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Dear Diamon,

I apologize for the delay in providing this information, and I appreciate your patience. Please see below for a summary of our data and program reach.

Data Summary & Program Reach

Collecting fully accurate data has been challenging, as the Maryland Deaf Community Center (MDCC) has not yet opened a permanent facility. At this time, our events, workshops, and social activities are held across multiple locations throughout Frederick County, including restaurants, libraries, the police academy, City Hall, and local cafés.

Despite this limitation, we have tracked consistent engagement and outreach as outlined below:

Outreach & Communication

- Emails: Approximately 20 per week (80 per month; 960 annually)
- Phone Calls: Approximately 30 per month (360 annually - See below in Community & Common Requests)

Programs & Events

- Workshops/Events: 45 annually
- Attendance:
Small to mid-size events (e.g., Bingo, Trivia Night): ~50 participants per event
Larger events (e.g., ASL Fun, Family Fun, Holiday Fun): ~225 participants per event

ASL Classes

- 3 classes every six weeks
- Approximately 330 participants annually

Estimated Total Reach

While some individuals attend multiple programs, we estimate overall annual engagement as follows:

- Workshops/Events: 2,250 participant engagements
- ASL Classes: 330 participants

Total Estimated Engagements: 2,580+ annually

These figures reflect strong and consistent community engagement even without a dedicated facility. We anticipate significantly increased participation and improved tracking once MDCC is fully operational.

Community Needs & Common Requests

In addition, below is a summary of the most frequent requests and needs we receive from the Deaf community:

- * Deaf nursing homes and senior housing
- * Case management and caregiver support for Deaf seniors
- * Advocacy for Deaf patients in nursing homes
- * Legal assistance, including for incarcerated Deaf individuals
- * Deaf-accessible transportation
- * Employment opportunities
- * Deaf-friendly realtors and housing resources
- * Mental health counseling
- * Schools for the Deaf and educational resources
- * ASL classes and family/parenting education
- * Services and devices for DeafBlind individuals
- * Interpreter agencies and access to qualified interpreters
- * Support for Deaf immigrants and Hispanic Deaf individuals
- * Assistance navigating state resources (MDCC, ODHH, MDAD, MDSC)
- * Community events, workshops, and youth/senior programming

These requests further demonstrate the critical need for a centralized, accessible Deaf Community Center in Frederick County.

I hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need additional details.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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