

# 74th Annual State Convention

The members of the host committee welcome you to the 74th Annual State Convention for the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona.

## National Federation of the Blind of Arizona

Donald Porterfield, President

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## Jordan Moon, Chair, Convention Arrangements Committee

## This Year’s Hosts:

This year’s convention is being hosted by the State Affiliate.

## September 10 – 12, 2020

Everywhere – Virtual

Convention Notes:

If you have any issues or difficulties during the convention, please call 888-899-6322 and someone will be there to answer your question. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Keep in mind that upon joining convention one will be placed on mute. If you wish to speak and are not on the agenda, you may raise your hand. A host will get to you as soon as possible, do not unmute yourself until you are prompted to do so. If you are on the agenda the host will unmute you as we approach your presentation.

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DOOR PRIZES: Door prizes will be drawn during general convention sessions and during the banquet. To win, you must be registered for the convention, and you must be present when your name is called.

Code of Conduct We welcome all attendees to our convention and embrace diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect. Although we are meeting via Zoom these items are still relevant. To that end, please keep the following expectations in mind when you join us: The National Federation of the Blind provides support to members and advocates for our rights to live the lives we want through advocacy, public awareness, and mentoring. As a member or guest at our convention, you not only represent yourself but also our organization. We want you to enjoy your time with us, make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Although we encourage members to socialize and have fun, the convention also provides an important opportunity to come together to continue the work of our organization, to learn about the important initiatives that we are involved with on a local and national level, and to plan our work for the future. Please remember these guidelines:

1. Welcome new attendees: Although you will undoubtedly enjoy time with your friends, please reach out to those who have never joined us before and help them to be comfortable. We welcome people from all walks of life and with diverse needs and experiences.

2. Attend and participate in sessions.

3. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated under any circumstances. If your behavior could possibly make anyone uncomfortable, even if you would not be upset by it yourself, do not do or say anything that could be considered inappropriate by anyone.

Zoom Meeting Etiquette: Stay on mute if you are not speaking to the group. Raise your hand if you wish to talk, wait for an indication from host before beginning. If on video, please do not eat or move about in any way that could be a distraction to others watching. Stay focused and enjoy.

2020TGR Campaign

The 2020TGR campaign is a great way for you to join with your fellow members to support the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona through your generous contribution. The concept of the campaign is to donate $20 to the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona and then encourage your friends and family to also donate $20. 20, 20, Get it? Each $20 donation is one entry into the drawing. Give $100 and you will be entered into the drawing five times. The prize and winner will be announced during banquet.

Ways to participate:

• Donate online now [https://az.nfb.org/2020-tgr-campaign/](https://az.nfb.org/2020-tgr-campaign/?fbclid=IwAR3iXh7K4zPNuyh0_DK-tOztXXbvG-txtaV-WbCDT0-P-DJxz9SGD-nvBXk)

• Donate via phone by calling Joanne Gabias our fundraising chair at 318-497-2782.

• Send a check to NFBAZ, 5147 E. Circulo Las Cabanas, Tucson AZ 85711. Be sure to have [#2020tgr](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/2020tgr?__eep__=6&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZXHkYTnB7Xc2ak_CYpZaLrWQ_gOPT3GVKUDGFMGrSZhpKa3hM6kRWp9yNt9H5ymFzGOYgJcrad8DSBXZY8i9LxtSN1u32KPk6Sj36WxRPurslmmBYaR1PlGJ5yFdHjBjPGq8n-QsIl3ooeytOPKUjvMIAQWul8mOUTAU7KNYDlo_umG0HFgdjN5WO8_nqlTaNliVqm2TaMwj3RL5G9tWqAB-04dfXrXKsUGZS9mrK4d-Bv988cpE_u0zo8skCck-bs&__tn__=*NK-y-R) in the memo (checks must be received no later than Monday, September 7, 2020).

• Donations will be considered up until the end of general session on Saturday for the drawing. The winner of the drawing will be announced September 12, 2020 during the banquet.

