

Highlighting the Acosta Family (2007) Georgia Hands & Voices

Names of family members and a brief description of their "place" in the family. We are the Acosta family. Dad: Amauris, Mom: Damaris, and daughters: Leslie and Megan. Megan is 8 yrs old and our little one, Leslie, is 3.



Which family member(s) has a hearing loss? Describe your family member's hearing loss (ie: cause of the hearing loss, amplification system used, educational setting, methodology).

Leslie was diagnosed with hearing loss since birth. She was diagnosed with severe to profound hearing loss. She uses amplification in both ears. We use total communication with her, and we are all learning and using ASL to communicate with Leslie.

Identify your family's residence, school system, school. She was attending Sudder Elementary school in Clayton County, this past school year. Since we are now moving to Henry County, she will be attending a new school next year.

Describe your child's educational experience. Leslie is a very smart girl and did very well in school. After she was diagnosed with hearing loss, our guardian angel, (that's how I like to call her), Trina Smith, parent advisor from GA Pines came into our home and gave us all the information and support we needed to help our child grow up and have a normal life. This is how we got in contact with wonderful people like our first Deaf mentor, Jodi Phillips, and our actual Deaf mentor, Karmon Cain, who always comes to our home with a smile and with the willingness of teaching us all about Deaf culture and ASL. Leslie has learned a lot from Trina and Karmon, as well as the whole family!

How has Hands and Voices supported your family?

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How do you hope Hands and Voices will support your family?

We hope Hands and Voices can support us in helping our daughter obtain the best education, in the best setting and with the best opportunities. After all, this is what any parent will want for their children!!