

# Expanded Resources for Students with Visual Impairments

<http://www.region10.org/SSVI/ecc.html>

Please visit our website, scroll down and look for the link to Expanded Resources List for updates or the print or download your own copy.

For more VI specific resources please check the following website:  
<https://www.tsbvi.edu/REC2Web/>

**BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

**General Resources**

## SPECIAL INFORMATION

If you need assistance, please contact your DARS, Division of Blind Services direct service provider about the support you need.

## SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS DIRECTORY

### Special Needs Kids Directory

<http://www.specialneedskidsdirectory.com/recreational-resources-p1>

A list and links to a variety of leisure and recreational resources in the area. Check individually for suitability for students with a visual impairment.

## SPORTS RESOURCES FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS

### BEEP BASEBALL

#### Local

#### **The Buddy League, Inc.**

Free baseball and soccer teams for disabled players with non-disabled peer buddies.

Contact: Heather Miller, President EMAIL: [chmillers@aol.com](mailto:chmillers@aol.com)

3809 Creststone Drive, Garland, TX 75040 PH: 972-414-9280

[www.buddyleague.org](http://www.buddyleague.org)

#### **Lone Star Roadrunners**

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired

Contact: Sam McKenzie

PH: 214-405-5318

Other Info: This is a competitive beep ball team for older students and students with higher level skills.

<https://www.facebook.com/LoneStarRoadrunners>

EMAIL: [sam.mckenzie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sam.mckenzie@sbcglobal.net)

#### National

#### **\*National Beep Baseball Association**

3444 Limerick Lane NE, Rochester, NY 55906

PH: 507-208-3883

[www.nbba.org](http://www.nbba.org)

EMAIL: general information: [secretary@nbba.org](mailto:secretary@nbba.org)

### BOWLING

#### **American Blind Bowling Association**

Check the website for the most up to date contact information.

<http://www.abba1951.org/>

Closest league is in Tyler, TX

#### **BlindSquad of Tyler #116**

Teresa Tucker

14472 CR 26, Tyler, TX, 75707

PH: 903-714-4864

## GENERAL SPORTS

### Local

#### **Sports Extravaganza for Blind and Visually Impaired**

Region 10 Education Service Center

Eligibility: All school age blind and visually impaired students

Contact: Christy Householter

Region 10 ESC, 904 Abrams Rd., Richardson, TX 75081

PH: 972-348-1634 FAX: 972-761-9665

[http://www.region10.org/ssvi/Sports\\_Extravaganza.html](http://www.region10.org/ssvi/Sports_Extravaganza.html)

EMAIL: [Christy.Householter@region10.org](mailto:Christy.Householter@region10.org)

Other Info: The Sports Extravaganza occurs annually in the month of October. Sports include track and field, goal ball, beep ball, archery, and special events for students with multiple and visual impairments.

### National

#### **Blind Outdoor Leisure Development**

Challenge Aspen

PO Box 6639, Snowmass Village, CO 81615

PH: 970-923-0578 FAX: 907-923-7338

[www.challengeaspen.com](http://www.challengeaspen.com)

#### **International Blind Sport Association**

<http://www.ibsa.es/>

#### **U.S. Association for Blind Athletes**

1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

PH: 719-630-0422 FAX: (719) 639-6016

<http://www.usaba.org/>

#### **Adaptive Sports Center**

Non-profit organization that provides year-round recreation activities for people with disabilities and their families.

