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Advocates to Host Deaf Awareness Day

Deaf Magician, Performers and Vendors Headed to Join Festivities

FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, September 14, 2009 ... Advocates will host Deaf Awareness Day 2009 on Sept. 18 from 2 to 8 p.m.

The event, to be held at the Plymouth Church at 89 Edgell Road in Framingham, is free and open to the public. It will feature vendors in the afternoon, followed by a unique lineup of Deaf entertainers, including: storyteller Jonathan LeJeune; magician Steve Weiner; Sabrina L. Dennison, a Deaf One-Woman Act; and Elaine Ducharme and Ona Stewart, presenting *The Deafblind Diaries*.

"It's going to be an impressive day of vendors and performers that celebrates how Deaf people are contributing to our world today," said Sharon MacLean, Advocates' communications access coordinator.

Advocates Deaf Services

Advocates is among the state's largest providers of human services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals with disabilities. Advocates' Deaf services include residential, mental health and day habilitation programs in Framingham, Quincy, Braintree and Randolph. It employs 76 Deaf professionals and strives to be an "employer of choice" by honoring the culture and values of the Deaf community.

Advocates, Inc.

Advocates, Inc. is among the 20 largest human service organizations in Massachusetts, and is a leading provider of residential support services; outpatient mental health and substance abuse services; home-based intervention for children and families; employment supports; housing and benefits advocacy services; and community justice programs. Advocates provides services at more than one hundred sites in Eastern and Central Massachusetts.

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