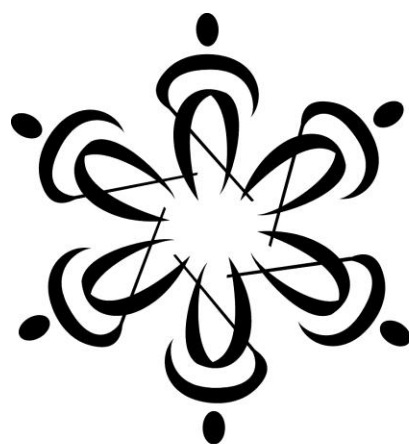




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THE FEDERATION PLEDGE

“I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its Constitution.”

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

[Convention registration](#) is available online. We ask everyone, whether a Virginia resident or not, to register. If you register before October 7, your registration will be subsidized, and you will be entered into a drawing for \$100. Current members of a Virginia chapter or division will be eligible to vote for resolutions. Virtual participation is free of charge.

Details regarding registration and other logistics can be found on our [convention landing page](#).

INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY, AND SOCIAL CONDUCT

We are committed to providing a harassment-free environment for everyone. Thank you for cultivating an atmosphere in which participants from diverse backgrounds can learn, network, and share with each other in an environment of mutual respect. We are committed to diversity, equity, and the free expression of

ideas. These principles have been outlined in our code of conduct found at:

<https://nfb.org/code-conduct>

We recognize a shared responsibility to create and uphold that atmosphere for the benefit of all. Prohibited behaviors include harassment, unwelcome sexual attention, and inappropriate use of the NFB of Virginia virtual convention platform. Prohibited behavior or misuse of the platform will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the convention and/or other consequences. For assistance or to report an incident at the convention, please email help@nfbv.org. To file a confidential Code of Conduct violation, please do so at: <https://tinyurl.com/43f5jrds>. All reports will be fully investigated according to the steps in our code of conduct. Thank you for doing your part to contribute to our community and the high expectations we strive to maintain.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

2:00 PM – 6:15 PM Registration – Balcony Registration Desk.

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Hot Bites Cool Nights: Dinner and Variety Show – Cape Henry & False Cape Rooms. Amir Rahimi, Master of Ceremonies and Coordinator.

Please include this in your registration and join us for this exciting three course plated dinner featuring comedy, poetry, audio described dance, and other talents with Hot Ones, an interview where the panelist must answer tough questions while consuming increasingly hot sauces.

[Submit your audition by October 10.](#)

8:30 PM – 10:00 PM Is It Funny...Or Not? – Mariner A Room. Renee Valdez, Chair, NFB of Virginia Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

Have you ever blurted out something that hurt someone else's feelings? Has someone said something to you or around you that offended you? That's a microaggression. This workshop will use role play, improv, and interactive discussion to explore the damage caused by microaggressions and how to avoid them in a fun and interactive style.

8:45 PM – 9:45 PM White Cane Travel Programming
Around the World – Cape Charles Room. Marc
Companion, NOMC, Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the
Blind and Vision Impaired, Richmond Virginia.

At last year's convention, your donated used white canes
were refurbished than sent around the world. Learn more
about how a nonprofit in Tennessee collects canes and
provides training to blind people, their families and
instructors in many countries.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

8:00 AM – 8:50 AM Registration – Balcony Registration Desk.

GENERAL SESSION

James and Rappahannock Ballrooms

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 725 6345

9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies.

- Call to Order – Tracy Soforenko, President, NFB of Virginia.
- Invocation – Pastor Jason Knight, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Presentation of the Colors – NFB of Virginia Veterans Pledge of Allegiance – Gerald Meredith, President, Richmond Virginia Blinded Veterans Association, South Chesterfield, Virginia.
- Star Spangled Banner – Tennille Daniels, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Recognition of Veterans – Gerald Meredith Federation Pledge – Mary Durbin, Chesapeake Bay Chapter, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Introduction of Mayor – Mary Mathena, Chesapeake Bay Chapter, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Greetings from Mayor Robert Dyer, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

- Greetings from Our Host Chapter – Annie Ascher, President, Chesapeake Bay Chapter, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Convention Arrangements – Stewart Prost, Chairperson, Convention Organization and Arrangements, Norfolk, Virginia.

9:25 AM National Report – Everett Bacon, Second Vice President, National Federation of the Blind and President, National Federation of the Blind of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

9:55 AM How Can the Virginia IT Agency support implementation of the Information Technology Access Act - Michelle Pinsky, User Experience and Accessibility Specialist, Virginia IT Agency, Richmond Virginia.

10:15 AM Holding Government Accountable for Access: A Panel Discussion.

- Bonnie O'Day, Legislative Committee Chair, NFB of Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia.
- Laura Kim, Advocacy and Policy Coordinator, Endependence Center of Northern Virginia, Arlington, Virginia.
- Corbb O'Connor, Director of Accessibility Advocacy, Level Access and President, National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

10:30 AM Action Auction.

10:40 AM Rehabilitation Services for the Blind in Virginia – Rick Mitchell, Commissioner, [Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired](#).

10:55 AM From Dependency to Dignity: Autonomous Transit Without Compromise.

- Jeremy Grandstaff, Moderator, Director of Learning Initiatives, Penny Forward, Burke, Virginia.
- Ben Blink, State Public Policy, Waymo, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Mausam Mehta, Guide Dog User and Former NFB of Virginia Recording Secretary, New York, New York.

11:10AM Learning in the Big Easy – Reflections from Virginia's 2025 McDonald Fellows and Kenneth Jernigan Convention Scholarship Fund Winners.

- Moderator: Mary Durbin, Chairperson, McDonald Fellowship Committee, and NFB of Virginia Liaison, Kenneth Jernigan Convention Scholarship Fund, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Rachelle and Elmer Buenaventura, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Teisha Gillespie, Herndon, Virginia.
- Lisa Kavitz, Williamsburg, Virginia.