P.O. Box 1639, Crested Butte, CO 81224

PH: 866-349-2296 FAX: 970-349-2077

[www.adaptivesports.org](http://www.adaptivesports.org)

EMAIL: [info@adaptivesports.org](mailto:info@adaptivesports.org)

## GOAL BALL

#### **Goal Ball**

Contact: Christy Householter COMS – Region 10 V.I. Specialist

PH: 972-926-2374

<http://www.region10.org/SSVI/ecc.html> (information about goal ball and other expanded core curriculum events)

EMAIL: [ChristyHouseholter@region10.org](mailto:ChristyHouseholter@region10.org)

## GOLF

### Local

#### **Gary Pickle**

Teacher and custom club maker.  
205 Cliffdale Dr., Euless, TX76040  
PH: 817-684-1128  
[www.garypickle.com](http://www.garypickle.com)

### National

#### **\*United States Blind Golf Association**

3094 Shamrock St. N., Tallahassee, FL 32308  
PH: 850-893-4511  
[www.blindgolf.com](http://www.blindgolf.com)

## SKIING

### National

#### **\*The American Blind Skiing Foundation**

C/O Jim Hynan, 8131 Mission Hills Rd., Unit 203, Northbrook, IL 60062-5745  
PH: 312-409-1605 to leave a message  
[www.absf.org](http://www.absf.org)      EMAIL: [absf@absf.org](mailto:absf@absf.org)

## PLAYGROUNDS

### Local

#### **Child's Play at Bachman Lake** – 2750 Bachman Drive, Dallas, TX 75220-5853

PH: 214-670-6266

Wheelchair and cane accessible playground open to the public on certain days.

#### **Casey's Clubhouse** – in Dove Park, 1509 Hood Lane, Grapevine, TX

Accessible playground and .5 mile concrete walking trail

#### **Cottonwood Creek Park** – 4501 N. Story Rd., Irving, TX

Miracle League ball field and accessible playground that includes a custom built tree house.

#### **Discovery Playground** – City Lake Park, 101 Holley Park Dr., Mesquite, TX 75149

Wheelchair accessible.

#### **Fantasy Landing** – in Kiest Park, 3012 South Hampton, Dallas, TX

Created using Playworld Systems playground equipment

INTERNET:

#### **Reverchon Park** – 3401 Maple Avenue, Dallas, TX

#### **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**

2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, TX 75219

PH: 214-559-7606

Wheelchair and cane accessible playground open to the public. The playground may be reserved for birthday parties at no cost.

## **National**

### **Accessible Playground**

<http://www.accessibleplayground.net/>

On-line directory of accessible playgrounds all over the United States as well as a resource for the creation of accessible play spaces.

### **Boundless Playgrounds**

401 Chestnut St., Suite 410, Chattanooga, TN 370402

PH: 423-648-5619

[http://www.boundlessplaygrounds.org/playgrounds/find/playground.php?playground\\_id=184](http://www.boundlessplaygrounds.org/playgrounds/find/playground.php?playground_id=184)

Its mission is to create playgrounds where anyone can play regardless of ability and provide support and guidance in creating accessible play spaces.

## **ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

### **Landscape Structures**

PH: 888-438-6574 (888-4FUNLSI)

[http://www.playlsi.com/Explore-Products/Universally-Accessible-Playgrounds/Pages/Inclusive-Play.aspx?gclid=COXN3\\_2chbUCFWaoPAodjSwAug](http://www.playlsi.com/Explore-Products/Universally-Accessible-Playgrounds/Pages/Inclusive-Play.aspx?gclid=COXN3_2chbUCFWaoPAodjSwAug)

### **The World Playground, Parks and Recreation Products and Services Web Directory**

<http://www.playgrounddirectory.com/accessible.htm>

On-line directory of playground equipment manufacturers and sellers who have accessible equipment. One is in the North Texas area, and others will ship.

