



Celebrating National Deaf History Month

April 1 - April 30



National Association of the Deaf

Rochester Resources:

<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/deafresources/>

- ✓ Rochester has the highest per capita population of deaf or hard-of-hearing adults younger than 65 in the nation
- ✓ The Rochester School for the Deaf opened in 1876.
- ✓ Fingerspelling became known as the "Rochester Method" - letters are spelled out literally by hand.
- ✓ In 1968, RIT became home of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.
- ✓ Rochester is home to several churches for the deaf community, and many area churches have deaf ministries.
- ✓ The Rochester Deaf Festival is coming back this year on June 18th! Find more information on their Facebook page!
- ✓ History was made at the 2022 Oscars when CODA was named best picture and Troy Kotsur was the first deaf male actor to win an Oscar for his performance in that film. Marlee Martin, who also starred in CODA, was the first deaf actor to win an Oscar for her performance in Children of a Lesser God in 1987.