11:30 AM Career Opportunities in Norfolk – Matt Koch, Deputy Commissioner of Enterprises, Virginia Industries for the Blind, Virginia DBVI, Richmond Virginia.

11:35 AM Engaging in Gun Safety.

- Christine Grassman, President, Fairfax Chapter, Falls Church, Virginia.
- Sheena Parker, Founder, Trouble Defense LLC, Fairfax, Virginia.

11:45 AM Reports and Announcements.

12:00 PM General Session Adjourns.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Registration – Balcony Registration Desk.

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM Exhibits – Atlantic Foyer and Balcony.

Immerse yourself in a vibrant showcase of innovative products, services, and technology designed to empower and enhance the lives of blind and low vision individuals. From cutting-edge assistive devices to helpful community resources, our exhibitors offer a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, explore new horizons, and discover the latest advancements in accessibility. Don't miss this chance to be informed and empowered!

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM Federation Family Lunch – Cape Henry & False Cape Rooms (Please bring your meal ticket).

12:15 PM Accessible & Hands on Tour of the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center. The tour departs from the back elevator across from general session on the 2nd floor down to the parking garage 1st floor of the Wyndham Hotel, at 12:15 PM – meet the van.

Join us for a custom, audio-described tour of the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center on Friday, October 31, from 12:15 PM – 4:00 PM. The \$58 fee includes a guided classroom session on Virginia's marine life and an interactive walk-through with tactile experiences, including a supervised stingray touch. Lunch is provided. Passes are available during convention registration. Return is expected by 4:30 PM.

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM Further Questions about Virginia Industries for the Blind Opportunities in Norfolk, - Mariner A Room. Matt Koch, Deputy Commissioner of Enterprises, Virginia Industries for the Blind, Virginia Department for the Blind & Vision Impaired, Richmond, Virginia.

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM Further Questions about Autonomous Vehicles and Waymo – Mariner B Room. Ben Blink, Waymo, Phoenix, Arizona.

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM Practical Uses of AI Today – James Room.

- Corbb O'Connor, Director of Accessibility Advocacy, Level Access and President, National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

- Everett Bacon, Chief of Blindness Initiatives, AIRA, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Patrick Long, Co-Founder/Chief Executive Officer, Innosearch.

Harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to make complex tasks easier is now available to techies and non-techies. Learn how.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SEMINARS

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM Firearms Safety Seminar and Simulation – Cape Charles Room. Sheena Parker, Trouble Defense, LLC, Fairfax, Virginia.

Are you curious about firearms safety? Would you like to conquer zombies? Join Trouble Defense LLC for a firearms orientation and safety class and then spend some time with a shooting simulator. Sheena Parker from Trouble Defense LLC) will discuss firearms, the rules of firearms safety, and orient individuals to the parts of semi-automatic pistols. The simulator has audio feedback to let you know whether you've hit the zombies or whether they're going to take over. Pre-registration is required for participation.

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM Stuck in the Middle with You: Low Vision Strategies That work – Mariner A Room.

- Domonique Lawless, Director of Low Vision and Orientation & Mobility Services, Virginia Department

for the Blind and Vision Impaired, Mechanicsburg, Virginia, Moderator.

- Mary Durbin, Chesapeake Bay Chapter, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Rachel Schreiman, Low Vision Resource Navigator, Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hear from our panel of people with low vision sharing what day-to-day life looks like for them, what tips and tools help, and what doesn't. This safe space provides an opportunity to share stories and learn from each other. The session mixes personal experiences, no-tech, low-tech, and newer technology solutions.

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM Transportation in Your Community: Advocating for Change & Stories of Success: Cape Henry Room.

Transportation shouldn't be a barrier—it should be a bridge. Join Bonnie O'Day, Rodney Neely, Bob Hartt, Stewart Prost, and Jeremy Grandstaff for a powerful conversation on how blind advocates are reshaping transit systems across rural and urban communities. Learn how each panelist sparked local change, then discover how you can have a seat at the transportation planning table. You'll leave with inspiration, practical tools, and, just maybe, an action that you can take tomorrow in your community.

2:15 PM – 3:50 PM Identifying Inaccessible Web Experiences from State and Local Government, Public K-12 Schools and colleges– Mariner B Room. Laura Kim, Advocacy and Policy Coordinator, Endependence Center of Northern Virginia, Arlington, Virginia.

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM Your Plan, Your Health, Your Power: Safety and Wellness for Independent Living – York Room. Christine Grassman, Owner of First Aid Ally and Author of *First Aid Ally: A Guide for Everyone* (Falls Church, Virginia).

What would you do if someone choked at your gathering, if alarms went off in the night, or if you had to evacuate without warning? This interactive workshop will help you prepare with practical emergency plans, must-have “go bag” items, and hands-on tools for managing medications. You will also explore self-care strategies to stay well and resilient. Participants will handle real items, share experiences, and leave equipped with knowledge and resources they can use right away for themselves, their families, and their communities.

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM Live the life you want in your own home? Strategies and tips for blind owners and maintainers of homes – Rappahannock Room, Sean McMahon, facilitator.

Homeownership Without Barriers: Navigating Buying and Maintaining Your Home as a Blind Person is an open, honest dialogue regarding the obstacles and solutions

encountered by members of our community. The journey to homeownership is both exciting and daunting — and for blind individuals, it presents a unique set of challenges and opportunities. Participate in our lively Q&A session with expert presenters and a collaborative roundtable that will leave you empowered, informed, and better equipped to pursue, secure, and maintain a home that meets your needs.