## **ACCESSIBLE THEME PARK**

### **Morgan's Wonderland**

5223 David Edwards Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78233

<http://www.morganswonderland.com>

## **PROFESSIONAL SPORTS**

### **AirHogs**

AA Baseball

1600 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

[www.airhogshaseball.com](http://www.airhogshaseball.com)

### **Allen Americans**

Central Hockey League

Games at the Allen Event Center, 200 East Stacy Road, Allen, TX 75202

PH: 972-912-1000

<http://www.allenamericans.com/>

## **Dallas Cowboys**

NFL Football

Cowboys Stadium 900 E Randol Mill Rd., Arlington, TX 76011

PH: 817-892-4161 (Guest Services Hotline)

[www.dallascowboys.com](http://www.dallascowboys.com)

Radio broadcast/simulcast can be found on 105.3 FM

## **Dallas Mavericks**

NBA Basketball

American Airlines Center at Victory Park, 2500 Victory Ave, Dallas, Texas

PH: 214-747-MAVS

[www.nba.com/mavericks/](http://www.nba.com/mavericks/)

Radio broadcast for every game may be heard on ESPN Radio 103.3 FM. You may bring a small radio and listen while in the arena if needed.

## **Dallas Stars**

NHL Hockey

American Airlines Center at Victory Park, 2500 Victory Ave, Dallas, Texas

PH: 214-GO-STARs

[www.dallasstars.com](http://www.dallasstars.com)

Radio broadcast for every regular season game may be heard on Sportsradio 1310 (AM) The Ticket.

## **FC Cats**

Professional Soccer Team

Games are played at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, TX (check website for directions/map)

PH: 214-705-6700

[www.fcdallas.com](http://www.fcdallas.com)

## **Fort Worth Brahmas**

Central Hockey League

Games are played at NYTEX Sports Centre, 8851 Ice House Dr., North Richland Hills, TX 76180

PH: 817-336-4423

<http://www.brahmas.com/>

## **Fort Worth Cats**

AA Baseball

La Grave Field, 301 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St., Ft. Worth, TX 76164

PH: 817-226-CATS

[www.fwcats.com/index/cfm](http://www.fwcats.com/index/cfm)

## **Frisco Roughriders**

AA Baseball

Dr. Pepper Arena, State Highway 121 and Dallas North Tollway

PH: 972-731-9200

[www.ridersbaseball.com](http://www.ridersbaseball.com)

## **Texas Motor Speedway**

NASCAR and Indy Car Sports

3545 Lone Star Circle, Ft. Worth, TX 76177

PH: 817-215-8500

[www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com)

## **Texas Rangers**

Major League Baseball

The Ballpark in Arlington, 1000 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX 76011

PH: 817-273-5222

[http://rangers.mlb.com/index.isd?c\\_id=tx](http://rangers.mlb.com/index.isd?c_id=tx)

## **Texas Tornados**

Minor League Hockey

2601 Avenue of the Stars, Frisco, TX 75034

PH: 972-335-9800 Fax: 214-872-1797

[www.tornadohockey.com](http://www.tornadohockey.com)

# **LEISURE RESOURCES FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS**

## **COMPUTER GAMES, ACCESSIBLE**

[www.gamesfortheblind.com](http://www.gamesfortheblind.com) – Accessible, downloadable computer games.

[www.tsbvi.edu](http://www.tsbvi.edu) – Type games into the search for the latest information about accessible games

<http://www.bscgames.com/> - Accessible, downloadable computer games.

## **GAMES AND TOYS, ACCESSIBLE**

**Unites States Braille Chess Association** – <http://www.americanblindchess.org/>

### **The Braille Superstore**

<http://www.braillebookstore.com>

PH: 800-987-1231

Toys, games and magazines in braille and other items are available.

### **National Braille Press**

<http://www.nbp.org/>

### **Independent Living Aids**

<http://www.independentliving.com/departments.asp?dept=45&deptname=Games>

A variety of adapted classic games are available.

### **Tack-Tiles**

<http://www.tack-tiles.com/>

Braille cell blocks that interconnect

### **Wonder Baby**

<http://www.wonderbaby.org>

A project funded by Perkins School for the Blind. Database and articles about toys and more for parents of children with visual impairment including children with multiple impairments.

## LITERACY (GENERAL)

### **Paths to Literacy** – [www.pathstoliteracy.org](http://www.pathstoliteracy.org)

Information, ideas, and strategies for addressing literacy for students with visual impairments and/or other disabilities. Includes ideas that are untraditional and “outside the box.”

