34th Governor's Service Awards

Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

Changing Maryland
for the Better
Lifetime Achievement

Miriam Zadek

She later served as the agency’s interim executive director.

Upon retirement, Miriam joined the board of directors, where she has been a volunteer since 1994. In her 23 years on the board, her leadership and commitment have been unparalleled. As a board member, she has chaired strategic planning and professional advisory committees, and has been a passionate fundraiser.

When asked about her more than 40 year history with The Hearing and Speech Agency (HASA), she had this to say: “From the moment I arrived, it was like coming home ... I owe so much to the families who shared their lives with me. We learned together. As a board member, I take delight in the many ways in which HASA serves the community. It is a glorious world.”

- For two decades, Miriam has sent an annual letter to her network of family and friends about the work of The Hearing and Speech Agency.
- Miriam founded the Zadek Family Education Program, which provides opportunities created for families and practitioners to learn together in an inclusive setting. More than 1,000 people have attended these seminars, which have ranged in topics from autism to deafness to the importance of taking care of caregivers.
- Miriam founded HASA’s Centralized Interpreter Referral Service (CIRS) in 1986, the first American Sign Language interpreting agency in Baltimore. It remains the only nonprofit, interpreting organization in Maryland.