Outstanding Alumni: Mrs. Nancy Enger Gregg '81



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Why I Love Working at Children's Hospital NANCY E. GREGG

"Nancy Enger Gregg is a very special person who is committed to enriching the lives of hearing impaired children," says Judy Mann, director of The Charity League Hearing and Speech Center for Children, describing The Children, describing The Children's Hospital of Alabama's (TCHA) Employee of the Year. "She gives not only her expertise, but her friendship and love."

Mrs. Gregg is coordinator for The Children's Center for Hearing Impaired where she has worked under Mrs. Mann's direction since June of 1988. She says she enjoys her work at TCHA because she has "the opportunity to work with young speech and hearing impaired children in a family-oriented medical setting.

"I am fortunate to work with so many families who are committed to their child's needs and are willing to sacrifice to provide the best communication environment for their child," she adds.

Mrs. Mann says that during the time Mrs. Gregg has been in her current position, the hearing impaired program has more than doubled in size. "There are so many examples of times in which Nancy has gone far beyond her job requirements to show care and concern for her patients



Nancy Gregg and her patient Catherine Egeland, 2, of Birmingha

and families."

Mrs. Gregg's dedication was perhaps the most evident when she used some of her vacation time to complete a four-week internship in Auditory-Verbal Therapy in Denver, Colorado. Her growth and knowledge in the hearing and speech field has enabled Mrs. Gregg to establish a community-wide support group for families of children with hearing impairment. Currently, the group has more than 80 participating families.

Mrs. Gregg also has developed a treatment

therapy program for children with cochlear implants. The program involves auditory training and using the cochlear implant to its fullest potential. Through the program, Mrs. Gregg helps parents learn how to make the implant work so that the child with profound hearing loss will have the ability to hear and process spoken language in all environments – including home and school.

"I enjoy seeing the progress that severely and profoundly hearing impaired children can make in he acquisition of speech and language skills," says Mrs. Gregg. "And, I have the pleasure of working with the highly qualified staff at TCHA which is willing to go to great lengths to ensure that patients receive the highest quality of services.

"The Children's
Hospital of Alabama
offers a wonderful work
environment and challenging positions to serve
children with all types of
communication disorders," she says. "It is a
great privilege to serve
these children here and to
be part of a team committed to excellence in services for children."

Mrs. Gregg is a member of several professional societies including the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Auditory-Verbal International and the American Speech and Hearing Association.

As employee of the year, Mrs. Gregg's picture will hang in the Hospital lobby as a reminder to all employees of her commitment and love for children and her profession at The Children's Hospital of Alabama.

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(Nancy Enger Gregg is a member of the class of 1981)

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Nancy Gregg is a Certified Auditory Verbal Therapist and Speech Language Pathologist with 30 years experience. She began her career at the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf before moving to Birmingham. She worked in the Hearing and Speech Center at Children's Hospital for 30 years. She served as a member of the Cochlear Implant team, provided AV therapy services to families, and provided training for professionals pursuing certification in Auditory Verbal Therapy. Currently Ms. Gregg is the program director at the Alabama School for Hearing (now WISE).