2020TGR Step Challenge

This is another way to fundraise during convention while promoting health and wellness during the three-day virtual convention. **#2020tgrstep** This fundraiser is a little fun competition to see who can get the most steps in during a virtual convention and raise some money for the affiliate. It is simple to sign up at <https://az.nfb.org/2020tgrstep/> . You can enter as a step competitor or have a sponsor donate towards your steps. The goal is for someone to donate $1.00 for every 1000 steps you take during the three days of the virtual convention. In order to participate as a step competitor, we ask that you predict how many steps you think you will take or challenge yourself to take during the convention. You can have sponsors donate $1.00 for every 1000 steps you plan on taking or you can donate towards your own steps. For more information, please contact Kim Parks at Cell phone: (602) 432-9055 Email: [kamull13.kp@gmail.com](mailto:kamull13.kp@gmail.com).

## NFB National Representative: Terry Rupp

Terri Rupp was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and came to the United States with her parents, who were fleeing the communist Pol Pot regime in Cambodia, when she was not yet two years old. The family eventually settled in Fairfield, California, where Terri’s parents established a successful donut shop. By the time she began studying sociology at Sacramento State University, Terri found it virtually impossible to rely on reading large print and the other “tricks” she had been using to cope with her progressive vision loss due to optic nerve atrophy, which had been diagnosed when she was around five. Struggling with her studies and seeking employment, she took a job with the Society for the Blind in Sacramento, where she first encountered positive blind role models. She also attended her first NFB chapter meeting and state convention. Meeting Rosy Carranza and Joanne Wilson at the convention solidified Terri’s decision to attend the blindness skills training program at the Louisiana Center for the Blind.

I truly live the philosophy every single day that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you. It is my life goal to be a positive role model, kicking obstacles out of the way so that those who come behind me have a smoother road to run on.

Within a couple of years of beginning training at LCB in 2006, Terri attended her first Washington Seminar and a national leadership seminar; won an NFB national scholarship; married her college boyfriend Aaron and moved to Las Vegas, where he worked as a paramedic; interned at the NFB Jernigan Institute; and was elected first vice-president of the National Association of Blind Students. In 2008 she was elected to the presidency of both NABS and the NFB of Nevada. “Unfortunately, I ended up doing too much too soon and was very overwhelmed with both leadership roles, finishing up my degree, and becoming a new mom in 2009,” Terri says. So, between 2009 and 2014, she stepped away from the Federation to focus on her family. During that time, she also organized local neighborhood mommy groups and brought together hundreds of moms and children.

Then her daughter Marley was diagnosed with Terri’s same eye condition, and Terri knew just what to do: she once again reached out to her extended family in the National Federation of the Blind. “Changing what it means to be blind had a deeper meaning for me now that I was not just a blind mom, but a mom to a blind child,” she observes.

Since becoming active in the NFB again, Terri has easily stepped into leadership roles. She served on the national board of the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children from 2015 to 2016. She was then elected to serve as president of the National Federation of the Blind of Nevada, for the second time, in 2016. Finally, at the national convention in 2019, she was elected to serve on the NFB board of directors, which was especially meaningful given that the convention was in her hometown of Las Vegas.

“In addition to all of the things I do with the National Federation of the Blind, I’m grateful to be able to be a stay at home mom to my two children, Jackson and Marley, ages eight and ten, and happily married to my supportive husband of twelve years,” Terri says of her life now. “Our family loves adventuring together, especially on our multi-state, multi-week summer road trips. I am a marathon runner and have run the Las Vegas Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon and the St. George Marathon. It is my goal to run one marathon a year as long as I am healthy enough to do so. In 2019, I joined the teaching staff at Blind Connect Angela’s House, a recipient of a 2019 Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award. I teach Braille and one-touch self-defense to newly blind adults there twice a week. On top of everything else that I do, I enjoy writing and have been the author of the blog Blind Mom in the Burbs since 2012. I openly share about my trials, travels, tears, and triumphs as a stay at home mom in the suburbs of Sin City. Blind Mom in the Burbs has gotten national recognition. I was profiled in Good Housekeeping in October of 2018 and invited to speak at the Kellogg’s headquarters in February 2019. I’ve even been published in a social media piece for my favorite running shoe. I truly live the philosophy every single day that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you. It is my life goal to be a positive role model, kicking obstacles out of the way so that those who come behind me have a smoother road to run on.

## Registration: is virtual and can be done on-line at [www.az.nfb.org](http://www.az.nfb.org).

If you have any problems registering, please contact your chapter president or the state president in advance to make special arrangements.

You must be registered for the convention and present to have your name drawn for door prizes! When you register on-line, you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive the confirmation, please contact your chapter president or the state president.