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM Think, Analyze, Determine: The Problem-Solving Mindset – Mariner A Room.
Lauren Beall, NOMC, and Jimmy Morris, NOMCT
Orientation and Mobility Instructors, Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired, co-facilitators.

Explore how stepping out of your comfort zone—navigating new spaces, trying tools, or asking for help—can boost confidence and independence. Learn to pause, problem-solve, and adapt using creative strategies in real-world orientation and mobility situations.

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM Making Diabetes Management Accessible, a Hands-On Demonstration – York Room. Kim Ladd, RN, BS, CPHQ, CDCES, Diabetes Educator, Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired, Richmond, Virginia.

Do you wonder if there is an easier way to check your blood sugar levels? Do you struggle with administering your insulin? Attend this session to learn about accessible ways to help get a blood sample on a test strip, talking

glucometers, continuous glucose monitors, how to administer insulin plus get a chance to practice with some accessible products.

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM Resolutions Committee – Mariner B Room. Deepa Goraya, Chairperson.

We encourage the participation of all members in setting Federation policy, and the best way to influence policy is through resolutions. As a grassroots organization, we serve our movement through collective action, and such action begins with policy making and debate. Come help shape the policies of the NFB of Virginia.

FRIDAY EVENING CONCURRENT SESSIONS AND HOSPITALITY

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration – Balcony Registration Desk.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Community Conversations regarding DBVI Services, Rebecca Askew, Senior Policy Analyst – James Room.

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We are grateful that DBVI will hold a Community Conversations meeting where attendees can ask questions and speak with agency leadership. DBVI wants to hear from you, so come and share your thoughts and ideas on how DBVI can better meet the needs of blind and

low vision Virginians. Let your voice be heard. Virtual participants can also ask questions directly during the meeting.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Silver Bells Reunion and Open House – York Room. Rachel Schreiman, Silver Bells Program Coordinator.

Please join us for an informal meet and greet to learn about our transformative senior empowerment programs. Reconnect with or meet alumni and staff. If you have never attended Silver Bells, find out more about the program from staff and past participants. If you are one of our 250+ alumni, share your experience, provide feedback and find out about upcoming training opportunities. Discover how our training will help you live the life you want!

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM At–Large Chapter Meeting – Mariner B Room. Patrick Johnson, President, At Large Chapter.

Are you interested in joining the NFB but do not live near a chapter? Join our At Large Chapter that meets virtually throughout the year but meets for a great community gathering at the state convention. Join our Federation team!

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Student Dinner Party: The Hartley Suite, Rooms 1111 and 112, First Floor, Ocean Tower. Angie Gruessing, President, Virginia Association of Blind Students, Arlington, Virginia.

Join the Virginia student division leaders, scholarship finalists, and members for fellowship with old and new friends to kick off the convention weekend. Open and free to all students over the age of fourteen.

6:15 PM – 7:45 PM Paid Research Opportunity:
Conversion and Display of Visual Diagrams for Blind and Low Vision People Session 1– Mariner A Room.
Dianne Pawluk, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond Virginia.

Have you been reading an electronic work report, textbook or how-to book, or just surfing the internet and wanted to be able to click on a visual diagram and instantly be able to access it in accessible form? In this age of misinformation, wouldn't you like to look at data on a graph yourself rather than trusting the summary of others? Dr. Pawluk's team at VCU are working on developing a system to automatically convert and render graphical information in accessible form for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Your input is important in making this system an effective and easy to use tool for you to gain independent access to information in diagrams.

The National Federation of the Blind of Virginia has teamed with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) to research a low cost means to automatically render visual information in accessible diagrams for individuals who are blind and low vision.

Blind and low vision individuals age 18 or older can sign up to participate in one of two 90 minute focus groups as part of a larger research project. Participation in this program is voluntary, and individuals must sign up and commit to participating in the project on Friday, October 31 at either Session 1 at 6:15 PM or Session 2 at 8:00 PM.

Blind and low vision participants will be compensated \$25 for their participation and \$25 to defray transportation costs.

To sign up for either Session 1 or 2, please email either Andrew Tuck at tuckac@vcu.edu or Dr. Pawluk at dpawluk@vcu.edu

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Youth Track Goes Trick or Treating: Parents and Children 12 and under are invited to go Trick or treating with their blind and low vision friends in Virginia Beach. Connect with Louise Walch at 210-683-3729 for meet up details.

6:45 PM – 9:00 PM Student Party on the Beach. The Hartley Suite, Rooms 1111 and 112, First Floor, Ocean Tower.

Join Project RISE and the Virginia Association of Blind Students for a casual evening on the beach. Food, friends, and fun away from the convention. Meet us at the student dinner to leave as a group to the designated point.

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Back to the Beach Party:
Chesapeake Bay Convention Hospitality – False Cape
Room.

The Chesapeake Bay Chapter invites you to join us for an evening at the beach and enjoy our nautical and Halloween themed event. Listening (and dancing) to music, food and conversation. Entertainment will be provided by QMC and a live pianist performance by Diane from the Chesapeake Bay Chapter. Relish in a variety of light hors d'oeuvres selected by our host chapter. Cash bar will be available with alcoholic and non-alcoholic themed libations. Even though the event is free to enter, you must choose “Yes” when registering for the convention to receive your puzzle piece to attend this activity. We are looking forward to hosting this evening, which will give members an opportunity to take a break and reunite with old friends and make new ones. Costumes are welcomed.

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Paid Research Opportunity:
Conversion and Display of Visual Diagrams for Blind and Low Vision People Session 2 – Mariner A Room.
Dianne Pawluk, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond Virginia.

To sign up for either Session 1 or 2, please email either Andrew Tuck at tuckac@vcu.edu or Dr. Pawluk at dtpawluk@vcu.edu

9:30 PM – 10:30 PM Scholarship Mixer – Hartley Suite, Rooms 111 and 112, First Floor, Ocean Tower. Jimmy Morris, Chairperson.