## READING (Print, Braille, Audio)

### **American Printing House for the Blind**

PO Box 6085, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206-0085

PH: (502)895-2405

<http://www.aph.org>

Print/Braille books for purchase by individuals or through quota funds for VI teachers/school districts depending on how your state distributes these funds.

### **Bookport**

[www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

A talking portable book reading device and much more. It allows the user to download and read electronic text files with synthetic speech or digital recorded books (including DAISY books) with human speech. Available through APH (American Printing House for the Blind)

### **BookShare**

<http://www.bookshare.org/>

Speak to your teacher of visually impaired students for more information and certification.

### **BrailleInk**

2401 E. McKinney St., Ste. 1526, Denton, TX 76209

PH: 940-483-9343 or 800-324-2919

<http://www.brailleink.org/>

Email: [info@brailleink.org](mailto:info@brailleink.org)

A non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the experience of reading by providing materials with both print and braille in a unique, easy-to-use format that encourages shared reading and promotes braille awareness.

### **Braille Storybook Resource Listing**

<http://www.nfb.org/images/nfb/Publications/fr/fr8/Issue3/f080305.html>

### **Children’s Braille Book Club**

National Braille Press Inc.

88 Saint Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115

PH: 617-266-6160

[www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/cbbc](http://www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/cbbc)

### **Dialogue Magazine**

Blindskills, Inc.

P.O. Box 5181, Salem, OR 97304-0181

PH: 800-860-4224

[www.blindskills.com](http://www.blindskills.com)



### **Kenneth Jernigan Library**

**Sponsored by: American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults**

18440 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356

PH: 818-343-3219

<http://www.actionfund.org/kenneth-jernigan-library>

EMAIL: [actionfund@actionfund.org](mailto:actionfund@actionfund.org)

Free lending library including Twin Vision books (print and Braille). Books are sent automatically. You must state whether the book will be used for an individual or a school.

### **LRS Large Print Reproductions**

14214 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061-1034

PH: (800) 255-5002 EMAIL: [LargePrintSB@aol.com](mailto:LargePrintSB@aol.com)

<https://largeprintschoolbooks.com/>

### **National Braille Press**

[www.nbp.org](http://www.nbp.org)

### **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

1219 Taylor St. NW, Washington, DC 20542

PH: (888) 657-7323 (888-NLS-READ)

[www.lcweb.loc.gov/nls](http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/nls)

### **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped:**

[www.loc.gov/nls/reference/circulars](http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/circulars)

### **Seedlings**

Seedlings Braille Books for Children, PO Box 51924, Livonia, MI 48151-5924

PH: (313)427-8552

<http://www.seedlings.org>

Usually offers free books for summer reading program. Ask your child's teacher students with visual impairments.

### **Starfall.com**

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

Early literacy short vowel sound mini-books can be printed and easily adapted with Braille.

### **Texas State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped – Talking Book Program**

P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711

PH: (800) 252-9605

[www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/index.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/index.html)

### **Whidbey Island Braillists,**

Contact: Dottie Jordan

345 East Henri Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Print/Braille books lent to blind children or to blind parents of sighted children. For ages 1 Children's books are intended for ages one year to beginning school age. Send a letter stating who will be using the book (blind parent or student), child's age and whether child is a boy or girl.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **The Hadley School for the Blind**

700 Elm Street, Winnetka, IL 60093-0299

PH: (800) 323-4238

[www.hadley-school.org](http://www.hadley-school.org)

Info: Tuition-free correspondence courses for legally blind persons. Among the many topics they offer are courses on recreation and leisure skills, music, gardening, outdoor recreation, birdsong recognition, getting involved in local recreation programs, chess, and physical fitness.

## MUSEUMS (EDUCATIONAL)

### **Museums of the Dallas Fort Worth area**

<http://www.town-mall.net/entertainment/museums.html>

Most of the museums in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex are listed on this site with the known exceptions listed below. Please note that some information appears to be out of date at this time.