## Registration closes August 31, 2020

## Exhibit Hall and Mini Independence Market:

The Exhibit Hall and Mini Independence Market will be virtual. The Exhibit Hall will be open Friday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. It will be closed during lunch. Don’t miss your chance to interact with more than 20 companies and organizations. A complete list of sponsors and exhibitors can be found at the end of the agenda.

**Interpreting Services**

If you require accommodations for this year’s virtual convention, please email Roxanne Torres at rtorres@saavi.us by August 31, 2020. All Interpreting Services will be through this link throughout the entire convention: [Meeting ID: 993 7749 3490](https://zoom.us/j/99377493490)

## Hospitality Suite

## [Meeting ID: 942 8815 8195](https://zoom.us/j/94288158195)

You can access the hospitality suite by clicking on the following link.

It will be open for an opportunity to mix and mingle each morning from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM. It will also be open Friday Afternoon 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, and Saturday 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

## **Thursday, September 10, 2020**

Authenticity, Our Destiny: Together we are Home.

[**Meeting ID: 930 4209 2360**](https://zoom.us/j/93042092360)

**7:00 PM: Philosophy Session**

Tarik Williams, *Membership Recruitment and Engagement Committee Chair*

*During our philosophy session we will be bringing our theme to life. The goal of the session will be to encourage conversation and interactivity. So make sure you come with your authentic unique self to connect with your fellow members. The first part of the session we will have a discussion about language that empowers the blind versus language that patronizes the blind to understand systemic discrimination of the blind. The second part of our philosophy session will be an opportunity to highlight our unique authentic selves as well as how our differences help strengthen our community. We encourage everyone to come join in this interactive session that encourages us towards our destiny and sets the tone for our state convention*

**2020 Youth Track Agenda**

**Thursday September 10**

**Authenticity, our destiny: Together We Are Home** 7:00 PM \*ages 12+

Join us for a fun night of conversation, learning, and creating your own destiny!

**Friday September 11**

**National Association of Blind Students of Arizona Student Seminar** \*ages 14+ or High School

Join fellow students to learn about advocacy, network, and play some fun games.

**Trivia Night!**

Test your knowledge in a fun filled night of trivia for the whole family! There will be awesome prizes awarded to the winners, so you don’t want to miss out.

\*all ages 4+

## **Friday, September 11, 2020**

Words Matter

We have provided each seminar with a list of words. As president Riccobono said in his banquet speech this year, words are important. How we use those words are important. Please make sure you visit each seminar to collect the words. Once you have your words, put them together to form your own “authentic” statement about blindness.

### **Friday, September 11, 2020**

## **Breakout Sessions:**

### **8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Exhibit Hall – Virtual**

### **9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Find the Job You Want Seminar**

[Meeting ID: 942 4824 0659](https://zoom.us/j/94248240659?pwd=SWZTM1B3TnJtRWsrSmloSkFhbTdCUT09)

Jordan Moon – *NFBA Board Member, Chair*

Reggie Lasiter – Business Development Manager, Saavi Services for the Blind.

Do not let the pandemic stop you from working. Come learn how you can find the job you want. You will get inspired by hearing a motivational speech from a self-employed blind worker, learn what the job prospects look like from a panel of professionals and  hear from blind employees about their journey on landing the job they want. After the seminar, come put your interview skills to the test at our virtual interview room. Come ready because there will be job opportunities! Please email [rlaister@saavi.us](mailto:rlaister@saavi.us) for more information.

### **10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Access Technology Seminar** [Meeting ID: 950 0666 7055](https://asu.zoom.us/j/95006667055?pwd=THpPZ21tWC9ZZHZNbm1rMlBhOWNvZz09) Password: 781411

Brian Duarte, *Technology Committee Chair*

As we all learn to navigate this new way of virtual interactions, the time is now for us to learn what tools are available to allow us to continue to develop our personal and professional relationships. The seminar will address the following topics:

* Tools and technologies that are available and accessible
* How to dress for virtual meetings
* How to create a virtual friendly environment
* Tips and tricks for virtual efficiency

In addition, we will have some awesome guest speakers, panels, and time to ask questions and interact. We look forward to having you participate in this years technology seminar

### **10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Mock Interviews**

[Meeting ID: 942 4824 0659](https://zoom.us/j/94248240659?pwd=SWZTM1B3TnJtRWsrSmloSkFhbTdCUT09) (Same link as Jobs Seminar)

Jordan Moon – *NFBA Board Member, Chair*

Reggie Lasiter – Business Development Manager, Saavi Services for the Blind.

