

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF TEXAS**

**71st Annual Convention**

**“Coming Home: A Reunion”**

**November 11-13, 2022**

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**COVID PROTOCOL**

In an effort to keep everyone who attends our convention safe, we have developed some practical protocols to control the spread of COVID-19. All in-person attendees are required to submit a negative test no more than 48 hours prior to arriving at the convention. Both at home tests and those administered by a healthcare professional are acceptable. Proof of a negative test can include an email provided by your test facility or a picture of your at home result. Negative results should be shared with us by sending them to [testresults@nfbtx.org](mailto:testresults@nfbtx.org). When submitting your results, be sure to include your full name and your city.

We hope everyone stays well throughout the convention, but if you start to experience COVID symptoms, we will have tests available for you, and Helen Maher has agreed to assist with testing. If you find you need a test, you will be able to find Helen at the registration area or in the rear of our general session. Helen is only available to assist with testing. She cannot provide first aid or other medical advice or assistance.

Those attending in person should also plan to wear masks in all common areas of the hotel and in all convention sessions. If you forget your masks, we will have plenty to share. We know that masks aren’t fun to wear, but we know they do discourage the spread of the virus, and that is something we all want.

Thank you for your cooperation. It means a lot that we all care enough about one another to take the steps necessary to ensure that we all go home COVID free.

**ZOOM**

We will be offering certain convention sessions via Zoom for those who cannot join us in person. These include the annual board meeting, the resolutions committee meeting, all general sessions, and the banquet. To participate in our Zoom hosted sessions, you may use the link below. The same link will be used for every session we provide via Zoom.

If you want to participate in these sessions but aren’t able to use Zoom, we can provide you with a call out service. This option provides you with the ability to receive a phone call that will connect you to the meeting with just the touch of one button on your phone. If you need to utilize this service, contact our office prior to November 8, 2022 to request it.

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**INTERPRETATION**

Interpreter services will be provided for the board meeting, resolutions committee meeting, all general sessions, and the banquet. A Spanish-language seminar will be offered during the afternoon breakout sessions, on Saturday. The link above will be used for all sessions.

**REGISTRATION**

All convention attendees are encouraged to register. Registration with the convention entitles you to the convention room rate and qualifies you to win door prizes. If you have pre-registered for the convention, please go to the pre-registration table located in the Esplanade Pre-function area to pick up your registration packet.

If you did not pre-register, you may register and purchase banquet tickets when you arrive at the convention. The onsite registration fee is $30.00, and banquet tickets purchased onsite will cost $45.00 each. Registration will be located in the Esplanade Pre-Function area outside the ballrooms and will be open at the following times:

Friday, November 11, from Noon-5 PM.

Saturday, November 12, from 7:30-8:45 AM and from Noon-2 PM.

We will adhere to these timelines strictly so our registration workers can participate in all convention activities.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibits will be located in the Esplanade Pre-Function area and will be open at the following times:

Friday, November 11, 10 AM to 5 PM.

Saturday, November 12, Noon-4pm.

Please see the back page of this agenda for a list of exhibitors.

**DOOR PRIZES**

We will draw for a variety of door prizes during each general session and at the banquet. You must be registered with the convention in order to have your name placed in the drawing, and you must be present when your name is called in order to win.

Sal Villa will serve as our door prize chairperson this year. If you have door prizes to contribute, please see to it that you get them to Sal as soon as possible. If you or your chapter plan to contribute cash or gift cards, you may send those in advance of the convention. That can be done via mail or by using Zelle or PayPal. Our Zelle username is [ncrosby@nfbtx.org](mailto:ncrosby@nfbtx.org). PayPal payments may be sent by using the username payments@nfbtx.org. Please let us know that the payment you are sending is for door prizes. Our mailing address is on the front page of this agenda.

**NFB-NEWSLINE®**

NFB-NEWSLINE® will have a table in the exhibit hall, and people who stop by the table will have an opportunity to win a $100.00 cash prize just for talking with us about Newsline. This opportunity is available to blind convention attendees, as well as parents of blind children and professionals who work with blind children and adults. New subscribers who sign up during the convention will also be entered in a separate drawing for another $100.00 prize. Both drawings will be held on Sunday, November 13, during the final general session.

**THE REUNION**

On Friday, from 5:15-6:30 PM, join us for our reunion celebration. Food will be served, and the event is open to anyone with a registration wristband. There is no additional charge for this event, but you must be registered in order to participate. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

**NEWSLINE: SUPPORTING BRAILLE FOR THE DEAFBLIND AND OTHER DOT LOVERS**

NFB-NEWSLINE® TEXAS will host a general outreach seminar on the afternoon of November 11, from 2-4 PM. Sessions will allow users, potential subscribers and professionals who work with blind or deafblind people to learn more about how to use this powerful information tool. There will be a special emphasis on the use of Braille devices with Newsline.