### **Heard Museum of Natural Science**

Located one mile east of State Highway 5 on FM 1378, southeast of McKinney, Texas

PH: (972) 562- 5566

<http://www.heardmuseum.org>

**Email:** [info@heardmuseum.org](mailto:info@heardmuseum.org)

Call in advance to find out about hands-on exhibits.

### **Perot Museum of Nature and Science**

2201 N. Field Street, Dallas, TX 75201-1704

PH: 214-428-5555 EMAIL: [info@perotmuseum.org](mailto:info@perotmuseum.org)

<http://www.perotmuseum.org/>

### **Texas Discovery Gardens**

3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, TX 75210

PH: (214)428-7476

<http://www.texasdiscoverygardens.org/>

Email general questions to [tdg@texasdiscoverygardens.org](mailto:tdg@texasdiscoverygardens.org)

## PETTING FARMS

### **Grisham Farms Therapy Zoo**

4546 CR 408, McKinney, Texas 75071

PH: 214-544-7255

INTERNET: [www.grishamfarms.org](http://www.grishamfarms.org)

E-mail: [stephanie@grishamfarms.org](mailto:stephanie@grishamfarms.org)

Visits by appointment only. The farm is home to over 20 species of farm and exotic animals.

Visitors are able to touch, feed and learn all about the animals. Once a month the farm is open to the public, check the website for dates or contact Stephanie.

## ZOOS

### **Dallas Zoo**

650 S R L Thornton Fwy Dallas, TX 75203

PH: (469) 554-7500

[www.dallaszoo.com](http://www.dallaszoo.com)

## **Fort Worth Zoo**

1989 Colonial Pkwy Fort Worth, TX 76109

PH: (817) 759-7555

[www.fortworthzoo.org](http://www.fortworthzoo.org)

## **THE ARTS**

### **Dallas Arts District**

The nation's largest arts district containing many arts venues and special events.

<http://www.thedallasartsdistrict.org/>

### **Office of Cultural Affairs – City of Dallas**

Information about cultural events and city owned arts facilities throughout the city.

<http://www.dallasculture.org/>

## **MUSIC**

### ***Local***

#### **Lessons**

There are many music lesson opportunities in the DFW area. We are still looking for information about teachers who are especially good at teaching students with visual impairments. Please contact [Christy.Householter@region10.org](mailto:Christy.Householter@region10.org) if you know of anyone.

#### **Performances**

There are too many music performance opportunities in the DFW area to list here. Please consult the internet. There are many websites to choose from – try searching “music in Dallas”.

### ***National***

#### **Music and Arts Center for Humanity**

Summer Institute for Blind College Bound Musicians

600 University Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06601

PH: (203) 366-3300

#### **Music Section**

National Library Services for the Blind

Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542

PH: (202) 707-5100

[www.loc.gov/nls/music](http://www.loc.gov/nls/music)

Braille, large print, and recorded music instructional materials.

#### **National Resource Center for Blind Musicians**

Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County, Inc., 510 Barnum Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06608

PH: 203-366-3300 FAX: 203-368-2847

EMAIL: [info@blindmusicstudent.org](mailto:info@blindmusicstudent.org)

Provides information and referral services for students with visual impairments of all ages.

<http://www.blindmusicstudent.org/>

## LIVE THEATRE VENUES

### **Booker T. Washington School for the Performing and Visual Arts**

Public Arts Magnet (DISD). Many programs are free or reasonably priced.

