

**Joanne Travers** received her Masters in International Management in 1993. She has a diverse background in marketing, international management, community outreach and education. She founded Partners for A Greater Voice in 2002. Some of her accomplishments are as follows:

***Partners for A Greater Voice:***

- Armenian Education Delegation, US State Department BCA – Cambridge-Yerevan Association, education training session on inclusion, hearing aid technology and parent outreach, 5/2001.
- MCC Wider Horizon, Ireland teacher training session on hearing loss and inclusion for hard of hearing students, 6/2001.
- Dominican Republic, Parent/Professional Training, *(over 50 workshops)* 2002-2006.
- Dominican Republic Missions: technology, auditory development, parent support
- India: Parent workshops and assessment of 10 programs for the deaf, April 2006

***Parent Connection:***

Editor of Parent Connection newsletter and Coordinator of parent/professional meetings and family events that caters to over 150 families with deaf and hard of hearing children residing in Massachusetts (USA). 1996-2004

***Board Affiliations:***

Board member Big Brother Big Sister of Lowell, Massachusetts 1985-1986

President and board member of Massachusetts Chapter of A.G. Bell Association, 2005-2006

Board of Director, Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. 2003-2006, nominated for another 3-year term (elections in 2006).

***Coordinator and Project Manage, Middlesex Community College:***

- Director, Portuguese Area Studies Programs, LUSO-American Development Foundation, 1998 - 2000
- National Annual Asian Studies Development Conference, EAST-WEST Center of Hawaii, 3/1999
- Japan Institute, EAST-WEST Center for Asian Studies, 10/97
- USAID/World Learning contract, “Fostering Growth Among Human Rights NGO Managers in Croatia” , 5/1999
- Shandong, China Hospitality Management Training, 12/1997, 11/1998
- Ukraine Community Connections Economic Development Initiative, US-Ukraine Foundation, 1/2000
- USIA Professional Development, Addis Ababa Commercial College, Ethiopia, 1997-2000
- USIA Curriculum Development and Faculty Exchange, Yerevan State University, Armenia, 1999-2001
- USAID/World Learning Contract, Bosnian Broadcast Journalists, “The First Casualty Is Truth”, 5/1998

- Reception, Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, 1998 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, East Timors, 10/1998
- Angola Education Officials' Study Tour, 4/1998
- Dominican Republic, Parent/Professional outreach and training, 2002-2004.

***Presentations:***

- Northeast University graduate student seminar training, 3/2002.
- University of New Hampshire workshop, 2002
- Mainstream Center at CLARKE School for the Deaf Conference, Social Emotional Considerations, 2004
- Parent Advocacy Training, Colorado (2004) and Massachusetts (2003, 2006)
- Annual Disability Awareness Program in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Ipswich, 1998-present
- A.G. Bell Association, “Hearing Loss Disability Awareness in our Schools”, Panel participant on “Dealing with Multiple Disabilities”, international convention Anaheim, CA
- National and International Parent driven workshops, 1996-present:
  - Self-Esteem in our Children, Internet Resources, Individual Education Program Training, Social Emotional Considerations, Coping with Deafness, Learning about Auditory Development, Establishing Parent Networks