Looking for a job? NFB-NEWSLINE® can help. Working on a research paper? We have you covered there too. Do you just love to cook and want to know how to find new recipes? No need to look any further than NFB-NEWSLINE®.

Liz Wisecarver and her team will be demonstrating new features and offering tips and tricks about how to better utilize the system using Braille. They will also be there to answer questions and troubleshoot problems you may be having when attempting to access NFB-NEWSLINE®. So, join Liz and company in the Acapulco/Cancun Rooms between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 PM.

**BANQUET**

The annual banquet of the National Federation of the Blind of Texas will take place on Saturday, November 12, beginning at 7 PM, in Ballrooms A, B and C. Mark Riccobono, president of the National Federation of the Blind, will be our keynote speaker. Raul Gallegos will emcee the program, and scholarships will be awarded. Wristbands will be checked at the door. Tickets are available online for $40.00 each, until November 8. If you miss the deadline to pre-register and to purchase banquet tickets, a limited number of tickets will be available for purchase onsite for $45.00 each. We must plan with the hotel for this meal function. So please help us by purchasing your tickets early.

**A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS**

This year, we are pleased to have five convention sponsors. We would like to give special recognition to our Diamond Sponsors, NFB-NEWSLINE® TEXAS, Clusiv, and WayAround.

**NFB-NEWSLINE(R) TEXAS** is a program of the National Federation of the Blind of Texas. Through this innovative service developed by blind people themselves, we offer more than 500 newspapers and magazines, as well as curated information provided through our local information channel. Both English and Spanish language material is available through the hard work of our chapters and our program staff. Liz Wisecarver, Kayleigh Joiner, Ana Marquez, and Gloria Jackson work every day to provide quality service to our 6,000 subscribers. If you are not yet a subscriber, be sure to drop by the Newsline table in the exhibit area to learn more and sign up. You might even win a $100 if you do.

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**WAYAROUND** says, “Your biggest problem isn't poor eyesight. It’s that so much of the information in the world is visual. But you shouldn’t have to wait around for someone else to get the information you need, or carry around a bulky outdated device.

There’s a better way to get accurate and complete information every time so you can reduce stress and gain independence. All you need to get started is the free WayAround mobile app for iOS or android and a few smart WayTags. To learn more about this innovative organizing and accessibility tool, visit the WayAround table in our exhibit area. Or, download the app at the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and explore our meeting space which is labeled with WaySigns.

Our Gold sponsor is **BLIND GIRL MAGIC**, a for profit organization that works to motivate blind people.

Our Bronze sponsors are **VISPERO, iBUG TODAY,** and **ISLAM BY TOUCH**. We thank each of them for their generous contributions.

**BIG BASKET BONANZA TWO**

The Bonanza is a way to fund our youth programs. Any chapter that chooses to sponsor a basket should select a theme and fill their baskets full of treats of one kind or another. During our annual banquet, we will accept bids for each basket, and all proceeds will go to our affiliate. In 2021, we raised almost $2,000 from the sale of these donated baskets. Let’s make them bigger and better so we can make our programs bigger and better than ever. We thank the members and chapters who donate items to these baskets. Your love and support make our work possible.

**MASSAGES AVAILABLE**

Ta’lia Woodard is a certified massage therapist who is also a Federation member. This year, Ta’lia is offering those attending our in person convention massages for the incredible price of $20 for fifteen minutes or $25 for twenty minutes. Ta’lia is generously donating fifty percent of all proceeds to our affiliate to support our programs. Her massage station will be set up in the rear of Ballroom C during all general sessions.

**AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**10:00 AM-5:00 PM - EXHIBITS**

Esplanade Pre-Function Area

**12:00-5:00pm - REGISTRATION**

Esplanade Pre-Function Area

**1:00-2:00 PM - TXAGDU BUSINESS MEETING**

Elizabeth Campbell, President

Tampico/Monterrey Room

**2:00-4:00 PM - NEWSLINE: SUPPORTING BRAILLE FOR THE DEAFBLIND AND OTHER USERS**

Whether you are a professional, a deafblind user, a parent, or just someone who wants to learn more about how Braille is supported by the Newsline service, drop by to speak to one of our team members to learn how to integrate Braille into the user experience.

Hosted by NFB-NEWSLINE® TEXAS.