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Dance Lessons**

[Meeting ID: 994 2262 9605](https://zoom.us/j/99422629605?pwd=UkNJdTF6b3FXdWJXeG5nMU5HQXp1Zz09)

Katelyn McIntyre, President, NFB Performing Arts Division

Salsa Dancing Workshop

Take the first step and conquer the dancefloor! Learn a few basics of the popular, lively, Latin-inspired dance salsa, taught completely verbally. No partner or prior dance experience needed – all are welcome!

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Health and Fitness Seminar**

[Meeting ID: 943 2762 2216](https://zoom.us/j/94327622216?pwd=Z3UxRXZEaVFDUHU3MTdHSVNETWozZz09)

Tarik Williams

What is Health? seminar

Now more than ever our mental and physical health is critical to our happiness and well-being. In this seminar, we will be breaking down the importance of mental and physical health as well as giving some tips and tricks to help you grow in these areas. We will have guests speakers, discuss with us how they have worked on making their overall health a priority. They will highlight how they were able to problem solve ways to make fitness accessible for themselves and how you can do it to

### 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Seniors division Seminar

[Meeting ID: 957 9777 1502](https://zoom.us/j/95797771502)

Connie Leblond – Senior Division President

* A roundtable discussion on what goals to have after retirement
* The history of the blind
* Crafters corner with ideas on crafting

## **Noon** – **1:00 PM: Lunch**

[Meeting ID: 933 6660 5254](https://zoom.us/j/93366605254)

Speakers:

National Representative

NABS Representative

### **1:00 PM-2:30 PM: Students Seminar**

[Meeting ID: 965 1369 6166](https://zoom.us/j/96513696166?pwd=ZkxFWWVMcUJoUks1MlhHNUdPQ01Idz09)

Jessica Rojas, *President Arizona Association of Blind Students*

### Are you a blind student who has questions about training, how to get involved with the federation and scholarships? If so, please join us to learn a little bit about these topics and more!

### **1:00 PM-2:30 PM: Merchants Seminar**

[Meeting ID: 945 8970 5252](https://zoom.us/j/94589705252?pwd=TkVpaFM2SGh6VHY4RWpVYVB5YnYrUT09)

Debra Smith, President Arizona association of Blind Merchants

Authenticity, Destiny: together we are home.

Nicky Gacos, President National Association of Blind Merchants –

* A National update and perspective

Michael Dalto, NABM Consultant, Baltimore, MD

* Eligibility, Work incentives, reporting income:
* Strategies dealing with Social Security, Administration

### **1:30 PM-2:30 PM: Blindness Professionals Seminar**

[Meeting ID: 968 6290 7084](https://zoom.us/j/96862907084)

Amy Porterfield, *President, National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals*

All professionals working in the field of blindness are welcome to share ideas and reenergize.

1. Round table introductions
2. The Art of negotiation: In advocacy, we learn to negotiate every day.
3. Legislation and policy, Let’s break it down to a practical level.
4. The pengelum swing from structured to discovery. Finding the right balance for each consumer.
5. Community and industry updates.

### **3:30 PM** – **5:00 PM: Legislative Seminar –**

[Meeting ID: 995 3413 2426](https://zoom.us/j/99534132426)

Sami Hamed – NFBA Legislative Committee Chair

Jordan Moon, *NFBA – Legislative Committee Vice Chair*

Democracy Live – accessible voting and how their system works.

Senator Tyler Pace, sponsor of our 2020 Braille Bill. Senator Pace will discuss his efforts and discuss what he will do next session to introduce and pass this legislation.

Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction – Kathy Hoffman. She will talk about the work she is doing for the education of blind Arizona students and the integration of Braille.

