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2017 Convention Announcement

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What: National Federation of the Blind of Rhode Island 47th annual state convention

When: September 29th and 30th, 2017

Where: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 739-3000. Room rates are \$99.00 plus 13% hotel tax. Make your reservation as soon as possible to ensure availability.

How to Register: The deadline to register is Thursday, September 21st, 2017. Register by mail (see attached form) or online at

www.nfbri.org/register

Those with special dietary needs should contact Grace Pires at (401)433-2606 or info@nfbri.org by September 21st 2017.

Why: Come and learn about our organization! Join us for a weekend of fun, learning, and community. Find out about helpful resources, explore the newest assistive technology, and make connections! NFB conventions change lives because we know that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. Blindness is not what holds you back.

Start off convention at our free Technology workshop Friday, September 29th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There is a little something for everyone! Silver Lining Technologies will demonstrate useful features of Amazon Echo and Google Home from a blindness perspective. Your own Hands free automated attendant! Check out the latest blindness and low vision products available by HIMS! Come and learn about OrCam's wearable

assistive technology solution! OrCam MyEye! Learn about ways to access NFB Newslines! Free access to your favorite news content on the phone, on the Web and on the go! Come and learn about accessible TV equipment that Verizon and Cox have to offer!

Friday evening we will screen *Do You Dream in color*: An inspiring film about 4 blind high school students. Door will open at 7:00 pm.

Registration for the Technology workshop and movie by September 21st is appreciated as seating is limited. To RSVP, email info@nfbri.org or call (401) 433-2606.

On Saturday September 30th our day starts with registration and light refreshments from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Convention will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. We will hear from Dr. Raymond Mis a blind doctor followed by the latest news from our national office, presented by National Board Member Adelmo Vigil.

The day's agenda has a little something for everyone! We will hear presentations on services and resources from OSCIL, Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation, Insight and much more. In the afternoon, we will have break out sessions with CVS and an introduction to yoga by a blind instructor. The day's sessions will conclude with a short board meeting and elections.

The Saturday evening banquet is the exciting culmination of our state convention. Come spend time with old and new friends over a delicious meal while listening to the presentation of scholarships and awards, as well as an address by special guest National Board Member Adelmo Vigil. The banquet will conclude at 8:30 PM.

We wish to thank our convention sponsors for their financial support.

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