2501 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201

PH: 972-925-1200

<http://www.artsmagnet.org/>

### **Dallas Children's Theater**

Rosewood Center, 5938 Skillman, Dallas, TX 75231

PH: 214-740-0051 FAX: 214-978-0110

<http://www.dct.org/>

### **Dallas City Performance Hall**

2520 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75208

PH: 214-671-1450 FAX: 214-670-1404

<http://www.dallasculture.org/cityPerformanceHall/>

### **Dallas Theater Center (DTC)**

2400 Flora St., Dallas, TX 75201

PH: 214-880-0202

[www.dallastheatercenter.org](http://www.dallastheatercenter.org)

### **Lakewood Theatre**

1825 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX

PH: 214-821-7469

[www.lakewoodtheater.com](http://www.lakewoodtheater.com)

### **Latino Cultural Center**

2600 Live Oak Street, Dallas, TX 75204

PH: 214-671-0045 FAX: 214-670-0633

<http://www.dallasculture.org/latinoCulturalCenter/>

### **Majestic Theatre**

1925 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75201

PH: 214-670-3687

<http://www.dallasculture.org/majestictheatre.asp>

### **Pocket Sandwich Theatre**

Some shows are interactive. Check with staff about appropriateness for children.

5400 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 119, Dallas, TX 75206

PH: 214-821-1860

[www.pocketsandwich.com](http://www.pocketsandwich.com)

### **Theatre Three**

2800 Routh Street, Dallas, TX 75201

PH: 214-871-3300

[www.theatre3dallas.com](http://www.theatre3dallas.com)

### **WaterTower Theatre**

15650 Addison Road, Addison, TX 75001

PH: 972-450-6230 FAX: 972-450-6244

<http://www.watertowertheatre.org>

**Winspear Opera House/AT&T Performing Arts Center**  
2403 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201  
PH: 214-880-0202  
[www.attpac.org](http://www.attpac.org)

## TRAVEL

**Travel Books, Tours, and Information for Disabled Travelers**  
[www.acb.org/resources/travel.html](http://www.acb.org/resources/travel.html)

### **Traveleyes**

<https://www.traveleyes-international.com/>

Commercial company specializing in “opening access to independent world travel for blind” and visually impaired persons.

### **Travel Tips for persons with visual impairments**

<http://www.access-able.com/tips/braille.htm>

## TV AND MOVIES

### **Cinema Without Sight Film Festival (and contest)**

[http://brailleinstitute.org/Services/Children/Cinema\\_Without\\_Sight\\_Film\\_Festival.aspx](http://brailleinstitute.org/Services/Children/Cinema_Without_Sight_Film_Festival.aspx)

For students in grades 7 – 12. Check the website for details.

### **Described Captioned Media Program (DCMP)**

[www.dcmp.org](http://www.dcmp.org)

Downloadable videos with captioning and description for students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind.

### **Feature Film Description**

[www.mopix.org](http://www.mopix.org)

Website lists current movies available with DVS Theatrical, an FM system that delivers a descriptive narrative of the movie for visually impaired persons. A list of movie theatres in Texas that offer DVS follows.

### **Media Access Group at WGBH**

<http://main.wgbh.org/wgbh/pages/mag/resources/dvs-home-video-catalogue.html>

DVS Home Videos for purchase (Descriptive Video Services)

### **National Center for Accessible Media**

<http://ncam.wgbh.org/>

Non-profit organization dedicated to achieving media access equality for people with disabilities.

***Check with local movie theatres for availability of descriptive services.***

## VISUAL ART

### Local

#### **ArtDFW**

<http://www.dfwart.com/>

A comprehensive list of the galleries and museums in the Dallas Metroplex and surrounding areas. There is some duplication below because a couple of museums have special programs in place to address the needs of students with visual impairment.

#### **Craft Guild of Dallas**

14325 Proton Road, Dallas, TX 75244-3512

PH: (972) 490-0303

<http://www.craftguildofdallas.com>

#### **Crowe Collection of Asian Art**

2010 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201 PH: 214-979-6430 FAX: 214-979-6439

<http://www.crowcollection.com/>

Admission is free with a donation suggested.