This event is limited to the NFB of Virginia 2025 James F. Nelson Scholarship Finalists and the members of the Scholarship Committee.

9:30 PM – 10:30 PM Meet, Mingle, and Make Connections with Fellow Students, – Mariner B Room. Angie Gruessing, President, Virginia Association of Blind Students, Arlington, Virginia.

Ready to spark new friendships and unforgettable memories? Join the Virginia Association of Blind Students and Project RISE for a Meet and Greet packed with fun and connection! Explore shared experiences, swap success tips, and celebrate the vibrant student community that's shaping the future of blindness advocacy in Virginia. Whether you're networking, socializing, or just soaking in the positive vibes, this is *the* place to connect, belong, and create friendships that will last long after the weekend.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

7:30 AM – 8:50 AM Bird Ability Shore Birds Program on the Beach – Beach Club Room immediately to the right of the hotel restaurant entrance, Josie Bergstrom, Virginia Master Naturalist, Tidewater Master Naturalists, Norfolk, Virginia.

Do you want to learn more about the birds in your own backyard? Enjoying birds is fun and completely possible with the right tools which are completely free on your Apple or Android smart phone. Please download the free Merlin Bird ID app from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology on your smartphone and complete the free registration from within the app in advance of Saturday morning. Come to our training which will give you an orientation to bird watching non-visually. After a brief introduction with members of the Tidewater Master Naturalists, we will depart from the hotel and walk to the beach to discover the birds available just after sunrise in Virginia Beach. We will return to the property in time for the start of the General Session.

8:00 AM – 8:50 AM Registration – Balcony Registration Desk.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Parents with Young Children Overflow –York Room.

GENERAL SESSION

James and Rappahannock Ballrooms

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 725 6345

9:00 AM Call to Order – Tracy Soforenko, President, NFB of Virginia.

Invocation - Pastor Jeff Lucas, Riverview Independent Gospel Church, Stanley, Virginia.

9:05 AM Blind Soccer Nation: Everyone Can Play–Antoine Craig, Para Olympian and Executive Director, Blind Soccer Nation, Richmond Virginia.

9:15 AM Leading in Health Care: My Nursing Journey – Jenn Han, RN, Member, Greater Loudoun Chapter, Leesburg, Virginia.

9:25 AM [NFB BELL Academy](#)® : Growing Possibilities for Students throughout Virginia.

- Louise Walch, NFB BELL Academy Coordinator, Virginia Beach Virginia.
- Dominic Lockinour, NFB BELL Academy Participant, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Sofia Tequida, Parent, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Jodi Nicholson, Teacher, Orange, Virginia.

9:40 AM Leading Courageously the Virginia Report – Tracy Soforenko, President, NFB of Virginia.

10:10 AM Making the Right Move – Empowering Student Success – Osolu “Soso” Ozo-Onyali, Board Member, [National Association of Blind Students](#), Baltimore, Maryland.

10:20 AM Introducing the 2025 NFB of Virginia James F. Nelson, Jr. Scholarship Finalists. Jimmy Morris, Chair, Glen Allen, Virginia.

- Rachelle Buenaventura, Old Dominion University, Virginia Beach, virginia.
- Kaleb Calhoun, the college of William & Mary, Aldie, Virginia.
- Jahmil Garrett-Bey, Northern Virginia community college, Fredericksburg, virginia.
- Amber Jaiden Morrison, The College of William and Mary, Staunton, virginia.
- LaQuon S. Johnson, Hampton University, Chesapeake, virginia.
- Cecilia Martinez Larumbe, University of Richmond, Richmond, virginia.
- Getachew Temare, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, virginia.

10:35 AM Action Auction.

10:45 AM Students Depart for Youth Track: Curious and Connected. (A parent or guardian must be present at

drop-off and children six years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult).

10:50 AM Navigating Your Benefits to Achieve Independence: Building Innovative Technology in Partnership with the Disability Community – John Ciocca, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Purple; New York, New York.

11:00 AM Grow While You Lead: How the NFB Can Feed Your Success – Joe Orozco, First Vice President, National Federation of the Blind of Virginia, Arlington, Virginia.

11:30 AM Action Auction.

11:45 AM Reports and Announcements.

12:00 PM General Session Adjourns.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Youth Track/Curious and Connected: Introductions and Lunch – Hartley Suite, Rooms 111 and 112, 1st Floor, Ocean Tower.

[Youth Track registration required.](#)

Students 13 and younger will connect with national student leaders in a small group session for a pizza party and to learn about our positive philosophy and share what they wish their parents really knew.

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Parent Track – Beach Club Room.

The session will begin with introductions and a panel of experienced parents who will answer your questions and share valuable insights. Afterward, enjoy a lunch break and time to connect with other families. Following lunch, a brief business meeting will be held. After the meeting, we will feature a student panel, presentations on technology from DBVI experts, and discussions on key topics such as inclusive education in public schools and transitioning from school to adulthood with blindness. Please bring any Braille or large-print books your child no longer needs and visit our free Braille book exchange table to discover new reading materials for your family.

12:00 PM – 4:15 PM Youth Track/Curious and Connected – Hartley Suite, Rooms 111 and 112, First Floor, Ocean Tower. Youth Track registration required.

Bring your sighted siblings and join us at interactive stations: 1) Play Blind soccer with a paralympic athlete! 2) Create something uniquely you with accessible art; and 3) audible scavenger hunt. (Children under six years must be accompanied by an adult).

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Box Lunch Pickup – Atlantic Foyer (Please bring your meal ticket).

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Registration – Balcony registration Desk.

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM Exhibit Hall Atlantic Foyer and Balcony.

