The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise expectations for blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want. Blindness is not what holds you back.

Additional Resources From Our National Office

Independence Market Free White Cane Program NFB-NEWSLINE® KNFB Reader Vehicle Donation Program

To read more about the National Federation of the Blind and to access our national newsletter, the Braille Monitor, visit www.nfb.org. Please consider donating to the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio. Your support will make an impact on blind people today and those who will become blind tomorrow. We are a 501c(3) organization, and your contribution will be tax-deductible.

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Live the life you want.

Are you losing your sight? Do you have a friend or loved one fighting blindness? If so, the information in this brochure may change your life.

About the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio is a 511(c)3 non-profit organization and a founding affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. We are proud to be an integral part of the oldest and largest blindness organization in the United States. We are the only organization that believes in the full capacity of blind people and has the power to transform our dreams into reality.

To read more about the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio and to access our state newsletter, the Buckeye Bulletin, visit www.nfbohio.org.

Divisions of the NFB of Ohio

Ohio Association to Promote the Use of Braille (OAPUB): exists to promote braille literacy, which is just as important for the blind as print literacy is for the sighted. We are committed to providing resources for braille instruction and braille technology and will advocate for those who are in need. Ohio Association of Guide Dog Users (OAGDU): provides information and encouragement to those interested in using a guide dog, including training programs, care of a guide dog, equipment, puppy-raising, public access, and housing issues. We also conduct fundraising projects and advocacy work for legislation as it affects guide dog users and other service animals.

Ohio Association of Blind Students (OABS): supports blind and visually impaired students in terms of education, technology, advocacy, independent living, internships, and more. We are a diverse group of students who work towards changing what it means to be blind. The NFBO awards scholarships to up to three blind students pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies. We consider academic excellence, community service, as well as financial need.

Diabetes Action Network (DAN): educates, empowers, and inspires people living with diabetes and its complications. We share the Federation's "can-do" philosophy through our various publications, volunteer peer support, and advocacy for accessible diabetes technology. Ohio Organization of the Senior Blind: reaches out to seniors losing vision and their families, sharing resources, techniques, and hope. We hold monthly conference calls to discuss relevant topics of support.

Ohio Association of Blind Merchants: provides advice and encouragement to those interested in entering the Business Enterprise Program, the most lucrative employment program for blind people in the country today.

Ohio Organization of Parents of Blind Children: gives many parents the courage to hold the same hopes and expectations for their blind children as they have for their sighted ones. Blind youth are given the opportunity to meet each other and to be mentored by competent blind adults.

Their national quarterly magazine, *Future Reflections*, fosters the growth and development of healthy blind children.

Chapter Locations:

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**Meets by teleconference.