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For Immediate Release

National Federation of the Blind of Washington to Hold summer program for children who are blind or have low vision - NFB BELL® Academy

Vancouver, WA (July 30 – August 4, 2023 ) : Children who are blind, have low vision or are losing their vision and their families are invited to join the National Federation of the Blind of Washington and the National Federation of the Blind of Oregon for our NFB BELL® Academy being held this summer.

The NFB BELL Academy—which stands for National Federation of the Blind Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning®—is a nationwide (United States and Puerto Rico) summer program that prepares blind and low-vision children to grow into confident and independent blind people who live the lives they want.

Who Should Attend

Blind and low-vision children, ages 8 through 13, who:

• do not receive enough Braille and nonvisual skills instruction in school.

• could benefit from more Braille exposure over the summer.

• would enjoy connecting with other blind and low-vision children.

• would like the opportunity to learn from blind role models.

Space is limited so sign up today! Go to nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-bell-academy

Location:         Washington State School for the Blind

2214 E. 13th St.

Vancouver, WA 98661

Date:               July 30 – August 4, 2023

“The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness does not hold us back from living the lives we want. This academy is an opportunity for children to explore what blindness is and connect with other children who are blind or have low vision, interact with adult blind mentors and develop confidence in their skills and abilities. They will establish a secure foundation from which to build a successful life.” said Marci Carpenter, President of the National Federation of the Blind of Washington.

To learn more about the National Federation of the Blind of Washington visit www.nfbw.org.

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About the National Federation of the Blind

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), headquartered in Baltimore, is the oldest and largest nationwide organization of blind Americans. Founded in 1940, the NFB consists of affiliates, chapters, and divisions in the fifty states, Washington DC, and Puerto Rico. The NFB defends the rights of blind people of all ages and provides information and support to families with blind children, older Americans who are losing vision, and more. We believe in the hopes and dreams of blind people and work together to transform them into reality. Learn more about our many programs and initiatives at www.nfb.org.

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