuals have equal opportunities in the workforce and the community.

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DOR Employment Services Available

Roy Abueg
Employment Specialist

Many of you do not know that you are eligible for DOR Employment Services. The State of California provides a variety of services to help Deaf individuals find employment. These services include job training, career counseling, and job placement assistance. If you are interested in learning more about these services, please contact the DOR Employment Specialist at (559) 438-1234.

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Services are provided for individuals with developmental disabilities, including residential services, day programs, and employment services. The Department of Rehabilitation also provides services for individuals with physical disabilities, including assistive technology, vocational rehabilitation, and job training. For more information, please contact the Department of Rehabilitation at (916) 227-6000 or visit our website at www.dor.ca.gov.

DASH Program Begins in Merced

Matthew Mackenzie
Former Case Manager

The DASH (Disability Assistance Support and Housing) program in Merced County is a voluntary community-based program that provides financial assistance to eligible individuals with disabilities. The program is designed to help individuals with disabilities meet their basic needs for housing, food, and clothing. The program is funded by a state grant and local contributions. The program is open to individuals who are residents of Merced County and have a disability that prevents them from working. The program is available to individuals who are 18 years of age or older and are not receiving other forms of financial assistance.

The program is administered by the Merced County Department of Social Services. The program is available to individuals who are currently receiving services from the Department of Social Services. The program is available to individuals who are currently receiving services from the Department of Social Services. The program is available to individuals who are currently receiving services from the Department of Social Services. The program is available to individuals who are currently receiving services from the Department of Social Services. The program is available to individuals who are currently receiving services from the Department of Social Services.



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Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without spending a dime! Be sure to spread the word!

Wayne Johnson
Coordinator of Client Services



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Wayne Johnson
Coordinator of Client Services

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SVO's Shared Reading Project Collection (and How You Can Borrow!)

Jesse Lewis
Operations Director

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit a community center in the South Valley. I was there to see how the Shared Reading Project was being implemented. The staff and volunteers were very enthusiastic and showed me a variety of ways in which the project was being used. I was particularly impressed by the way in which the project was being used to help children learn to read. The staff and volunteers were using a variety of books and materials to help the children learn to read. I was also impressed by the way in which the project was being used to help the children learn to read. The staff and volunteers were using a variety of books and materials to help the children learn to read.

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What are DHHSC Advisory Councils and Why Should You Get Involved?

Jesse Lewis
Operations Director



Many of you may be familiar with the concept of an advisory council. An advisory council is a group of people who provide advice and guidance to a decision-maker. In the case of DHHSC, the advisory councils are made up of community members who provide input on issues that affect the community. This is a great way for you to get involved and make a difference in your community.

There are several reasons why you should get involved in an advisory council. First, it gives you a voice in the decision-making process. Second, it allows you to learn more about the issues that affect your community. Third, it provides an opportunity for you to meet and work with other community members who share your interests. Finally, it allows you to make a difference in your community.

There are several ways to get involved in an advisory council. You can contact the DHHSC office to learn more about the advisory councils and how to get involved. You can also contact the community organizations that are part of the advisory councils. Finally, you can contact the DHHSC website for more information.

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