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM Seniors Division Luncheon and Business Meeting – Mariner A Room. Patty Droppers, President, NFB of Virginia Senior Division.

Come socialize with your peers and learn strategies to live healthfully, independently, and safely.

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM Virginia Association of Blind Merchants Division Luncheon and Business Meeting – Cape Charles Room. Chimere Roberts, President, Chantilly, Virginia.

Empower your future and discover your destiny by building your entrepreneurial business. Learn from others in our NFBV Merchants division so you can explore a profitable and engaging future.

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM Virginia Association of Blind Students Business Meeting – Cape Henry Room. Angie Gruessing, President, Virginia Association of Blind Students, Arlington, Virginia. All students, including Project RISE participants, are invited.

12:30 to 1:45 PM Community Lunch – Mariner B Room.

Make friends and build your network in this informal community lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Blind Soccer: Everyone Can Play – False Cape Room.

Join Blind Soccer Nation, for a free blind soccer clinic designed to empower individuals who are blind or low vision. No matter your age, this is a chance to experience the joy of teamwork, learn new skills, and connect with others. We'll have three 45-minute sessions tailored to different age groups: children (ages 8-12), teenagers (ages 13-17), and adults (ages 18+). Blind soccer offers incredible benefits, from boosting physical fitness and confidence to building lasting friendships. Plus, the first 50 people to register will receive a free blind soccer ball. Come be a part of our mission to show the world that everyone can play.

2:00 PM Youth Track Only

2:45 Pm Open to All

3:45 PM Student Track Only

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM The Future of Wearables: Game Changer or Fad – Rappahannock Room.

- Everett Bacon, Chief of Blindness Initiatives, AIRA, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Kandace Haney, Vice President, Greater Loudoun Chapter, Leesburg, Virginia.

- Bryan Duarte, PhD, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, HapWare, Sterling, Virginia.

AI, wearables and haptic technologies are some of the latest innovations that are changing both mainstream and assistive technology. Here about some of the latest wearables which use AI to read text and describe surroundings and much more —while hands-free.

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM Leading in the 21st Century: Growing Your Impact and Your Wealth – Mariner A Room. Jeremy Grandstaff, Director of Learning Initiatives for Penny Forward & Instructor for Institute for Culture, Change, and Leadership.

Want to be a leader who builds both purpose and prosperity? Join blind entrepreneur and strategist Jeremy Grandstaff for a high-energy, interactive workshop that challenges outdated beliefs about leadership and wealth. Drawing from his recent TEDx Talk, Jeremy will share his journey — from Ohio farm kid to national facilitator — and introduce the “See BIG” model for designing personal and financial power. You’ll leave with tools to rethink limits, grow your impact, and take the next bold step in your leadership journey. No vision required — just a vision for your future.

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM Let’s Talk Finances – Rappahannock Room. Mausam Mehta and Corbb O’Connor- facilitators.

You'll hear from people like you about how they are using modern tech to manage their money, split bills, and invest. We'll also be chatting with tech executive John Ciocca to get his take on how today's banking world is balancing accessibility with new ideas. Here is your chance to discuss how you can make your money work for you in this rapidly changing digital landscape.

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM Blind Parents Meet Up: What Our Kids Say – Cape Henry Room. Jessica Reed, Fredericksburg, Virginia and Julie Orozco, Arlington, Virginia.

After years of exploring what it is to be a blind parent, the Virginia Blind Parent's Group has flipped the script! Now together we dig down into what it is to have a blind parent. We go straight to the source, the kids themselves!

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM Identifying Inaccessible Web Experiences from State and Local Government, Public K-12 Schools and colleges– Mariner B Room. Laura Kim, Advocacy and Policy Coordinator, Endependence Center of Northern Virginia, Arlington, Virginia.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sighted Partner Meet Up – Mariner A Room. Becky Keller, Diane Bibb-Johnson, and Sharon Soforenko, facilitators.

Share and learn techniques and strategies to support your loved one while ensuring their independence and your own mental well-being.

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM First Timers Reception – The Hartley Suite, Rooms 111 and 112, 1st floor, Ocean Tower, Jacki Bruce and Tracy Soforenko, Coordinators.

NFBV Membership Chair Jacki Bruce and President Tracy Soforenko welcome first time Virginia convention attendees to an informal gathering. We want to help you get connected with your Federation Family. Due to space constraints, this Rookie Reception is best suited for first timers.

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM Hands On with HapWare, Mariner B Room.

Join HapWare Founder Bryan Duarte for an opportunity to check out their product and participate in hands on research.

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Families by the Poolside – Indoor Pool.

Grab the kids and join your new friends by the pool, or if the mood strikes you, in the pool, as the hotel has a nice indoor pool for your convenience. It is the perfect way to relax before the evening's festivities. All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Navigating Beginnings Together: Early Career Reception - Hartley Suite, Rooms 111 and 112, First Floor, Ocean Tower. Kinshuk Tella and Mausam Mehta, co-facilitators.

Explore the unique challenges blind people face in early stages of our careers — and how these experiences can fuel your resilience and growth. Then, unwind at a casual mixer with light refreshments and opportunities to connect with like-minded peers before the evening festivities begin.

2025 CONVENTION BANQUET

Atlantic Ballroom (James, York, & Rappahannock)

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 725 6345

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Pre–Banquet Reception (Cash Bar) – Atlantic Foyer.

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Banquet Program – James, York, and Rappahannock Ballrooms, Joe Orozco, Master of Ceremonies.

- Invocation – Paul Hofstad, First Precinct Chaplain, Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Banquet Address – Everett Bacon, Second Vice President, National Federation of the Blind.
- 2025 James F. Nelson Scholarship Awards. Presentation – Jimmy Morris, Scholarship Committee Chairperson.
- Action Auction – Jacki Brown, Chairperson and Auctioneer.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

7:30 AM Interfaith Breakfast – James & Rappahannock Ballrooms. Coordinator, Melody Roane, Member, Richmond Chapter, Richmond Virginia.

