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### **Georgia Relay to Exhibit at DeafNation Atlanta**

*New Technologies and Services Will Be on Display in Effort to Raise Awareness*

(Atlanta, April 30, 2008) – Georgia Relay, the free service that makes it possible for people with hearing or speech loss to communicate with any standard phone user, will attend and have an exhibition booth at the DeafNation Expo in Atlanta on Saturday, May 3.

At DeafNation, being held in Atlanta for the third consecutive year, Georgia Relay will feature information about its many services and calling options, including CapTel®, a new telecommunications technology for people with hearing loss.

Available to state residents exclusively through Georgia Relay, CapTel works like any other phone—with one important difference. Using the latest in voice recognition software, CapTel displays every word the caller says on the bright, easy-to-read text screen of the user's specially designed CapTel phone. This way, users can hear what's being said and read a captioned version of their conversation for added accuracy. CapTel phones are available for a limited time to Georgia residents for only \$99. For people on a limited income, free phones are also available through the Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution program.

"The DeafNation Expo provides Georgia Relay with an excellent forum to deliver our message and services to a large community," said Michael Russell, Relay Administrator for the Georgia Public Service Commission. "More than three million Georgians are affected by some level of hearing loss, and this event increases statewide awareness of its causes and consequences."

The event, to be held at the Georgia International Convention Center, Exhibit Hall D, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., is free to the public and will showcase exhibitions, entertainment and seminars, as well as activities for children.

#### **About Georgia Relay**

*A free service administered by the Georgia Public Service Commission, Georgia Relay enables people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled to carry on a conversation with any standard phone user. To make a Georgia Relay call, the person with a hearing or speech loss uses a text telephone or other assistive device to reach Georgia Relay. (A text telephone allows people with hearing or speech loss to type their side of the conversation and read the other party's response on their phone's text screen.) Once the Communications Assistant obtains the number to be called and a connection is made, he or she voices the Relay user's side of the conversation and types the words spoken by the standard phone user, relaying the conversation back and forth. For more information on Georgia Relay, please visit [www.georgiarelay.org](http://www.georgiarelay.org) or call 1-866-694-5824 (v/TTY).*