Liz Wisecarver, Program Coordinator

Acapulco/Cancun Rooms

**3:00-4:00 PM - ACCESSIBILITY INCLUDED: INCLUDING ACCESSIBILITY FROM THE GROUND UP**

Daniel Hodges, Chief Communications Officer

Pure Access

Tampico/Monterrey Room

**3:30-5:00 PM - LOST IN SPACE**

Sandhya Rao and Brad Snyder, iBUG Today

* How do I get out of here?
* Where did my teddy bear go?
* Who let the dogs out?
* Where’s my mommy?

Want to learn the answers to these questions and more, then join the iBUG Today team as they explore ways to find stuff that’s lost or missing, including ourselves.

Ballroom A

**5:15-6:30 PM - THE REUNION**

Everyone who is registered is welcome to attend this dinner/hospitality event. Bring your wristband. This is a complimentary hospitality event to celebrate our homecoming.

Moody Ballroom

**6:30-7:30 PM - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

This is an open meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ballroom B

**7:30-8:00 PM - RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Resolutions should be submitted to the chair at [resolutions@nfbtx.org](mailto:resolutions@nfbtx.org) no later than November 8. Resolutions must be submitted in final form. The committee will not edit resolutions during the meeting.

Glenn Crosby, Chairperson

Ballroom B

**8:00-9:00 PM - COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Liz Wisecarver, Co-Chairperson

Ballroom B

**8:00-9:00 PM - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Yolanda Harris, Chairperson

Cancun Room

**8:00-10:00 PM - TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS**

Salvador Villa, President

Ballroom E

**8:30-10:00 PM - FUN WITH TECH**

Raul Gallegos, First Vice President, National Federation of the Blind of Texas

Stacie Gallegos, President, NFBTX Houston Chapter

Monterrey/Tampico Room

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**7:30-8:45 AM - REGISTRATION**

This will be your final opportunity to purchase banquet tickets.

Esplanade Pre-Function Area

**7:30-8:45 AM - NFB-NEWSLINE® LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST**

This breakfast meeting is for chapter presidents and Newsline ambassadors.

Moody 1 Ballroom

**MORNING GENERAL SESSION**

Ballroom C

**9:00 AM – CALL TO ORDER**

**9:05 AM - INVOCATION**

**9:10 AM - CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM**

**9:20 AM – WELCOME TO HOUSTON**

Stacie Gallegos, President

National Federation of the Blind of Texas, Houston Chapter

Angel Ponce, Director

Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities

City of Houston

**9:30 AM - MEET THE SCHOLARSHIP CLASS of 2022**

Lara Sowell, Chairperson

National Federation of the Blind of Texas Scholarship Committee

**9:45 AM - THE REUNION CONTINUES: A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL FAMILY**

Mark Riccobono, President

National Federation of the Blind

**10:25 AM - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AFTER THE PANDEMIC**

Tammy Martin, Deputy Division Director of Field Services Delivery

Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation Services

**10:50 AM - NFB-NEWSLINE TEXAS INTERNSHIPS & SURVEYS - A PANEL DISCUSSION**

In 2022, our affiliate undertook an internship program designed to learn more about how people are using Newsline. We enlisted the assistance of eight blind students who did a wonderful job of reaching out to our subscribers. Here are the results of their work.

Liz Wisecarver, NFB-NEWSLINE TEXAS Coordinator

Madison Flores, Summer 2022 Intern

Mili Martinez, Summer 2022 Intern

Hilda Hernandez, Summer 2022 Intern

**11:10 AM - CLUSIV - A NEW TOOL FOR EMPLOYMENT**

Tom Jackson, Co-Founder & COO, Clusiv

**11:20 AM ACCESSIBILITY INCLUDED: INCLUDING ACCESSIBILITY FROM THE GROUND UP**

Daniel Hodges, Chief Communications Officer

Pure Access

**11:30 AM PLANTING SEEDS - A FEDERATIONIST’S STORY ABOUT GROWING THINGS**

Thomas Rodriguez, Member

National Federation of the Blind of Texas Lone Star Chapter

**11:45 - STUDY ABROAD - EXPERIENCING SPAIN**

Demetria Ober, Secretary, Texas Association of Blind Students

**NOON - ADJOURN**

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

**Between the hours of 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, we will host breakout sessions. Our general session will reconvene at 4:10 PM.**

**1:00-4:00 PM BEST - A FUN REUNION FOR OUR YOUTH**

Hosted by Emily Gibbs and our Youth & Education Services (YES) Team

This session is intended to allow blind children an opportunity to engage in fun and educational activities and their parents to learn more about the National Federation of the Blind and its positive philosophy about blindness.

