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Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dalsvaag

Dear Allan and Diane,

The Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf would like to recognize what your mother had done in the past with our organization. She had dedicated herself with a positive attitude and strength with right beliefs. She also believed in keeping a good relationship with the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and other organizations as well. She touched so many of the members of our Deaf Community, and we would not forget her. Many of us had been thrilled to see her at our 38th GVAD CornFest & 90th anniversary in August 2016.

Currently, the GVAD board is a new group with diverse members, many of whom only knew Cora as a well respected Deaf woman. We have heard many stories about her tireless efforts back in the "old days" in bringing the community together and fighting for better access and human rights. We have reached out to previous Board members and other persons who have worked with Cora.

Our GVAD Past President, Ms. Leonor Vlug mentioned, "Cora Gray was one of my Deaf Women role models when I first began to be involved in the Vancouver Deaf Community after moving here in 1967. She was a lady with many skills, as President of the Vancouver Association of the Deaf, and also involved in the Women's Auxiliary, at the same time raising three children. She showed that a Deaf woman could be many things in the community. She was always warm and welcoming to my husband Henry and me, and many other "younger generation" folks. I met her sister and brother-in-law Margaret and John Walcott, when we visited Victoria, and marveled at how the two women were different, yet so alike in their involvement in their communities. I was glad to chat with her through FaceTime when she could, and talked about our days in VAD. Henry and I shall miss her so very much."

Mrs. Cora Gray has inspired so many of us, and her presence will still be felt in our community. We will not forget her and her tireless support and leadership which still flows through the young generation. We will continue to carry the torch she had held for so long, to future generations of Deaf youth.

Respectfully yours,

Kimberly Wood
GVAD President



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