### **5:00 PM** – **6:30 PM: Hospitality Suite**

[Meeting ID: 942 8815 8195](https://zoom.us/j/94288158195)

### **6:30 PM – 8:00 PM: Resolutions Committee**

[Meeting ID: 973 9884 5969](https://zoom.us/j/97398845969)

Sami Hamed - Chair

### **8:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Hospitality Night – Trivial Pursuit**

[Meeting ID: 985 6560 7676](https://zoom.us/j/98565607676)

Hosted by Abdallah Schoolie

### **9:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Nominating Committee –**

Bob Kresmer, Chair

This is the only meeting during the convention that is not open to the public

## **Saturday, September 12, 2020**

**9:00 AM** – **5:00 PM: Children and Youth Track (preschool – high school)** [Meeting ID: 991 7629 1013](https://zoom.us/j/99176291013?pwd=QUE4bjdrUXdVVVdacWtUTUx1Z2dKdz09) (link for of Youth Track)

**Saturday September 12**

\*all ages 4+ welcome to all activities

**Opening Ceremony 9:00 AM**

Welcome to the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona 2020 Convention. Join in on the big kick off to a great day of celebrating, learning, and sharing with our Federation family.

**Mobility Adventures**! 10:00AM-12:00PM

Practice some cane skills while playing some cool games. Then, test out your navigation skills in this virtual choose your own adventure activity. Remember, only you can choose your own destiny.

Lunch Break 12:00 PM

**Let’s Socialize** 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Get ready to meet new friends, play games, have some great conversations, and just hang out!

**Resolutions** Explained 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Need some help understanding just what all those resolutions were about? Or, just want to participate in some great discussions about why advocacy is so important? Then this session is just for you!

**Virtual Escape Room** 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Use your problem solving skills and find your way out of this virtual adventure! Stay tuned to join in some fun Amazon Alexa games with friends.

## **General Session –**

[Meeting ID: 950 5876 5021](https://zoom.us/j/95058765021) (link for all general sessions)

### 9:00 AM: Opening with President Donald Porterfield

### 9:05 AM: Invocation

### 9:10 AM: Opening Ceremony

### 9:20 AM: Convention Planning Committee Welcome

* Committee Chair – Jordan Moon

### 9:30 AM: Membership Committee Celebration

Tarik Williams

### 9:40 AM: Sponsor Presentations

### 10:00 AM: Rehabilitation Services Administration, Services for the Blind, Visually Impaired and Deaf

### Questions and Answers with Brian Dulude

### 10:30 AM: The Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind: Partnering with the NFBA Annette Reichman, Superintendent

### 11:00 AM: Resolutions

Sami Hamed - Chair

### 11:45 AM – 12:00 PM: Special Presentation

Noon – 1:30 PM: Division Meetings

* Senior Division Meeting - [Meeting ID: 935 1411 8056](https://zoom.us/j/93514118056)
* Arizona Parents of Blind Children –[Meeting ID: 924 9942 5433](https://asu.zoom.us/j/92499425433?pwd=NFduUHROZUgzNGo4M2dFN2FySVZHQT09) Passcode: 533391
* Arizona Association of Blind Students – [Meeting ID: 945 5892 2651](https://zoom.us/j/94558922651?pwd=eGlIZ2xhaG5CZ3dlQ1hSek9qN2V2dz09)
* At-Large Chapter - [Meeting ID: 931 3903 7885](https://zoom.us/j/93139037885)
* Diabetes Action Network, – [Meeting ID: 983 5521 8097](https://zoom.us/j/98355218097)
* Arizona Association of Blind Merchants - [Meeting ID: 936 3213 5052](https://zoom.us/j/93632135052?pwd=OVVFaTlDb2tJVFdtM25saVZ5UjlxQT09)
* Hospitality Suite - [Meeting ID: 942 8815 8195](https://zoom.us/j/94288158195)

## Afternoon General Session:

[Meeting ID: 950 5876 5021](https://zoom.us/j/95058765021) (same link all day)

### 1:30 PM: President’s Report

Donald Porterfield, *President, NFBA*

### 2:00 PM: National Rep Report

Terri Rupp, *NFB of NV*

### 2:25 PM: Blind Inc. --

Rachael Koonce, Residential Instructor

### 2:40 PM: Colorado Center for the Blind

Julie Deden, *Executive Director*

### 2:55 PM: SAAVI - Services for the Blind

Amy Porterfield, *Chief Operations Officer*

### 3:10 PM: NFB BELL Academy Amy Porterfield, *Arizona BELL Academy Coordinator and Board Member, NFBA*

### 3:25 PM: Nominating Committee Report and Elections

Bob Kresmer, *Chair*

### 4:15 PM: Tresurer’s Report

### 5:00 PM: Adjourn

### 6:30: Banquet

[Meeting ID: 950 5876 5021](https://zoom.us/j/95058765021) (same link from general session)

* Keynote Speaker
* Scholarships
* Auction

## **Additional Information:**

Sponsors and Exhibitors:

Thank you to the following sponsors for supporting the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona and its continued efforts to work towards equality, opportunity, and security for the blind.

