



*Communication Access, Inc.*  
SERVING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS

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*Welcome to the first edition of the CAI Newsletter. This newsletter is brought to you by Communication Access, Inc., in order to inform you of the latest news and upcoming events related to hearing loss.*

*The mission of Communication Access, Inc., is to serve the needs of people with hearing loss by providing CART Services, Rehabilitation Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, Education, and Advocacy.*

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## **2011 COMMUNICATION ACCESS & TECHNOLOGY EXPO**

**November 19, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Wyndham Hotel - 700 North Westshore Boulevard**

**Tampa, Florida 33609**

**State-of-the art technology** in assistive listening devices, hearing aids, cochlear implants, products, programs, and services for people with hearing loss.

**Free Admission! Free Workshops!**  
**Free Door Prizes! Free Refreshments!**

If you are interested in becoming an exhibitor or a sponsor, please visit:

[www.CommunicationAccess.org](http://www.CommunicationAccess.org).

For additional information, contact Tess Crowder, Executive Director:

813-814-7736 or [TMT.Tess@Verizon.net](mailto:TMT.Tess@Verizon.net).

**BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES TO BEGIN  
OCTOBER 3RD**

An 8-week basic sign language class will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:15 – 5:15 p.m., and will be held every Monday through November 21<sup>st</sup>. These classes will be held at the Upper Tampa Bay Library – 11211 Countryway Boulevard, Tampa, Florida.

Please register for classes by contacting Tess Crowder, [TMT.Tess@Verizon.net](mailto:TMT.Tess@Verizon.net) – 813-814-7736. These classes are free, but donations are always welcome and accepted ☺. Come bring a friend/family member – someone with which to practice during the week!

**THE MAKING OF A CHAMPIONSHIP HEART – FUNDRAISER FOR CAI**

Steve Yerrid, Esquire, of the Yerrid Foundation, has authored this exciting book, “[The Making of a Championship Heart](#),” beautifully illustrated with nearly 300 pages of captivating pages of photographs (some never previously published). The book is more about lessons of life than baseball, profiles the winning tradition of the New York Yankees to illustrate the key ingredients of what it takes to be a winner in any walk of life, whether it is in the boardroom, the courtroom, the classroom, or on the baseball field.

The book pairs the players’ quotes on preparation, desire, hard work, and integrity (along with 14 other key traits), with photography taken during the team’s 2009 championship season, as well as other championship years spanning almost 100 years. Vintage pictures of past players like Berra, Ruth, and Gehrig, along with their quotes on the same subjects covered by the active players, are woven throughout the inspiring book.

Makes a GREAT gift! Especially for baseball and Yankees fans, and lovers of beautiful coffee-table books, or for the person who has everything!

Visit the website at: [www.championshipheart.com](http://www.championshipheart.com) – and don’t forget the promotional code when ordering: **CAITB**. When you enter this code, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to CAI.

**ASSOCIATION OF LATE-DEAFENED ADULTS CONVENTION**

*The Association of Late-Deafened Adults will hold their annual convention from October 28<sup>th</sup> to October 30, 2011. The convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. CART services and interpreters are provided during the entire convention. Communication Access, Inc., will be presenting workshops about our non-profit organization and teaching basic conversational sign language.*

*For more information about this event, visit: [www.ALDAcon.org](http://www.ALDAcon.org)*

## LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS RESUME MEETINGS

### **Hearing Loss Support Groups – Tampa Bay – Updated June 2011**

Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services are provided at these meetings which offer support and information on the latest news regarding hearing loss, as well as information about social events and gatherings for people who have hearing loss. Guest speakers are scheduled for most meetings.

#### ***Hearing Loss Association of America: Clearwater Chapter***

**Date & Time:** First Wednesday of the month from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. (September through June).

**Location:** Safety Harbor Library, Safety Harbor Library, 101 2nd Street North, Safety Harbor, Florida ([map](#))

**Contact:** Marjie Anderson - [marjiea1@gmail.com](mailto:marjiea1@gmail.com)

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#### ***Hearing Loss Association of America: Sun City Center Chapter***

**Date & Time:** First Wednesday of the month, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (September through May).

