

# E-MAGINE

Imagine a community where everyone belongs...



Rauch presents **Comedian Keith Wann**  
in celebration of **DEAF AWARENESS MONTH**




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Indiana Deaf Relay services



Rauch will honor the 2014 Imagine Awards recipients on Saturday, March 1st, but before we can do that, we need your help!

Three [Imagine Awards](#) are given, and **YOU** determine the recipients! The award categories

## Celebrate Deaf Awareness Month with Rauch Interpreting Services

Rauch [Interpreting Services](#) is pleased to present renowned CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) Comedian Keith Wann of Clearwater, Florida, in recognition of Deaf Awareness Month.

Born with **abundant energy** and a penchant for mischief, Wann first learned about facial grammar when asked to interpret for his mother in the fourth grade. Upset at the constant interruptions and laughter, Wann's teacher told his mother that her son was the **class clown**. Keith turned to his mother and signed, "Teacher says me good boy always!" Looking at the frowning teacher and back at the grinning child, Wann's mother chose to finish the meeting with pen and paper. Keith had been fired from his first interpreting job.

Known for his hilarious stand-up comedy routines, Wann has been **performing for over 20 years**. As a hearing child of Deaf adults, Wann is an original breakthrough performing

recognize:

- Accomplishments of [individuals with disabilities](#)
- [Volunteers/community leaders](#) who have worked to benefit/advocate for individuals with disabilities
- [Organizations/businesses](#) which have worked to help individuals with disabilities.

A panel of judges from the community to selects the recipients, but if your relative, neighbor, or favorite organization is not nominated-- they can't be chosen!

To make a nomination, click on the linked category above or visit [rauchinc.org/imagine](http://rauchinc.org/imagine), and submit the information by **November 15th**.

The vision of the Imagine Awards is to celebrate those who are committed to making a better community and world for people with disabilities... "A Community Where Everyone Belongs." Proceeds from the Imagine Awards event benefit the [Rauch Foundation](#).

**American Sign Language (ASL)** artist and has been featured in several short films. He currently stars in a popular ASL Children's book iTunes application, and has been featured in several commercials for Pepsi, appeared in Law and Order, and travels across the country performing almost every weekend.

Wann is one of the most sought after and beloved performers in the ASL community, and has grown into an industry and cultural household name. Combining **side splitting humor** with **heartfelt real life stories** from his CODA childhood and teenage life has become his comedic trademark. Respected as an ASL advocate, Keith has **reached across the cultural divide** between Deaf and Hearing worlds through humor to bridge misconceptions and cultural gaps.

Rauch and **Platinum Sponsor InTRAC**, provider of Indiana Deaf Relay services, are pleased to present Keith Wann on **Friday, September 27, from 6 - 8 p.m.** at the Jefferson Community & Technical College Auditorium in Louisville. Wann's performance will be presented in ASL with voice interpretation. Tickets are \$15 & available at [www.rauchinterpreting.com](http://www.rauchinterpreting.com) or at Rauch Interpreting Services, 215 E. Spring St., New Albany, IN.

## DSP Week

September 8 - 14, 2013, was "DSP Week". But what's a "DSP"? You may venture a few guesses:

*Dearly Special Persons...*  
*Dandy Super Pals...*  
*Darn Smart People...*

Actually, in addition to being those things (and more!), DSP is the industry standard word for "Direct Support Professionals." Wikipedia nicely



## Rauch Launches New Web Presence

We're excited to share that Rauch recently launched a redesigned website at [www.rauchinc.org](http://www.rauchinc.org). The site is full of information on Rauch's programs, events, and more, and includes a [blog](#) feature. Click on over and see our new look!

## Wish List

- New/gently used wheelchairs
- Wii games
- Admission to local museums, zoo, ball games, attractions
- Playground equipment
- Art Supplies
- Exercise DVDs
- Relaxing DVDs
- Dry Erase Markers
- Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade level books

defines their role in the disability community, including at agencies like Rauch:

A direct support professional is a person who assists an individual with a disability to lead a self-directed life and contribute to the community, assists with activities of daily living if needed, and encourages attitudes and behaviors that enhance community inclusion.

At Rauch, we talk a lot about the successes of those we serve. People with disabilities are awe-inspiring on a regular basis, and we love celebrating their triumphs, talents, and victories. However, the backbone of the support we provide to make those triumphs happen, those talents flourish, and those victories a reality are the 106 DSPs who comprise around two-thirds of our workforce. These amazing, creative, fun, and special people work incredibly hard every day (and night), and we're honored that they choose to work for Rauch.

So, we celebrated them this past week in the following ways (and more!): a scavenger hunt, a car wash, lunch prepared and served by management, sweets and snacks throughout the day, and the crowning of a "Queen for the Day".



Thank you to all of our DSPs - we couldn't serve 1,000 children and adults with disabilities each year without your perseverance, determination, heart, joy, laughter, and love.

- Big beach type balls
- Simple Board Games
- Flash Cards (clothing, animals, food)
- Poster Paper
- Large Microwaves
- New electric stove
- 3 new coffee makers
- Mini Refrigerator



*Interested in becoming a DSP? Visit our [Careers page!](#)*



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