Platinum Sponsors

Company name: Candoable

**Representative:** Lisa Dalton

**Email**: [hello@candoable.com](mailto:hello@candoable.com)

**Exhibit Hall Time:** Afternoon 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Description:** CanDo reusable braille labels snap quickly onto the outside of a can, bottle, or jar and can go anywhere you do. Easy to read Grade 1 or 2 braille is built into the front face, and engraved text inside for sighted folks. Labels use no adhesives and are hand washable for reusing. Even better, the Braille dots cannot be smooshed while they’re in use inside your fridge, freezer, ice-chest or pantry. CanDo labels let you easily locate and trust the contents of the items you purchase. No more mystery cans.

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Company Name: Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**Representative Name:** Shauna Jatho

**Email Address:** [shauna.jatho@vandapharma.com](mailto:shauna.jatho@vandapharma.com)

**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM & Afternoon 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

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Gold Sponsors

Company Name: Democracy Live, Inc.

**Representative Name**: Charlie Kinnune

**Email Address:** [charlie@democracylive.com](mailto:charlie@democracylive.com)

**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** With over 600 federal, state and local clients, Democracy Live is the largest provider of accessible online and tablet-based voting in the United States. Our OmniBallot cloud and tablet balloting tools have been deployed in over 1,000 U.S. elections and used by voters in over 90 countries on every continent. Democracy Live has received funding by the U.S. Department of Defense and the US Department of Health and Human Services to assist voters around the world access their ADA-compliant at-home voting technology. In 2019, Democracy Live was awarded the Accessibility in Voting Award presented at the United Nations. In January 2020, Democracy Live launched a successful mobile voting pilot in King County, WA to offer voters with disabilities the ability to vote safely, securely and privately from their mobile and smart devices.

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/98382266945?pwd=dGVYQmJkaDBRSGpOdlVKc05Dd3Fadz09>

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 983 8226 6945

**Zoom Meeting Password (if any):** 769648

Company Name: Saavi Services for the Blind

**Representative Name:** Amy Porterfield

**Email Address:** [aporterfield@saavi.us](mailto:aporterfield@saavi.us)

**Exhibit Hall Time:** Afternoon 1:30 PM- 5:00 PM

**Description:** Saavi Services for the Blind is proud to partner with the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona. Providing Structured Discovery blindness training throughout the state of Arizona, we believe that every person we serve would live their best lives by joining their local NFB chapters to change what it means to be blind together. Through hosting the NFB BELL Academy, to standing alongside the NFBA in all advocacy efforts, to taking full advantage of all professional development opportunities for our instructors, we believe it is only through the shared authentic lived experiences of blind people that makes the difference in providing quality training. We at SAAVI Services for the blind truly know that it is not what you can see that matters. It is what you can do.

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/93514118056>

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 935 1411 8056

**Zoom Meeting Password (if any):**

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Company Name: Arizona Industries for the Blind

**Representative:** David B Steinmetz

**Email Address:** [dsteinmetz@azifb.com](mailto:dsteinmetz@azifb.com)

**Exhibit Hall Time**: Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** Arizona Industries for the Blind (AIB) is a role model for the community in improving economic independence for people who are blind through innovative partnerships. For more than 20 years, AIB has continuously increased employment opportunities in technology driven businesses such as; Warehousing & Distribution, Base Supply Centers, and Document Imaging. AIB is known for its casual, team-oriented work environment. We provide opportunities for career growth and advancement to employees at all levels. In addition, we offer excellent benefits and competitive wages.