**Location:** St. Andrew Presbyterian Church – 1239 Del Webb Boulevard West, Sun City Center, Florida ([map](#))

**Contact:** Richard Herring, [rhmann@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rhmann@tampabay.rr.com) / Shirley Nauman, 813-634-7280

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#### ***Hearing Loss Association of America: Tampa Chapter***

**Date and Time:** First Tuesday of the month at 5:00 for dinner; the meeting immediately follows from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (September through May)

**Location:** Piccadilly Restaurant, 11810 Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618

**Contact:** [www.hearinglosstampa.org](http://www.hearinglosstampa.org)

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#### ***Association of Late-Deafened Adults: Suncoast Chapter***

**Date & Time:** Second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Deaf and Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay – 7821 Seminole Boulevard, Seminole, Florida. ([map](#))

**Contact:** [aldasuncoast@yahoo.com](mailto:aldasuncoast@yahoo.com)

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## YES! OF AMERICA UNITED, INC., HOLDS ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAIR

### **Family Abilities Information Rally – a Free Cross-Disabilities Event**

Exhibitors – Workshops – Door Prizes – Food – Activities

Date & Time: Saturday, October 1, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: All People's Life Center – 6105 East Sligh Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33617

Sponsored by: **YES! of America United, Inc. - [www.yesunited.org](http://www.yesunited.org)**

For more information visit: [www.thefair.info](http://www.thefair.info). E-Mail: [thefairinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:thefairinfo@yahoo.com)

## HOW YOU CAN DONATE WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME!

### Free and Easy Way to Raise Funds for Communication Access, Inc.

This is going to be the easiest thing we've ever asked you to do! We just signed up with [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com). And now every time you shop online or search the internet, a donation will be made to Communication Access, Inc.

**Here's how:** [GoodShop.com](http://GoodShop.com) works with more than 2,500 stores (including Target, Apple, PetSmart, etc.). Every time you purchase something, a percentage will be donated to us! And, even more exciting, [GoodShop](http://GoodShop.com) also offers over 100,000 of the most up-to-date coupons and free shipping offers so you can save money at the same time. It's win-win. [GoodSearch](http://GoodSearch.com) is a Yahoo powered search engine which makes a donation to us each time you do a search.

Join the rest of our community in using these sites to help us easily raise money for our mission. Get started by clicking the "Become a Supporter" button on our profile page [here!](#)

## FIFTH ANNUAL "CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY" CELEBRATION

Yes, we are planning our annual fundraiser for 2012 already – searching for participants for our comedy competition: a Doctor, a Lawyer, a Priest, a Rabbi, and a Politician. Please contact Tess Crowder at [TMT.Tess@Verizon.net](mailto:TMT.Tess@Verizon.net) if you would like to volunteer yourself or someone else for this competition – all in the name of comedy!! And, of course, we are always looking for sponsors. Date in Spring of 2012 TBD.

## SIGNING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE RAYS GAMES!

*We have had volunteers representing Communication Access, Inc., signing the National Anthem at the Tampa Bay Rays games! This is part of our mission for advocating for people with hearing loss: Bringing awareness of hearing loss issues to our community. We are also advocating for live captioning during the games.*

*Our volunteers who have signed the anthem this past year: Tess Crowder, Terri Pendleton, Calen Crowder, Nancy Russell, and Missy Smith. Thank you, volunteers!*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## BOARD MEMBERS OF COMMUNICATION ACCESS, INC.

### **Meet the Board!**

***David Bankston, Certified Public Account, Financial Advisor***

***Dr. Charles Berlin, Audiologist/Researcher***

***Tom Carney, Retired Business Executive/CART Consumer***

***Tess Crowder, Certified CART Provider, Executive Director, President***

***Gayl Hardeman, Certified CART Provider, Vice President, Secretary***

***Richard Herring, Retired Executive, CART Consumer, Florida HLA President***

***Chris Littlewood, Project Coordinator, St. Pete College/Advocate/CART Consumer***

***Lois Maroney, Licensed Mental Health Counselor/CART Consumer***

***David Reed, Business Consultant/Advocate***

***Bill Reese, Civil Engineer, President of Suncoast ALDA/CART Consumer***

***Judy Robinson, Community Activist/Advocate***