2000-2017
Community

“Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, that’s why they call it the Present.”
—Eleanor Roosevelt

2001: New Wing

When Mayor Matheson broke ground, a new wing was built onto the center. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new addition was held on May 4, 2001. The new wing added a lecture hall, large classrooms, office and work area, storage and restrooms.

2003: Renaming the Building

On October 4, 2003, a renaming celebration was held in honor of Dr. Robert G. Sanderson, a leader of the Deaf community, with more than 1,000 people in attendance. The State Board of Education had unanimously supported renaming the community center after Dr. Sanderson.

2017: The Center Today

The center is currently known as the Robert G. Sanderson Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Additional Milestones:

2005: The Southern Utah Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing opens its doors in St. George

2006: K-AN (Interpreter Certification Advancement Network) established to expand the pool of interpreters

2007: Staff contributed many hours of services for the International Deaflympics

2008: First Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) is hired

2017: HIF 60 was passed to replace the wording of “hearing impaired” to “deaf or hard of hearing” in all Utah law

25 year anniversary

A celebration was held on September 8, 2017.

2002: The Popcorn Coalition meets for the first time with Ron Nelson and Kathy Evans. This group grew and was renamed Utah Communication Access Network — “Utah CAN.” They worked to get captioning for public movies, Broadway plays, local news channels and sports stadiums.

2008: The Hard of Hearing Program begins at the St. George center.

2013: Rural Hard of Hearing Program begins.

Marilyn Call

Third Director of DSDDH

Call led the Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 2001–2017. She was essential in renaming the building and lobbying for funding to expand services.