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**American Sign Language Workshop
Paula Dunn, Freelance and Theatrical Interpreter for the Deaf
Instructs Class - "Learn to Talk with Your Mouth Full"**

LONG BEACH, CALIF. - March 31, 2006 - LiNKs Interpreting Services, based in Long Beach, will hold its first American Sign Language workshop for spring 2006, beginning on May 1. LiNKs provides sign language interpreting services for persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing as well as Trilingual (Spanish) Interpreting.

Paula Dunn, RID Certified Interpreter, www.PaulaDunn.com, has interpreted for noted celebrities and Fortune 500 Executives and taught Sign Language classes at California State University at Fullerton, University of California at Irvine, Golden West College and Disneyland.

She titles the class "Learn to 'talk' with your mouth full and find out how you can 'talk' underwater!" The six week session will cover approximately 200 signs including: family members, colors, time, days, weeks, and seasons. Attendees will also learn tenses, present, past and future, a variety of nouns and verbs, basic communications, and some Deaf and Hard of Hearing Culture information.

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“A shortage of trained and professional Sign Language Interpreters present significant challenges and equal access for the more than 875,000 estimated individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in the Greater Los Angeles Metropolitan area,” said Chuck Scarpaci, Director of LiNKS.

“The class is a small step in addressing a much larger concern. There’s that old cliché that says it starts in the home. Through this class, family members and friends will learn the basics to communicate better with their loved ones.”

The workshop will be held on Mondays beginning May 1, 2006 to June 5, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Goodwill Industries of Long Beach & South Bay’s main office at 800 W. Pacific Coast Highway. The cost of the class is \$67.00. For more information and how to register call (888) 742-0070.

LiNKS Interpreting, a division of Goodwill Industries of Long Beach & South Bay, provides short and long-term ASL and Trilingual (Spanish) Interpreting services to businesses, government agencies, organizations and private individuals for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients.

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