#### **Dallas Museum of Art**

1717 N. Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201 PH: 214-922-1200

<http://www.dallasmuseumofart.org/>

- To arrange a special docent tour for visually impaired person, call the Education department at 214-922-1331.
- Studio Creations on weekends from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Free with paid admission. For special needs accommodations call the Family Programs department at 214-922-1822.
- Family Activities – Late Nights at the DMA

#### **Nasher Sculpture Center**

2001 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75210 PH: 214-242-5180

<http://www.nashersculpturecenter.org/>

Call for more information about occasional hands-on exhibits.

### National

#### **APH Insights**

1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206-3152

PH: (800) 223-1839, ext. 357

[www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

Annual, juried Art Competition for artists who are visually impaired or blind  
Sponsored by APH (American Printing House of the Blind, Inc)

#### **Helen Keller International Art Show**

Council for Exceptional Children Division of Visual Impairments

1446 N. Coronado St., Chandler, AZ 85224-7824

PH: (480) 345-8773

<http://nationaldb.org/ISArtShow.php>

# GENERAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

## National (with Local contacts as available)

### **American Foundation for the Blind**

[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

Focus is expanding possibilities for persons with blindness or visual impairment. AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources. AFB's work in these areas is supported by the strong presence the organization maintains in Washington, DC, ensuring the rights and interests of people with vision loss are represented in our nation's public policies.

#### **Local/State Connection: AFB's Southwest Regional Center**

11030 Ables Lane, Dallas, TX 75229

PH: 1-800-232-5463 PH: 214-352-7222

**Sponsored Links:** *CareerConnect* <http://www.afb.org/section.aspx?FolderID=2&SectionID=7>

### **American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults**

1800 Johnson Street, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21230

PH: 410-6599315

INTERNET: [www.actionfund.org](http://www.actionfund.org)

EMAIL: [actionfund@actionfund.org](mailto:actionfund@actionfund.org)

Service agency which provides blind people help that is not readily available from government programs or existing service systems, including special children's programs and scholarships.

### **Family Connect**

An online, multimedia community created by AFB and NAPVI to give parents of children with visual impairments a place to support each other, share stories, concerns & local resources.

<http://www.familyconnect.org/parentsitehome.asp>

### **National Consortium on Deaf-blindness**

INTERNET: <http://nationaldb.org>

National technical assistance and dissemination center for children and youth who are deaf-blind.

Information Services <http://nationaldb.org/ISDefault.php>

PH: 800-438-9376 FAX: 503-838-8150 TTY: 800-854-7013

### **National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI)**

PH: 1-800-562-6265

<http://www.spedex.com/napvi/>

EMAIL: [napvi@perkins.org](mailto:napvi@perkins.org)

### **Local/State connection: Texas Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (TAPVI)**

North Texas contact: Lynn Novay, member at large [lmn291@verizon.net](mailto:lmn291@verizon.net)

PH: 972-768-3368

TAPVI helps Texas families connect with other families statewide who have children that are blind or visually impaired. We provide information, training, support and referrals; coordinate with various support agencies; and communicate with the legislature regarding blind and VI related issues. TAPVI is an affiliate of NAPVI.

### **Partners Resource Network**

This is an organization of parents of children with special needs helping other parents with children with special needs.

<http://www.partnerstx.org/>

### **Variety Children's Charity of Texas**

A charity dedicated to helping children with special needs to reach their potential by providing assistance in accessing mobility devices, therapies, and experiences that might not typically be accessible. *Contact them to find out if they can help meet your specific needs & to find out about upcoming special events.*

11300 N. Central Expressway, Ste. 602, Dallas, TX 75243

PH: 214-346-0920 FAX: 214-346-0924

<http://www.varietytexas.org/>

This is NOT intended as a comprehensive list, nor is it an endorsement of any of the organizations or individuals listed. This is merely a collection of resources that have come to our attention due to the diligence and caring of many people. If you know of someone or some organization that should be included, please email [Christy.householter@region10.org](mailto:Christy.householter@region10.org) for consideration. Thank you for your help. Together we can!

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