



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. is to empower deaf and hard of hearing children, adults and families through the provision of comprehensive and individualized educational, social and support services.

FRIENDS OF VCDHH/AUSTINE SCHOOL

Members of the FRIENDS shall serve as a link between the community and the organization. The importance of your visibility and support as a FRIEND of the VCDHH cannot be underestimated.

Your responsibilities as FRIEND can be defined in three essential areas:

Commitment

Your commitment to the organization can be expressed through a number of day-to-day opportunities, such as participating in activities/special events, promoting support within your community, or volunteering your services in committee work. How you express your commitment is your decision. The opportunities for acting on your commitment are numerous and varied, and your suggestions as to how this can best be accomplished are most welcome.

Advocacy

You are a liaison between the organization and the public. Your advocacy helps others to understand our programs, purpose, and position in the delivery of our services. Finding opportunities for advocacy range from very structured and public to informal and personal. Your effectiveness in enhancing public knowledge and showing support for VCDHH is the goal.

Representation

You represent us to the community and the community to us. Your role is that of a conduit for information. Through your daily contacts and activities, you have countless opportunities to promote VCDHH in the community and, at the same time, to serve as a sounding board for public response.