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Leading with Courage: Your Place in the Bigger Movement, Mariner B Room.

Join Project RISE and the Virginia Association of Blind Students for an exclusive session with Everett Bacon. Learn to amplify your impact across Virginia and around the country by harnessing the strength of the collective blindness movement. Find your voice, take your place, and help us lead into the next chapter of independence!

GENERAL SESSION

James and Rappahannock Ballrooms
Zoom Meeting ID: 829 725 6345

9:00 AM Call to Order – Tracy Soforenko, President, NFB of Virginia.

Invocation –Deborah Prost, Member, Beth Messiah Synagogue of Tidewater, Norfolk, Virginia.

9:05 AM Business Session.

- Minutes from the November 3, 2024, NFBV Business Meeting – Sandy Halverson, Recording Secretary, Arlington, Virginia.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015 (CONTINUED)

- Audit Committee Report – Sean McMahon, Chairperson, Arlington, Virginia.
- Treasurer's Report – Mark Roane, Treasurer, Richmond, Virginia.
- Resolutions – Deepa Goraya, Chairperson, District of Columbia.
- Committee Reports.
- 2026 Richmond Seminar – Bonnie O'Day, Alexandria, Virginia, Legislative Director.
- 2026 Washington Seminar – Deepa Goraya, Coordinator, District of Columbia.
- Communications – Teisha Gillespi, Herndon, Virginia.
- Membership, Jacki Bruce, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Renee Valdez, Alexandria, Virginia.
- Fundraising – Renee Valdez, Alexandria, Virginia.
- 2026 National Convention.
- 2026 NFB of Virginia Convention – Steward Prost, Convention Operations and Logistics.

10:00 AM Action Auction.

10:20 am Brag and Steel – Results in the local community.

11:00 AM Action Auction.

11:20 AM Courage to Lead: An Interactive Discussion – Kinshuk Tella, Participant in the Kenneth Jernigan Leadership in Service Program, Miamisburg, Ohio.

11:40 AM Ready Together: Strengthening Community with First Aid Ally - Christine Grassman, Owner of First Aid Ally and Author of *First Aid Ally: A Guide for Everyone* (Falls Church, Virginia).

11:50 AM Reports and Announcements.

12:00 PM General Session Adjourns.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015 (CONTINUED)

CONVENTION NOTES

VIRTUAL MEETING ACCESS OVER ZOOM

The 2025 National Federation of the Blind of Virginia convention is an in-person event with a limited virtual experience. We will be streaming the following convention sessions over Zoom:

- Friday (10/31 – 9 AM – 12 PM) General Session.
- Friday (10/31 – 5 PM – 6 PM) DBVI Community Conversation.
- Saturday (11/1 – 9 AM – 12 PM) General Session.
- Saturday (11/1 – 7 PM – 10 PM) Banquet.
- Sunday (11/2 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) General Session.

We have embedded the Zoom links into the agenda to make it easy to just select the link and access your meeting.

Standard Virginia Zoom Room:

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/8297256345?pwd=SFAYamlQNU44ZTJ6dUZNMtV4RmhCQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 725 6345

One Tap Mobile: +13017158592, 8297256345#

For those using a land line telephone to access the meeting, we have kept the information the same.

The telephone number to call for all meetings is: 301 715 8592.

The Meeting ID is 829 725 6345

If prompted, the Password is always 2020 1940.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

Convention registration and information will be held at the Balcony Registration Desk, located on the 2nd Floor on the Balcony between meeting rooms. The cost of on-site registration is \$35. Pre-registration packet pick up and on-site registration will be open the following times:

- Thursday, October 30 from 2:00 PM – 6:15 PM.
- Friday, October 31 from 8:00 AM – 8:50 AM, and from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM and then again from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- Saturday, November 1 from 8:00 AM – 8:50 AM and 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

Door prizes and auction items can be brought to the information desk beginning on Thursday evening.

MEAL FUNCTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015 (CONTINUED)

Tickets for all meal functions are available via the [online registration form](#) and can be picked up at the registration desk as part of your registration packet. Banquet and box lunch tickets must be purchased by 8:50 AM on Saturday, November 1.

The \$35 late on-site registration does not include meal functions.

For more information about registration or meal functions, please contact the NFBV Membership Line at: 757-354-4170.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes will be drawn periodically throughout convention sessions on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and at the banquet. To be eligible for door prizes, you must be registered for the convention and present in the room. Additionally, participants in the convention virtual experience will be eligible for door prizes. When participants in the convention virtual experience hear their name, they should email doorprizes@nfbv.org within 10 minutes to claim their prize.

ACTION AUCTION

Throughout the convention we will be holding an Action Auction to raise money for the Silver Bells program. The auction will be great fun with many valuable items up for

bid. You will have a chance to preview auction items on Friday afternoon in the exhibit area. For more information, visit our [auction page](#).

INFORMATION TABLE

If you need assistance from the NFB of Virginia (such as helping a blind child get a good education, getting access to blindness skills training, learning to use NFB–NEWSLINE®, or resolving an employment discrimination problem), please go to the information table located at the rear of the James and Rappahannock ballrooms. After the convention, a member of the NFB of Virginia will contact you. In addition, if you would like to sign up to receive any of our publications or would like to get regular updates about our programs and legislative efforts, please also visit the information table. The table will be open after the opening ceremonies on Friday, during General Session on Saturday, and all morning Sunday.

