**National Federation of the Blind**

**Potomac Chapter**

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Northern Virginia National Federation of the Blind Fundraising Auction

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National Federation of the Blind Potomac Chapter

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, June 1, 2024, at the Lion Village Community House, 1920 N Highland St. Arlington, VA 22201.

 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 funding 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 twenty 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 low vision college students. Your financial assistance will also go towards offering training of blind persons in the community on how to successfully use smart phones, computers, and Newsline, the talking newspaper operated by the National Federation of the Blind. We also provide advocacy for blind seniors and “Silver Bells” a weekend program to provide basic blindness skills to newly blinded seniors. We work with parents of blind elementary and high school students to ensure schools provide appropriate blindness related services. Finally, we are working with Arlington County to ensure safe street crossing signals for blind persons.

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 may 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., Correspondence Secretary and Auction Coordinator

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The National Federation of the Blind is a community of members and friends who believe in the hopes and dreams of the nation’s blind. Every day we work together to help blind people live the lives they want.

Donation form

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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) June 1, 2024, 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 made to the Potomac Chapter NFB to: Treasurer, Sean McMahon, 1115 Cameron Street, Unit 214, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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.