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2023 state convention sponsor and exhibitor packet

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# Letter from our President

To Whom It May Concern,

The National Federation of the Blind of Georgia (NFBGA) is excited to request your participation in our annual State Convention as a Sponsor or Exhibitor on October 27-29 in Macon, Georgia at the Marriott Macon City Center. Our convention is the largest gathering of blind people in the state of Georgia and provides an opportunity for blind citizens to network and strategize on best practices for employment, social development, education, and overall independence.

For 50 years, our organization has been committed to changing what it means to be blind. Our advocacy work has enhanced accessibility, protected the rights of blind citizens, and expanded opportunities in education and employment. We have connected blind people to the resources and support they need to transform dreams into reality because we know that blindness is not the characteristic that defines blind people and our future. Our goal has been, and will always be, to empower blind people to live the life they want. This year’s theme is “Can’t Stop the Movement”, and we need your support to keep going strong!

We believe you and/or your company is uniquely positioned to support our efforts, and your products, services, or philanthropic work aligns with our strategic goal of creating an inclusive, equitable, and accessible Georgia for the blind. The National Federation of the Blind of Georgia is a volunteer consumer advocacy organization, currently maintaining tax exempt status under section 501C3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Sponsor and Exhibitor opportunities are presented on the next page.

Every year, blind people attend our convention to reaffirm their belief in independence, equality, accessibility, and inclusion. Your support helps us show Georgia that vision is not needed to live a fulfilling life. Become a sponsor or exhibitor today and be a part of the movement of the organized blind.

Respectfully,

**Dorothy Griffin**

# Exhibitor Opportunities

The Exhibit Hall will be open from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Friday, October 27th, and 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 28th. Please contact Patrice Lewis at [plewis@nfbga.org](mailto:plewis@nfbga.org) or (678) 756-3757 to reserve your table.

* Table for nonprofit agencies and community partners cost $80.00
* Tables for all other vendors cost $130.00

# Sponsorship Opportunities

This year’s convention has many opportunities for you or your company to become a sponsor.

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| **Sponsorship Features** | | | | |
|  | **Diamond** | **Gold** | **Silver** | **Bronze** |
| **Gift** | $1000 | $750 | $500 | $250 |
| **Ad Space** | Full-page | Full-page | Half-page | Quarter-page |
| **Banquet Tickets** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Banquet Speech** | Yes | No | No | No |
| **Vender Table** | Yes | Yes | No | No |

There are also several Title Level sponsorship opportunities for the convention,

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| **Title** | **Gift** |
| **Banquet Sponsor** | $3000 |
| **Lunch Sponsor** | $1500 |
| **Convention Program Sponsor** | $500 |

All sponsors receive recognition throughout General Session. If you have any questions about becoming a sponsor, please contact Patrice Lewis at [plewis@nfbga.org](mailto:plewis@nfbga.org) or (678) 756-3757.

The deadline to become a exhibitor or sponsor is Friday September 29, 2023. You can submit your request by clicking on this link:

<https://nfbga.org/civicrm/event/info?id=7&reset=1>

# Hotel Reservation Information:

**Our convention will be held at the Marriott Macon City Center located at** 240 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA. 31217. Reservations can be made by calling Marriott reservations at 800-228-9290, locally at 478-621-5300.

Or by clicking this link,

[**Book your group rate for National Federation of the Blind of Georgia**](https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1691789484788&key=GRP)

Our group room rate is $139.00 plus, taxes of 16% and a lodging fee of $5 per night per room. The total per night is $166.24 per room. Room types available in our block are singles, doubles, king bed, and wheelchair accessible. Reservations must be made by Friday, September 22, 2023, to receive our group rate. When booking your reservations, please ask for the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia or the NFB of Georgia convention block rate.

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of these methods. All reservations are subject to a 40-hour cancellation policy. Failure to cancel a reservation 48 hours prior to arrival will result in a charge of one night’s room and tax applied to the credit card or forfeiture of the deposit.

# Other Ways to Support NFBGA

The National Federation of the Blind of Georgia knows that all who would like to support us cannot give at the levels presented above. We greatly appreciate any donation, and your financial contribution will help us further empower blind Georgians.

It is very easy for you to donate to the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia through our PayPal and Zell portals by searching “National Federation of the Blind of Georgia”, or via check sent to, Nata Watkins at 106 Lowe Stinson Road, Hogansville Georgia 30230. Please make all checks payable to the NFB of Georgia.

The National Federation of the Blind of Georgia thank you in advance for your donations and support.