DOG RELIEF AREA

The Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel has designated a place for dog relief just outside the Ocean Tower. Go out the beach access doors and turn to the right. Follow that sidewalk to the grass straight ahead. Go out the door for beach access and turn to the right where you will find the grassy area. The trash can is located just to the right of the door for beach access.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015 (CONTINUED)

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

A limited number of assistive listening devices are available during all convention sessions and during the banquet. For an assistive listening device, please go to the information table located at the rear of the James and Rappahannock Ballrooms during all convention general sessions. A credit card or identification card is required as a deposit for the equipment.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to set your watches back one hour for the change that occurs early Sunday morning. Smart phones, of course, should handle this change automatically.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

The Hartley Suite (Rooms 111 and 112) of the Ocean Tower on the first floor is the convention Hospitality Suite. Please review the schedule for pre-planned activities by invitation in this space.

Thank you to our Chesapeake Bay Chapter for hosting the 2025 NFB of Virginia State Convention. Your hospitality made us feel like family and it made the convention one of our best.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

Please thank this year's Convention Sponsors and Exhibitors located in the Atlantic Foyer and Balcony on Friday, October 31 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Saturday, November 1 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

TRAIL BLAZER

- **Aira**

Our mission is to remove barriers and make the world more accessible. Through remote video interpreting, Aira supports greater independence and more effective communication for both the blind and low-vision community, and the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Organizations who value accessibility partner with Aira to offer our services for free to their employees, students, or customers, fostering a more inclusive atmosphere for all.

Learn more at Aira.io

- **Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired**

The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) is an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia that is dedicated to its mission of providing quality services to assist Virginia's citizens who are blind, vision impaired or deafblind in achieving their desired

level of employment, education, and personal independence. The Department provides a wide array of specialized services and programs for Virginia residents of all ages who are experiencing significant vision impairments attain the skills, confidence and positive outlook that are critical to independence.

Our primary focus is to assist blind Virginians in achieving quality employment outcomes. Vocational evaluation, job training, job development, placement, follow-up and other services are provided to assist consumers in obtaining jobs in the public and private sectors. Training for and employment as food service managers and vendors are available in cafeterias, snack bars, and other vending facilities in public and private buildings. The Virginia Industries for the Blind provides another employment option for blind Virginians at its two plant locations in Charlottesville and Richmond, its satellite store operations and administrative service positions across the Commonwealth.

Learn more at <https://www.dbvi.virginia.gov/>

- Dxdt Engineering and Research- Farmer Noah Team
Farmer Noah is a new system and approach for teaching and refining orientation and mobility skills.

In the children's version of this system, eight electronic "farm animals" are positioned randomly within a room or any indoor or outdoor environment.

There are four different types of farm animals. The orientation and mobility (O&M) trainee is challenged to find the pairs of animals.

When one animal is found, and tapped with a cane, it makes the sound of the animal it represents. The system registers the animal.

If the next animal the trainee “finds” is the same kind of animal, those animals have been paired and are taken out of play (they are put on the ark).

The paths between the animals are characterized by different objects, scents, sounds and sensations that most sighted people take for granted.

While the trainee is completing the exercise- which seems like a game - our system is challenging and training them to detect and use all of the characteristics of the environment to make mental maps that they can then use to navigate with more safety and confidence.

Learn more at www.farmernoah.com

- HapWare

HapWare builds wearable assistive technology designed to make professional, educational, and social interactions accessible, giving people who are blind, low vision, autistic, or deafblind real-time access to nonverbal communication cues through haptics and AI. Our flagship product, AIEye, pairs discreet smart glasses with a haptic wristband to translate facial expressions, gestures, and body language into intuitive

vibration patterns.

Learn more at HapWare.com

- Vanda Pharmaceuticals

Vanda Pharmaceuticals is dedicated to raising awareness of Non-24-Hour Sleep-Wake Disorder (Non-24) and supporting the blindness community. Non-24 is a rare circadian rhythm disorder affecting people who are totally blind. People living with Non-24 experience excessive daytime sleepiness and nighttime sleeplessness, which leads to impaired social and occupational functioning.

Learn more at vandapharma.com

- Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VRCBVI)

The mission of VRCBVI is to prepare blind, vision impaired, and DeafBlind Virginians for employment/employability and personal independence through the integration of individualized comprehensive blindness skills and employment skills and experiences.

Learn more at <https://www.vrcbvi.virginia.gov/>

- Waymo

Waymo is an autonomous driving technology company with a mission to be the most trusted driver.

Since our start as the Google Self-Driving Car Project in 2009, we've been working towards improving the world's access to mobility while saving thousands of lives now lost to traffic crashes.

Learn more at Waymo.com

PIONEER

- Integration Technologies Group

ITG is a distributor, trainer, and authorized repair facility of adaptive technology from HumanWare, Vispero, and OrCam

For more information, visit www.itgonline.com

- JW.org

JW.ORG provides many free Bible study aides for those who are blind or visually impaired. These include Braille and large print publications. Also, audio publications can be accessed via JW.ORG, JW Library and Alexa. Additionally, screen reader (RTF) and notetaker (BRL) files as well as DAISY and MP3 formats are available. Videos with audio descriptions are also published on JW.ORG. These resources assist individuals, married couples as well as their teens and young children to have uplifting Bible-based information that assists them to face daily challenges successfully and provide answers to life's

big questions.

Learn more at JW.org

National Industries for the Blind

NIB is the nation's largest employment resource for people who are blind, and through its network of associated nonprofit agencies, is the largest employer of people who are blind in the country. We create opportunities for people who are blind to become wage earners and taxpayers, reducing their reliance on government support and increasing engagement with their communities.

NIB connects its associated agencies with manufacturing and service delivery opportunities with the federal government and commercial companies. Our customers get the business solutions that they need, and people who are blind are employed—it's a win-win. We offer career training, which is crucial to getting Americans who are blind employed and keeping them employed. Today, thousands of people who are blind are using these skills in state-of-the-art manufacturing and professional services careers.

