**National Federation of the Blind**

**Potomac Chapter**

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Dear Friend:

Would you like to have a good time?

Do you like to help a community organization raise funds to assist blind youth, blind parents, and blind seniors in our community?

Join the Potomac Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind for its annual fundraising auction.

**When**: Saturday March 21 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

**Where**: The Party Room at the River House Apartments. 1111 Army Navy Drive, Arlington Virginia 22202.

**Cost**: $20 per person, to cover delicious food and other expenses.

**Benefits**: You will have the opportunity to bid on gift baskets, local merchant’s gift cards, beautiful Handmade knitted items, dinners catered by our members, and other surprises.

Your winning bids will help support our work with blind and visually impaired people of all ages.

In the next year, 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 academic 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.

I hope you are able to join us. Space is limited.

For further information and to reserve a place at this important event, please contact John Halverson, Ph.D., President, Potomac Chapter, National Federation of the Blind. Telephone 703-379-1141 (home), 703-867-6400 (Mobile), email jwh100@outlook.com.

Free parking is available at the River House apartments. Contact John Halverson for details.

Cordially,

John Halverson, Ph.D.