**National Federation of the Blind**

**Potomac Chapter**

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July 18, 2018

Dear Merchant/Contributor:

We hope you will act on this opportunity to contribute to a very special event!  The Potomac Chapter, National Federation of the Blind (PCNFB) will hold our annual fundraising auction on Saturday, August 18, 2017. Your donation will help support our work with blind and visually impaired people of all ages. In the next year, we will be focusing on offering a day camp run by blind role-models to teach very young blind children confidence and Braille. We plan, in conjunction with the National Federation of the Blind of Virginia, to again offer our program, Project Rise. This program offers training, to approximately 20 blind youth from Northern Virginia, on skills necessary for a blind individual to transition from high school to work or college. Additionally, your contributions will go towards providing academic scholarships to blind and visually-impaired college students. Your financial assistance will also go towards offering training of blind persons in the community on how to successfully use smart phones and computers without sight. We also provide advocacy for blind seniors and work with parents of blind elementary and high school students to insure schools provide appropriate blindness related services.

The Potomac Chapter represents the Northern Virginia areas of Arlington, Falls Church, and the eastern portions of Fairfax County. The PCNFB is the local chapter of the state affiliate, National Federation of the Blind of Virginia, and a chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, the largest and most influential organization of the blind in the United States. The National Federation of the Blind of Virginia is a 501(c) 3 charitable tax exempt organization. Our Tax Identification Number is 23-7176308.

If you would like to contribute to our auction, I can come by to collect your contribution or you can contact me by telephone at the number below. All contributions will be acknowledged at the auction.

We thank you for your consideration and for helping to make our event a success.

Sincerely,

John Halverson, Ph.D., President

Potomac Chapter, National Federation of the Blind

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Donation form attached

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**DONATION INFORMATION FORM**

I wish to make a donation to the Potomac Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind (PCNFB) August 18, 2018, Fundraising Auction as indicated below:

\_\_\_\_\_ A donation of merchandise valued at: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ A gift certificate/gift card valued at: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Monetary gift: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Checks should be made payable to PCNFB.

Mail checks to: Treasurer, Sean McMahon, **2677 Avenir Place Apt 3205; Vienna, VA 22180**.

Gift certificates and merchandise donations will be collected by your PCNFB representative.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF DONOR**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your important donation.