

## WHO WE ARE

The Blind Services Foundation of Florida, Inc. is an independent 501c3 not-for-profit organization created by the Florida Legislature in 2004. Its mission is to support the Florida Division of Blind Services by sponsoring projects and activities that enhance the understanding of blindness and promote the inclusion of people who are blind in Florida. The Board of Directors includes leaders in the blind and visually impaired community who serve as non-paid volunteers.

## HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS

Your donation will contribute to the development of innovative programs that supplement and build upon the services provided by the Division of Blind Services. The Foundation has already funded a range of projects, which include:

- A publicity campaign for DBS
- A community awareness program where blind individuals demonstrate how they live, work and play
- An innovative project to develop a new evaluation tool to help blind Floridians explore career choices and assess their preparedness to join the workforce

## CONTRIBUTION REACH

Florida has the fourth largest number of visually impaired and legally blind citizens in the nation and; that number continues to climb as the state's population ages and expands. Your contribution will help to increase the number of skilled and motivated individuals looking to enter or re-enter the workforce and will significantly broaden the acceptance of people who are blind by the rest of Florida's people. The work the Foundation does today will lead to a greater opportunity tomorrow. Full inclusion of people who are blind builds a stronger economy for Florida.

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## VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Your tax-deductible gift is an important investment for the future of our community and state. Your partnership helps the Blind Services Foundation of Florida, Inc. assist blind and visually impaired Floridians to become all they can be and helps our state understand the contributions blind people make every day.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### ✓ MOTOR CYCLE TAG



Our primary source of income comes from the purchase of motorcycle tags. If you are an owner of a bike, please purchase the "Bikers Care" tag, which supports this foundation and four other disability-related groups.

### ✓ TRIBUTE GIFT

Honorariums and memorial gifts are intended to celebrate an occasion or the life of a friend or relative.

### ✓ OUTRIGHT GIFT

Often given via cash or check, this form of giving makes it possible for you to see your donation at work in a project you specify right away.

### ✓ CORPORATE SUPPORT

Corporate giving allows companies to donate money, services or products that could assist in the education and rehabilitation of Florida's blind and visually impaired citizens.

### ✓ BEQUEST

Your will or trust can designate an amount to be transferred to the Blind Services of Florida Foundation Endowment Fund. If you give a gift through your will or trust, the bequest should be either contained in the body of the will or attached as a codicil.



## FLORIDA DIVISION OF BLIND SERVICES

The Florida Division of Blind Services' (DBS) mission is to ensure blind and visually impaired Floridians have the tools, support and opportunity to achieve success. Since 1941, the agency has made a huge difference in attacking the attitudinal barriers and the lack of technology access that have hindered people who are blind from fully participating in society and the workforce.

Through DBS, blind and visually impaired Floridians have access to many educational, vocational, medical, social and recreational services beginning at birth and continuing through their senior years.

The Division, in conjunction with its Community Rehabilitation Programs, serves almost 12,000 individuals in its client service programs each year; and more than 32,000 individuals receive services through The DBS Braille and Talking Books Library.

For more information, visit [dbs.fldoe.org](http://dbs.fldoe.org).

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