

# 2000-2017

## Community

**“Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow is a mystery. Today  
is a gift, that’s why they call it  
the Present.”**  
—Eleanor Roosevelt



### Marilyn Call

**Third Director of DSDHH**

Call led the Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 2001–2017. She was essential in renaming the building and lobbying for funding to expand services.

### 2001: New Wing

With Director Rusty Wales’s efforts, a new wing was built onto the center. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new addition was held on May 4, 2001. The new wing added a lecture hall, large classroom, office and work area, storage and restrooms.



### 2003: Renaming the Building

On October 4, 2003, a renaming celebration was held in honor of Dr. Robert G. Sanderson, a leader in the Deaf community, with more than 1,000 people in attendance. The State Board of Education had unanimously supported renaming the community center after Dr. Sanderson.



### 2017: The Center Today

The center is currently known as the Robert G. Sanderson Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



### 25 year anniversary

A celebration was held on September 8, 2017.



### Additional Milestones:

**2005:** The Southern Utah Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing opens its doors in St. George

**2006:** ICAN (Interpreter Certification Advancement Network) established to expand the pool of interpreters

**2007:** Staff contributed many hours of services for the International Deaflympics

**2008:** First Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) is hired

**2017:** HB 60 was passed to replace the wording of “hearing impaired” to “deaf or hard of hearing” in all Utah law



### HARD OF HEARING



**2002:** The Popcorn Coalition meets for the first time with Ron Nelson and Kathy Evans. This group grew and was renamed Utah Communication Access Network — “Utah CAN.” They worked to get captioning for public movies, Broadway plays, local news channels and sports stadiums.

**2008:** The Hard of Hearing Program begins at the St. George center.

**2013:** Rural Hard of Hearing Program begins.