Moody Ballroom

**2:00-4:00 PM - PLANNING FOR THE 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind

Norma Crosby, President, National Federation of the Blind of Texas

This meeting is a kickoff for our planning committee for the 2023 convention of the National Federation of the Blind. Our affiliate will be hosting the convention, and we will be asked to undertake a number of projects that will ensure the success of the event. We need volunteers, and you are invited to lend your time and talents to this effort. President Mark Riccobono and Norma Crosby will discuss our responsibilities and answer any questions you have. All chapters should send as many representatives as possible. Committee signup sheets will be available in the room. We recognize that many of you have responsibilities at our state convention. So we will follow up with information about the discussion that takes place. So even if you aren’t available to participate in the initial planning session, you will still be able to help.

Ballroom C

**2:00-4:00 PM - NABS & TABS: REUNITED**

Salvador Villa, President

Texas Association of Blind Students

Logan Stenzel, First Vice President

National Association of Blind Students

TABS will be hosting two sessions. Each session will last for approximately an hour and will be located in the same space.

Session One - Staying Relaxed While Navigating Life

Session Two - College: The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly

Ballroom E

**2:00-4:00 PM - REUNITING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY: A SPANISH LANGUAGE SEMINAR**

A presentation by the National Federation of the Blind of Texas, DEI Committee

Tampico Room

**2:00-3:00 PM - BLIND SENIORS GROUP MEETING**

Glenn Crosby, President

National Federation of the Blind Seniors Division

This session will be a general discussion of senior issues. Everyone is welcome whether you are a senior or just have a special interest in issues related to blind seniors.

Acapulco Room

**2:00-4:00 PM - TECH REUNION: A SHOWCASE OF THE LATEST TECH PRODUCTS**

We have invited our technology vendors to join us for an opportunity to talk about their new products. You can visit their booths, but if you want a quieter place to hear more about their products, come by for a chance to talk with them.

Cancun Room

**2:30-4:00 PM - ORGANIZING YOUR LIFE IN A SINGLE VOLUME**

Stacie Gallegos, President

National Federation of the Blind of Texas Houston Chapter

Are you new to blindness with questions about how to organize your life? Do you just need help finding new strategies to label, store information, and organize clothing? Maybe you want to help customers find better strategies for accomplishing simple organizational tasks. Join Stacie to find out how to create a more organized life.

Monterrey Room

**3:00-4:00 PM - MANAGING DIABETES EFFECTIVELY**

Leslie Nwankwo, RN, Care Basics, LLC.

Acapulco Room

**AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION**

Ballroom C

**4:10 PM - LINK HOUSTON: EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION FOR EVERYONE**

Gabriel Cazares, Executive Director

Link Houston

**4:30 PM - THE CHAPTERS: OUR COMMUNITY COMES HOME**

**5:00 PM - ADJOURN**

**Saturday Evening, November 12**

**5:30 PM - KENDRA SCOTT - A FUNDRAISER FOR HARLEY**

Harley Fetterman was a joyful, gifted, funny, charismatic kid. He was also blind. Harley left us when he was only eighteen, and since that time we have awarded a memorial scholarship in his honor. That scholarship is funded by generous donations from Harley’s Wallet, a foundation that does good in his name. This evening, Harley’s Wallet is hosting a Kendra Scott party in our hospitality suite immediately following the general session. This fundraiser will help to fund the scholarship the foundation donates each year. The holidays are coming. So take this opportunity to find something beautiful for someone special, and support the important work of Harley’s Wallet. Wine and a little chocolate will be available. Credit cards are welcome.

**7:00 PM - BANQUET**

Raul Gallegos, Master of Ceremonies

Ballrooms A, B, and C

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**7:30-8:30 AM - LONE STAR CHAPTER BREAKFAST**

This is the annual, face-to-face, meeting of our at-large chapter. Chapter members are welcome, and convention attendees who live in a rural area and want to know more about the chapter are invited to attend as well. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Thursday, November 10. To RSVP, notify our chapter president, Lara Sowell, at [lsowell@nfbtx.org](mailto:lsowell@nfbtx.org).

**GENERAL SESSION**

Ballroom C

**9:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER**

**9:05 AM - INVOCATION**

**9:10 AM - THE PRESIDENTIAL REPORT**

**9:25 AM - ELECTIONS**

**9:45 AM - SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Louis Maher, Secretary

National Federation of the Blind of Texas

**9:55 AM – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Lara Sowell, Treasurer

National Federation of the Blind of Texas

**10:05 AM - A NEW YEAR AT TSBVI**

Emily Coleman, Superintendent

**10:20 AM - CAREER MENTORING: A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH TSBVI**

Liz Wisecarver, Mentor

Kayleigh Joiner, Program Assistant

Dori Senatori, Instructor, TSBVI Exit Program

**10:40 AM - RESOLUTIONS**

Glenn Crosby, Chairperson

National Federation of the Blind of Texas Resolutions Committee

**11:00 AM - LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**11:20 AM - ADJOURN**

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