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**Eye Opening Symposium:**

**Low Vision to No Vision**

**9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

**Tates Creek Ballroom**

**1400 Gainesway Drive**

**Lexington**

**Did you know?**

3.4 million Americans have low vision or no vision (CDC)

130,800 Kentuckians have a visual disability (National Federation of the Blind)

Radio Eye

1733 Russell Cave Road

Lexington, KY 40505

***"Your Eye on the Written World"***

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This symposium is **FREE** thanks to the generosity of our sponsor

Registration

Name:

**The Presenters** Some of the top

experts in the field of low vision and no vision.

**Professional Development** Continuing

**The**

**Resources**: Learn where to send clients, consumers, students, families and patients for community resources.

**The Networking** Share the day

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The facility is fully accessible. If you require an accommodation please make this request prior to the registration deadline of September 24.

education opportunities.

**The**

**Education** Learn the latest innovations and advances in low vision and no vision.

with like-minded

professionals.

 Check here to request a vegetarian lunch

Certification Designation:  CRC  ACVREP  LSW

 CSW  LSCW  CTRS  Other

**3.5 Social Work, CRC and ACVREP CEU’s are approved**

**Who should attend? (professional CEU’s pending)**

 Social workers

 Rehabilitation counselors

 Physicians

 Low vision specialists

 Educators

 Vision rehabilitation & education specialist

 Persons who have low vision to no vision

 Families and friends of persons with low vision to no vision

**Registration Deadline: September 24, 2014**

**Send registration form to**

**Fayette County Extension Office**

**1140 Red Mile Place**

**Lexington, KY 40504**

**859.257.5582**

**Inspirational Speakers**

A diagnosis that leads to low vision or no vision does not have to put an end to a person’s dreams and desires.

**Marlana VanHoose**, singer. Marlana is a senior in high school who began singing and playing the piano when she was 2. Born with Cytomegalovirus, it is believed

that this virus caused total blindness. She also has mild cerebral palsy and stopped growing at the age of 9. Marlana does not see herself as having a disability.

**Matthew Bradford, Corporal, United States Marine Corps,** medically retired. Matthew is a full-time student, husband and father. He was severely injured while deployed to Iraq on January 18, 2007. Matthew reenlisted and was the first blind double amputee to reenlist in the history of the US Marines.

**Ty Thompson**, golfer. Ty lost his vision in 2004. He calls himself a "relative newcomer" to the sport. Ty is one of the top-ranked blind golfers in the country and is a board member of the U.S. Blind Golf Association whose motto is "You don't have to see it to tee it."

This event is presented by the following agencies: Bluegrass Council of the Blind, Independence Place Inc., Fayette County Extension Office, National Federation of the Blind, University of Kentucky-Visual Impairment Program, Radio Eye, VA Medical Center, Visually Impaired Preschool Services, and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Office of Aging Services and Disability Support and Parks and Recreation.

**SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**9:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits**

**10 a.m. Low Vision Optometry**

*VA Medical Center Optometrists*

**Restoring Vision: The future of retinal treatments**

*Dr. John W. Kitchens, Retina Associates of KY*

**11 a.m. Functional Interventions**

*Michelle Gadberry, Director of Special Ed*

*Donna Lee, University of Kentucky*

*Todd Stephens, Independence Place Inc. Janell Turner, Office for the Blind*

**Noon Lunch and Exhibits**

**12:30 p.m. Community Resources**

*Radio Eye, Bluegrass Council of the Blind VA Medical Center, Independence Place, Office for the Blind, Visually Impaired*

*Pre-school Services*

**1:15 pm. Quality of Life Opportunities**

*Marlana VanHoose-Singer Matthew Bradford-Student Ty Thompson-Golfer*

**2 p.m. Exhibits and Adjournment**

**Presenters**

***10 a.m. to 11 a.m.***

**Justin Macklin, MD: VA Optometry:** Learn about the benefits of low-vision optometry and how a low-vision clinic operates. Participants will understand the role and responsibility of the low-vision optometrist, the components and purpose of special testing and the depth and importance of patient and family education.

**John W. Kitchens, MD; Retina Associates of Kentucky:** Learn about the basics of Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD), Diabetic Retinopathy and other inherited diseases of the eye. Participants will understand the basic blinding eye diseases, treatments that are currently used and upcoming future treatments.

***11 a.m. to noon***

**Michelle Gadberry, Psy.S, Director of Special Education, Jessamine County Schools**: Learn how the public schools can assist children in reaching their educational potential.

**Donna Lee, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of KY:** Learn about Orientation and Mobility (O&M) and how these services are provided to children and adults who experience vision loss.

**Todd Stephens, Technology Specialist, Independence Place:** Learn how to maximize independence through assistive technology.

**Janell Turner, Rehabilitation Counselor, Office for the Blind:** Learn about the services available through the State Office for the Blind.

**Presenters**

***12:30 to 1:15 p.m.***

**Amy Hatter, Executive Director, Radio Eye:** Learn the history of Radio Eye, a radio reading service for the visually-impaired, how it works and how to apply for

this service.

**Theresa Thomas, Executive Director, Bluegrass**

**Council of the Blind**: Learn about Bluegrass Council

of the Blind membership, its various programs and how they assist persons with visual impairments.

**Gregory Manuel, CRC, Visual Impairment Service Team Coordinator, VA Medical Center:** Learn about Blind Rehabilitation Services programs available for veterans.

**Pamela Roark-Glisson, Executive Director, Independence Place Inc.:** Learn about independent living and the services that the center provides to people of all ages with disabilities. In addition, receive information about the tools that are used by a professional who is blind to achieve independence in all areas of life.

**Kathy Mullen, Director of Education, Visually**

**Impaired Preschool Services:** Learn the importance

of early intervention for children birth to 5 with low to no vision. Identify red flags for possible vision loss and the impact vision loss has for a child's development.