**Zoom Link** <https://zoom.us/j/97388971566>

**Zoom Meeting ID**: 973 8897 1566

Company Name: Gabias Wellness Center

**Representative Name**: Joanne Gabias

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**Exhibit Hall Time**: Afternoon 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Description:** The Gabias Wellness Center is associated with the Nikken Corporation, a Japanese Wellness Company, that makes wellness products available to the public and a network marketing business opportunity, also available to the public. Nikken sells products in the following Wellness categories: Rest & Relaxation, Environment, and Nutrition & Personal Care. In the Rest & Relaxation category, there are sleep products, insoles, jewelry, massage products, wraps and support products, sport socks, soothing cream, and pet pad. In the Environment category, there are products which apply technologies to improve water and air quality. In the Nutrition category, there are organic products to support peoples nutrition. In the Personal Care category there are skin and hair products. Under the While Supplies Last category, you’ll find: Washable Face Masks, (Black Or White), Hand Sanitizer, and Surface Cleaner.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5368637747>

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Company Name: HumanWare

**Representative Name**: Kevin Hughes

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM \*Please look in Zoom links for 4 unique presentations throughout the Exhibit hall time\*

**Description:** HumanWare is a global provider of Braille, low vision and GPS/Talking book technology. Our mission is to provide product solutions that empower people who are blind or with low vision by giving them the independence to participate effectively within a sighted world. For over 30 years HumanWare has been a leader in the development of innovative technologies that facilitate the education and employment of blind and low vision people.

**Zoom Link:**  
8:00 AM to 8:45 AM: Exhibit Virtual Room Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99869939328>

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM: BrailleNote Touch Plus Demonstration Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96852524382>

10:00 AM to 10:45 AM: Exhibit Virtual Room Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99176864560>

11:00 AM to 12:00 AM: Reveal 16i Demonstration Session Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92737828077>

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9:00 AM to 10:00 AM: BrailleNote Touch Plus Demonstration Zoom ID: 968 5252 4382

10:00 AM to 10:45 AM: Exhibit Virtual Room ID: 991 7686 4560

11:00 AM to 12:00 AM: Reveal 16i Demonstration Session Zoom ID: 927 3782 8077

Company Name: VRATE: Vision Rehabilitation Assistive Technology Expo

**Representative:** Tom Simmons

**Email Address:** lhdwt@cox.net

**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**Description:** VRATE is the southwest’s largest and longest running vision loss/blindness resource event! Each year, VRATE brings together more than 1,000 individuals who are experiencing vision loss, their friends and family from across the State of Arizona for a day full of networking, learning and the opportunity to experience the life-changing assistive technologies available today. VRATE 2020 will be virtual. Register online at www.vrate.org or [www.vrateaz.com](http://www.vrateaz.com)

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Other Exhibitors

Morning Session

Company Name: Aira Tech Corp

**Representative Name**: Ryan Bishop

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** When you need to do something where some extra information can help you save time and be more efficient, just open the Aira app and give us a call. You'll connect with real, highly-trained people who can see your surroundings through your phone's camera. 1Download the app It's free to download and available in the Apple App and Google Play stores. 2Create an account All we need is your mobile number to get started. No credit cards, no commitments, no problems. 3Connect with a real person and get stuff done A live, trained agent is just one tap away, ready and waiting to help you save time and do more.

**Zoom Link:** <https://aira.zoom.us/j/93585374880>

**Zoom Meeting ID**: 935 8537 4880

Company Name: Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

**Representative Name:** Julie Stylinski

**Email Address:** j.stylinski@acdhh.az.gov

**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** ACDHH provides self-determined DeafBlind and Combined Vision and Hearing Loss (CVHL) consumers with supports to empower, promote independence, and access to community while working with other agencies and organizations to increase and expand opportunities to improve the quality of life for people with combined vision and hearing loss.

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**Zoom Meeting ID**: 927 8179 6085

**Zoom Meeting Password (if any):** 307493

Company Name: Google

**Representative Name:** Brandon Miller

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** Our Accessibility Trusted Tester program is one way that we gather feedback about Google products. Testers try new Google products before the general public, then provide feedback directly to Google engineering teams. <https://www.google.com/accessibility/initiatives-research/#:~:text=Our%20Accessibility%20Trusted%20Tester%20program,directly%20to%20Google%20engineering%20teams>.

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/4821009922?pwd=Q1gvWkZuVnhYekVxSmxDdUpwWktaQT09>

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Company Name: Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment

**Representative Name:** Lindsey Powers

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** The GCBVI's mission is to provide leadership, advocacy, and guidance that promotes opportunities for Arizonans of all ages who are blind or visually impaired that result in increased dignity, respect and independence.

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Company Name: Guide Dogs for the Blind

**Representative Name:** Jake Koch

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**Exhibit Hall Time**: Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** With exceptional client services and a robust network of trainers, puppy raisers, donors, and volunteers, Guide Dogs for the Blind matches highly qualified guide dogs with individuals who are blind or who have low vision. For More Information: Phone 1 (800) 295 4050 Website: <http://www.guidedogs.com>.

