

**GRANT #8**

**GOSPEL HANDS VBS  
FOR DEAF CHILDREN**

**\$3,000**

**Lutheran Friends of the Deaf**



It is estimated that only 2% of people who are deaf attend a Christian church and that 95% have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is critical that the life-saving Gospel is interpreted into American Sign Language (ASL) so that the deaf may receive God's gifts through His Word. This project will directly affect many deaf children and their families as they hear God's word in their own language, ASL, which is not simply the English language with hand motions, but is a fully developed and complete language. For more than 60 years, Lutheran Friends of the Deaf (LFD) has developed and disseminated resources for deaf ministry, congregations, and training for religious interpreters. This grant will provide funds for ASL Bible story videos, books and arts/crafts as well as interpreters, snacks and transportation, to begin a new project to reach the deaf at a very young age so they may grow and mature in God's Word throughout their lives. Gospel Hands VBS for deaf children will allow LFD to work with local congregations to offer educational programs in ASL so that more deaf children will come to know Jesus Christ and receive saving faith.