**National Federation of the Blind**

**Potomac Chapter**

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National Federation of the Blind Homecoming and Auction

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?

Would you like to come together with old friends?

We are extending a special invitation to friends who have been a part of us in recent years to gather with us.

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

When: Saturday June 21, 2025, from 2:00 to 5:30 PM.

Where: Lion Village Community House, 1920 N Highland St Arlington, VA 22201.

Cost: $20 to cover delicious food and other expenses.

Deadline to register: June 15, 2025.

Benefits: You have the opportunity to bid on gift baskets, local merchants 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 low vision 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 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 provide advocacy for blind seniors. Our chapter helps fund “Silver Bells”, our weekend program to offer newly blind and low vision seniors an introduction of skills to live with sight impairment. We 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., Corresponding Secretary and Auction Chair, Potomac Chapter, National Federation of the Blind. Telephone 703-379-1141 (home), 703-867-6400 (Mobile), email [jwh100@outlook.com](mailto:jwh100@outlook.com).

Cordially,

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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.