**Zoom Link**: <https://gdb-official.zoom.us/j/93201686968?pwd=dFNaWklEMmJEdzZ5Ni80c2pBMGdlZz09>

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Company Name: Independence Science

**Representative Name**: Ashley Neybert

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** Our mission is to encourage and assist blind scientists in any field of science. We promote the development of accessible science dataloggers and teaching methodologies that empower a blind student to become an integral part of a laboratory team. These science data loggers record sensor information in an accessible format with the creation of graphs, statistics, and data tables to enhance the laboratory experience and provide more non-visual data access than ever before. In addition we have fun tactile Braille and large print science shirts, key chains/cane decor, and tactile caffeine desk lights that are handcrafted laser-etched tactile and legible braille labeled molecule of caffeine on a 5 inch by 6 inch sheet of acrylic that comes with a LED light base, color changing remote, and may be run either by 3 double A batteries or by attaching the included USB cable to any USB power brick or even your computer. This stunning piece is perfect for a decorative showpiece to display your love of accessible science, to see to show students in your classroom, or even as a nightlight.

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/93226095212>

**Zoom Meeting ID**: 932 2609 5212

Company Name: WayAround

**Representative Name**: Jessica Hipp

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Morning 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Description:** WayAround is the app for your smart device that provides on-demand details about everyday things. The simple tag-and-scan approach lets you quickly and easily identify things around you. The mobile app is free for end users, and anyone can purchase our smart WayTag NFC tags. The tags come as stickers, magnets, buttons, and clips, and they can be attached to just about any item. Once the WayTag is attached to an item, you use the smartphone app to add information to the tag. You can read, write, and edit information with a tap of the smartphone.

**Zoom Link:**  
<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85446840815?pwdUTFtUW1YUkpheENzWVJ2a3lYQmJEUT09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1598467593336000&usg=AOvVaw1c2KCTEBNKt8iw_f7inaUP>

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Afternoon Session

Company Name: ACCESS interior design LLC

Representative Name: Kimberly Parks

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**Exhibit Hall Time**: Afternoon 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Description:** ACCESS interior design LLC is a residential interior design company geared towards the blind and disabled with a strong emphasis on universal design principles to achieve inclusive, barrier-free, and comfort of ease within a living environment. A variety of accessible design service packages are offered including a design consultation, strictly e-design, accessorize design, simple-fix design, or knock-down design. Kimberly has 10 years of combined residential and commercial design experience. Ms. Parks is currently seeking input from her Federation family on their residential needs and changes they would appreciate for home renovations, contractor communication, lighting, and tactile indicators. Stop by and ask her questions about current design trends and how they might apply to your home needs.

**Zoom Link**   
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3848271305?pwd=d1lRYXg3cXZnamRXNC9Dd2VTMzd5QT09> Kim Parks is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Kim Parks' Personal Meeting Room

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Company Name: All Things Blind Tech

**Representative Name: Seth Leblond**

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Afternoon 1:30 PM- 5:00 PM

**Description:** Come learn about all the different technology applications available for the blind. Get basic answers about the differences between apps, phones, braille displays, text to speech software, and other assistive technologies. This exhibit room will be manned by technology instructors across Arizona ready and able to answer your personal tech questions.

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/99986608738?pwd=dThkeDJkejV2bk02K1ZxRWdGVGhNdz09>

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Company Name: Arizona RSA

**Representative Name:** Brian Dulude

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**Exhibit Hall Time**: Afternoon 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Description:** The Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration administers the BEP Program, the Older Blind Program and Vocational Rehabilitation for the state of Arizona.

**Zoom Link:** <https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1608477318>

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Company Name: Arizona Talking Book Library

**Representative Name:** Christine Tuttle

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**Exhibit Hall Time:** Afternoon 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Description:** The Arizona Talking Book Library provides free audiobook and downloadable reading materials in audio or braille formats for the visually impaired or physically limited. This statewide program is available for children, youths, and adults. All business is conducted by phone, email, and USPS. An application for service may be requested by phone at 602/800-255-5578 or download from the website, [www.azlibrary.gov/talkingbooks](http://www.azlibrary.gov/talkingbooks)

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