NIB's impact is made possible through the sale of SKILCRAFT® products and services produced and delivered by people who are blind. SKILCRAFT is a registered trademark owned and licensed by NIB. The SKILCRAFT line includes thousands of offerings — from office supplies and hardware to knowledge-based professional services — that meet or exceed exacting government standards, including the rigorous requirements of the U.S. military.

NIB's vision is that blindness is not a barrier to employment.

NIB's mission is to enhance the personal and economic independence of people who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining, and improving employment.

Learn more at www.nib.org

- PS You Are Fabulous

PS You Are Fabulous is a nonprofit organization that helps the blind and visually impaired with the clothing and organization of the closets. A Fashion Stylist for the blind.

Learn more at psyouarefabulous.org

- Purple

Purple builds financial products for people with disabilities and their families.

View your balance, transactions and how much money you've spent in the past month at a glance.

Get your Social Security benefits faster. Switch your SSI or SSDI direct deposit to Purple and your benefits may arrive up to 4 days early¹.

Other direct deposits, like paychecks, may arrive up to 2 days early¹.

Take control of your spending. Spending controls let you set daily, monthly, and category-specific

limits. They put you in charge of how much you spend, when you spend it, and where.

Working and receiving benefits? Purple will monitor your bank account to help you stay under the SSA's Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) income limit.

Link your SNAP EBT (food stamps) card to Purple so that you can view your SNAP and EBT Cash balances in one spot. Gone are the days of dialing the number on the back of your EBT card. Navigating finances doesn't have to be complicated. Your Purple Companion is here to simplify it. Whether you have questions about disability benefits, ABLE accounts, EBT SNAP eligibility, or anything else, get the answers you need - when you need them.

Securely store SSA notices, appointment notes, receipts and other documentation in app. View your uploads on an organized timeline for accurate record keeping. Export and share documents with ease whenever you need to.

ABLE SAVINGS (Coming Soon)

The Purple ABLE Savings account is a way to save for eligible expenses and keep the benefits you rely on every day.

SMART QDE ROUTING (Coming Soon)

No need to worry if your purchase is a Qualified Disability Expense (QDE). Turn on Smart QDE Routing and Purple will automatically fund a purchase from the most tax-advantaged account.

AUTO SAVE (Coming Soon)

Enable Auto Save to move money from your Checking account to your ABLE Savings account at the end of the month to stay under the \$2,000 asset limit.

Learn more at <https://withpurple.com>

- SelvasBLV

Manufacturers and providers of the leading blindness and low vision products on the market.

Learn more at SelvasBLV.com

- Virginia Commonwealth University

Research development of: Real-time Conversion and Display of Visual Diagrams in Accessible Forms for Individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired

- Vispero

Vispero® is the world's leading assistive technology provider for the visually impaired. We have a long history of developing and providing innovative solutions for blind and low-vision individuals that help them reach their full potential.

Learn more at <http://www.vispero.com/>

- Visual Eyes Access

VisualEyes Access offers a high quality, lower cost visual interpreter service for just one dollar per hour or less. Come try us out with a 30-minute trial,

discounted 50% for the convention, for just \$10. Additionally, earn free minutes through purchases made in our ProVisions Shop. We also provide web and digital accessibility services to small businesses and nonprofits, and sighted guide volunteer coordination for events. Owner Shawn Welker is a former Aira agent and coordinated a Be My Eyes specialized help partnership while at the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He has more than five years of experience in digital accessibility and over six years as a visual interpreter. The VisualEyes Access team now includes 3 additional former Aira agents, and we'd love to be another resource in your accessibility toolkit.

Learn more at <https://VisualEyesAccess.com>

- Wanda's Place, LLC/Merchant's Division
This year Wanda's Place (a store micro mart) alongside the Virginia merchants division table will feature graphic T-shirts that have different sayings on them about blindness! The merchant division is a division made up of blind entrepreneurs, who run successful businesses within government buildings throughout Virginia. Chimere Roberts, President of the merchant division looks forward to meeting everyone to give you all a little insight into what Being a blind merchant, and entrepreneur is all about!

Dream Makers Circle

You can help build a future of opportunity for the blind by becoming a member of our Dream Makers Circle (DMC). It is easier than you think. You can visit your bank and convert an account to a P.O.D. (payable on death) bank account, which is payable after your passing to the National Federation of the Blind or one of our affiliates. Your legacy gift to the National Federation of the Blind or the National Federation of the Blind of {insert state} can be made in the form of a will or living trust, an income generating gift, or by naming us as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, IRA, pension, or a life insurance policy. You can designate a specific amount, a percentage, or list the NFB as one of several beneficiaries. For additional information, please contact Patti Chang at 410-659-9314, extension 2422 or at pchang@nfb.org.

Vehicle Donations

The National Federation of the Blind uses car donations to improve the education of blind children, distribute free white canes, help veterans, and so much more. We have partnered with Vehicles for Charity to process donated vehicles. Please call toll-free 855-659-9314, and a

representative can make arrangements, or you can donate online by visiting: <https://nfb.org/vehicledonations>.

Preauthorized Contributions (PAC)

Can you help the National Federation of the Blind on a regular basis? Please consider joining our preauthorized contribution (PAC) plan. Starting at \$5 monthly, you can help us turn dreams into reality and raise expectations. Call 877-632-2722, visit: <https://nfb.org/pac> to fill out the online form, or email pac@nfb.org for additional information.

You can leave a legacy through planned giving. Please consider including us in your estate planning. It is easier than you think.

Can you help the National Federation of the Blind on a regular basis? Please consider joining our preauthorized contribution plan. Starting at \$5 monthly, you can help us turn dreams into reality and raise expectations for blind people. Visit nfb.org/pac to fill out the online form or email pac@nfb.org for additional information.