

News & Views

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Association Receives Generous Donation from 2020 Vision Quest

The team of 2020 Vision Quest recently visited the NH Association for the Blind bearing a check for \$30,000.

This donation is the result of a year's worth of outreach and public education by Randy Pierce, Founder and President of 2020 Vision Quest. "It was a privilege to make my best efforts at supporting the organization which helped me take my first steps in the world of blindness"; said Pierce. "The Association is so grateful to the statewide outreach of 2020 Vision Quest. Our mission continues to be carried out because of organizations like this"; said Shelley Proulx, VP for Development.

2020 Vision Quest was started by Randy Pierce and a group of committed individuals who believe in inspiring people to reach beyond adversity and achieve their highest goals -- personal, professional, and philanthropic. Randy believes in leading by example, in climbing the highest peaks, and in sharing his team's successes and challenges with each other. Funds raised through these endeavors are given to two remarkable organizations - Guiding Eyes for the Blind and the New Hampshire Association for the Blind.

For more information about the adventures of Randy Pierce and 2020 Vision Quest visit their website at www.2020visionquest.org.



2020 Vision Quest Team and Association's Board & Staff



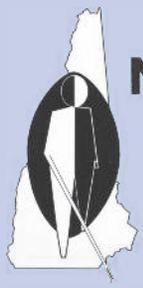
Tracy & Randy Pierce presenting check to Michelle Arruda, NH Association for the Blind's Immediate Past Chair.

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Our Mission

To advance the independence of persons
who are blind or visually impaired.

Hundreds Turn Out for Association's 11th Annual Walk

On Saturday, June 7th the NH Association for the Blind hosted their most successful "3K Walk for Sight" yet!

We surpassed our goal to raise over \$90,000 for this year's 3K Walk for Sight! We would like to express our sincere thanks to our walkers, sponsors, volunteers and friends for their continuous support of our mission.

Top Team: 2020 Vision Quest raised a total of \$9,407

Top Individual: Frank Haley with donations totaling \$6,834

Please visit our website www.sightcenter.org to view a listing of our sponsors.



Frank Haley & Family



John Woods came all the way from Hawaii to head up "Friends of Cindy" team this year. John and 17 walkers raised \$4,230 in memory of Cindy Gonnerman who passed away this Spring at age 47.



Noel Correnti
with her 3 happy walkers



Debby Duffy from Waterville Valley
raised \$2,985 this year.

New Vice President for Finance and Administration



Nathalie Fortier joined the New Hampshire Association for the Blind as Vice President for Finance and Administration in May. Prior to this, she was the Director of Finance for the University Of New Hampshire School Of Law in Concord for five years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Southern New Hampshire University and is a current member of the New Hampshire Society of Accountants.

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New Volunteer Coordinator



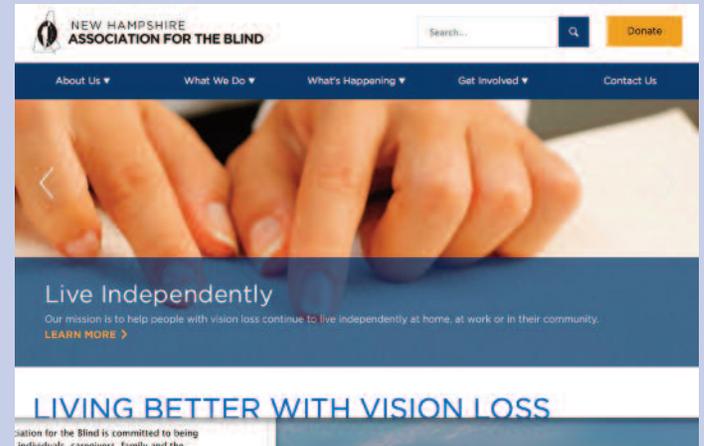
Donna Fanny, Volunteer Coordinator, joined the NHAB team in May. Her prior experience includes 12 years as Program Coordinator for the Friends RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). She was responsible for recruiting, training and placing volunteers into nonprofit agencies throughout Merrimack County. Here at NHAB her responsibilities are to recruit and train volunteers to meet the needs of clients as well as the organization as a whole. Some of the opportunities for volunteers are connecting with clients to assist with transportation, visiting clients who have little support, assisting with clerical duties at NHAB, supporting our Special Events (such as the Walk for Sight, Dinner in the Dark), and assisting with public education.

Donna has been a member of NHAVA (New Hampshire Association for Volunteer Administrators) for many years. She has attended the NH Governor's conference on Volunteerism for the past 13 years and in 2008 was nominated for Volunteer Manager of the Year.

Donna is well respected by the volunteers she has worked with in the past and comes to us with a variety of skills and talents.

"I love working with volunteers! Volunteers have a special kindness in their hearts and they always inspire me to do my best and to be a better person. I look forward to this adventure and being able to work with a great group of people."

NH Association for the Blind Launches New Website



Revitalized website provides easier access to information and online communications sign-up for people who are visually impaired or blind.

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind recently launched their revitalized website, www.sightcenter.org. Thanks to the generous support of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and Gibney Family Foundation, the site's launch comes at the end of a 4 month website redesign project headed by Altos Marketing of Bedford, NH.

To address the needs of the growing population of New Hampshire residents living with low vision or blindness, the time was right to turn the website into a dynamic platform. "Our collaborative effort with Altos allowed us to design and create a site that's engaging, information-rich and easy to navigate", said Marcia Clark, Marketing & Executive Relations Manager. The site provides access to much-needed resources; details numerous opportunities to get involved; and offers real-life stories told by individuals who have benefited the services provided by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind.

The new site allows individuals to sign up to receive email communications ranging from upcoming events, newsletters and annual reports. "As the incidence of blindness continues to grow, we felt that this next generation website must effectively connect and communicate with those who need help or want to support our mission," said George Theriault, President & CEO.

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is committed to being the primary organization where individuals, caregivers, family and the medical community can learn more about the wide range of information, services and resources that are available throughout the state.

In addition to its revitalized website, the Association will continue to build its presence on Facebook and Twitter. For more information on the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, visit our new website at www.sightcenter.org.



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Susan Manchester
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Dinner in the Dark

Dinner in the Dark is a rare and unique sensory awareness experience that takes guests on a journey of taste, smell, and touch—all in the dark. Created in Germany, "Dining in the Dark" is a one-of-a-kind concept that has been enjoyed by many people across Europe. Moving the concept to America in 2005, Dinner in the Dark has been experienced by thousands of people wanting a peek into an unfamiliar world.

For the last two years the New Hampshire Association for the Blind has hosted these fundraising dinners in Portsmouth, Manchester and Laconia. This year we've added two more locations; Concord and Meredith. Come experience blindfold dining for yourself or host your own Dinner in the Dark in your community. For more information contact Mary Chase at mchase@sightcenter.org.

Special thanks go out to the following restaurant establishments for their generous support. Rudi's – Portsmouth, 900 Degrees – Manchester, The Way We Cook – Manchester, Hectors – Laconia, Giuseppe's – Meredith and The Centennial Hotel – Concord.

UPCOMING DINNER DATES

September 16th – Centennial Inn – Concord

October 21th – Rudi's - Portsmouth

November 10th – Giuseppe's - Meredith



Adele Bouffard – Baker and Sandi Cotter at 900 Degrees, Manchester

