# Sample Letters for Soliciting Donations

Every year the National Federation of the Blind of Florida hosts the largest convention of the blind in the State of Florida. This year, more than three hundred delegates from around the state will gather at the Embassy Suites USF in Tampa, over the Columbus Day weekend (October 6 - 9, 2023) to celebrate their successes, learn of current advances, and plan future projects. In addition to blind consumers, participants include local, state and federal legislators, agency directors, and those interested in proactive advancement of blindness-related issues. This convention is the collective voice of Florida's blind consumers!

On Saturday evening, after a day of small group seminars, conventioneers will come together at a gathering-in reception. This provides an opportunity for participants to re-connect with colleagues from around the state, meet new friends, and network with state and national leaders of the organized blind. Our annual convention offers many interesting workshops and speakers, in addition to a hospitality suite for convention attendees to relax between meetings, gather to speak with one another or grab a bite to eat. The evening will contain a lively auction of items donated by supporters from around the state. The National Federation of the Blind of Florida invites the public to the reception and auction.

The key to a successful auction is the quality of saleable merchandise available for bidding. We would like to invite you to support the effort of the National Federation of the Blind by providing an item (products from your company, gift cards or certificates) for the auction. We also welcome donations to fill out our hospitality suite, such as a gift card to purchase food or paper products to serve food or, a food item that is wrapped and self-contained (for food safety concerns). All support of the National Federation of the Blind is tax-deductible as a contribution to a not-for-profit organization. We will provide a receipt for your records.

The National Federation of the Blind is the oldest and largest organization of the blind in the United States. The Federation provides scholarships to blind students, support for those who are blind or losing their eyesight, advocacy for the blind and educational programs for the general public on topics of blindness. The National Federation of the Blind is not an organization that speaks on behalf of the blind, we are the blind speaking for ourselves.

I wish to thank you in advance for your consideration and support of theNational Federation of the Blind of Florida. If you have any questions, my contact information is below. You may also visit our web sites at www.nfb.org and www.nfbflorida.org.

Sincerely yours,