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| **May the Fourth Be With You – May 4th, 2019 – 9 am to 4 pm** |
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| A fierce picture of Yoda holding his green light sabre Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired Live the Life You've Imagined... |
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| **May the Fourth Be With You: Rebelling Against Low Expectations** **A day for blind and VI youth and their families...** Come and join the Rebel Alliance! No, you won't be learning to use the force from a Jedi. But you and your child will have the opportunity to spend time with successful and efficient blind people as they share how they shop, read emails, prepare meals, take notes, organize their homes, and generally live their lives. This training will demonstrate practical strategies to enhance success at school and at home. And, perhaps most importantly, it will give you real-life examples of what blind people can do and raise the expectations you have for your child (and the expectations your child has for him/herself). |
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| **Topics and demos will include: Orientation and Mobility - *Freeing your inner Jedi*: Learning how** **blind people travel independently through the galaxy Braille: *Feel the Force*: Understanding the importance of Braille in** **your academic and personal life Technology: *These are the Droids your looking for*: Learning about** **new advancements in accessible technology for academic and** **personal use** **Personal and Home Management: *PHM Padawans*: Learning to use** **the Force in the kitchen** **Agenda: 9:15 - Registration 9:30 - Opening remarks - hear from a youth, parent and staff member****who have participated in a prior LIFE program10:00 to 11:00- Parents - Braille and Technology Students – Personal and Home Management (cooking and cleaning)11:00 to 12:00- Parents – Personal and Home Management (cooking and cleaning)Students - Braille and Technology 12:00 - 12:50 – Lunch (lunch is free to all in attendance)12:50 - Load vans for O&M activity1:00 to 3:00 - Parents - observe how a blind person shops for groceries (efficiently!) Students – observe different blind people grocery shopping (also efficiently!)3:00 Refreshments and Resources3:15 to 4:00 - Closing remarks with Melody Roane (Center Director)**  |

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| **This is a free event but is limited to 10 students and up** **to three additional guests (per family). Use the link** **to register or call Greg Chittum – 804/371/3204 – before** **May 3rd! Once you register, we will contact you via** **email or phone to let you know whether your family** **is one of the first 10 to register.** [**May the 4th Be With You!**](https://www.formrouter.net/forms%40VRCB/MaytheFourthBeWithYouSpringEvent2019.html) |
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