

Deaf Dreams

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Raising Deaf Girl Evolution Part 2 – Starting our Journey

After Kaylee was diagnosed with a progressive bilateral sensorineural hearing loss, we started to do some research. This was difficult because 17 years ago google was not what it is today. We were also faced with the fact that prior to Kaylee being diagnosed we had never even met a single person who was Deaf or hard of hearing. As new parents and now new parents of a child with a hearing loss, we didn't have a clue what we were doing. The one thing we did know from the very beginning was that we would never allow anyone, or even Kaylee herself, to see her hearing loss as a disability, but rather simply a part of who she is.

Through our research we found [Family Weekend Retreat \(FWR\)](#). We quickly signed up to attend and were excited when our entire immediate families decided to attend with us so that together we could all learn how to best help Kaylee. FWR is so important to me because they do a really great job of providing different types of information. Their workshops cover everything from the grieving process, to Deaf vs deaf, from ASL to oral to total communication, legal, educational, technology, and everything in between. We have had the honor of attending FWR several times over the years and to this day I highly recommend this to families of Deaf and hard of hearing children.



Meet Dr. Tracy Board, Deaf Dreams' board Secretary! Tracy is the proud owner of [Audicles Hearing Services](#). Tracy began her career in audiology after completing her undergraduate degree at The University of Texas at Austin and the doctoral program at The University of Texas at Dallas. She

has been fortunate to work in a plethora of healthcare and educational settings. As a result, she has perfected the art of effective adult and pediatric treatment. When she is not at the clinic, Tracy works directly with her state and national organizations to not only improve the quality of audiological healthcare in Texas, but also to advocate for her patients. We are honored to have Tracy working with us!

It's Fiesta Time!

It's Fiesta time in San Antonio and that means that Fiesta Medals are everywhere! We are very excited to have our very own Fiesta Medal! Our medals are \$10 and can be purchased locally by visiting [Audicles Hearing Services](#) at 8620 N New Braunfels Ave, Suite 220 San Antonio, TX 78217 or online on our [website](#).





Need Hearing Aids?

Do you need new hearing aids? Do you know someone who could use some new hearing aids? Please go to our website www.deafdreams.org and apply for our FREE hearing aids! Our hearing aids are for Texas residents of any age.

Our application is now available in both English and Spanish!

Living Your Dream

We are so excited to highlight people who are Deaf and hard of hearing that are living THEIR dream! If you are Deaf or hard of hearing and are doing something you love (student, professional, hobby) we want to hear from you! Contact us at office@deafdreams.org so you can share your story!



Buy cool gear and support us!

We are so excited to have all of our models be Deaf and hard of hearing! Head on over to our website www.deafdreams.org and take a look at our updated shop and while your there buy some shirts, water bottles, and/or decals all with original artwork by Kaylee! All proceeds from your purchase go to Deaf Dreams.

Join our Deaf Dreams family by volunteering your time and/or services! If you are interested, please email office@deafdreams.org or call Linda at 210-838-1756

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