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GEORGIA RELAY HONORS DEAF OR HARD-OF-HEARING COMMUNITY LEADER OF THE YEAR

Jeanette Lorch Honored for Involvement in Georgia's Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Community

ATLANTA – (November 11, 2008) Georgia Relay, the free public service that enables people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind and speech-impaired to place and receive calls via a standard telephone line, announced today that it has named Jeanette Lorch Georgia's Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Community Leader of the Year. Jeanette was selected for her widespread dedication to and involvement in the state's deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

Jeanette has worked for more than 10 years as an intake specialist/trainer for the Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (GATEDP), which offers free specialized assistive equipment to financially and medically qualified applicants who have difficulty using a standard telephone.

"Jeanette is a tireless advocate for the people she serves," said Karin Sack, Georgia Relay Outreach Coordinator. "She works hard to help anyone she can, in any way possible."

Georgia Relay presented Jeanette with her award, along with a cake and gift card, at the Deaf Seniors of Georgia Fall Bazaar in Atlanta on November 1. Jeanette is also a past recipient of the Georgia Association of the Deaf Service Award and resides in McDonough, Ga.

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