



New Vision News

New Vision for Independence, Inc.



Vision Impairment Services In Our Neighborhood

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Welcome to Our New Director

We welcome our new Executive Director, Bebe Chudeusz.

Bebe has worked tirelessly for the blind and visually impaired of Lake and Sumter Counties in various positions over the past 19 years. She was instrumental in the start of the first organized instructional facility in Lake County in 1989 and has remained dedicated to insuring the independence of the blind and visually impaired.

Bebe has given presentations to local service organizations, professional statewide conferences and seminars, national confer-

ences and seminars, and international conferences abroad. She would welcome the opportunity to speak at VIP, club, or community meetings.

Director's Comments

I could fill this entire inaugural Newsletter with New Vision News! There is so much going on with our agency right now. We currently have classes in Independent Living Skills, computers, Braille, and Orientation & Mobility. We are very busy spreading the word about New Vision's services in the community

and we just received a grant to help us continue our community education and awareness efforts. We are also actively planning our 2nd Annual New Vision Walk for Independence. I would like to meet with each VIP Support Group not only to fill you in on all the news, but also to find out what is happening with YOU! I want to be a resource for your groups and would like to get your ideas about how we can work together. VIP Leaders, please contact me to set up a time to visit with your VIP Support Group. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Name our Newsletter:

We need a memorable and catchy name for our newsletter.

Anyone with a suggestion, please call or e-mail your idea.

VIP Meeting Idea

This is an election year and you want to make sure that your voice is heard. Voting is your civic right and responsibility. Do you have a voter registration card with your correct address? Did you know that both Lake and Sumter Counties will now be voting on paper ballots? Do you know how to vote early, or use an absentee ballot? The Supervisor of Elections will gladly send someone to VIP Support Groups to answer all of your questions. Call the Supervisor of Elections to schedule a visit.

In Lake County call:
Emogene Stegall 343-9734

In Sumter County call:
Karen Krauss 793-0230
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Mark your calendars for the New Vision Walk for Independence on October 11th

Details on the back

Items for Sale

New Vision for Independence has a small store at the Leesburg campus of Lake-Sumter Community College.

The store carries a wide variety of items to assist

the blind and visually impaired. There are magnifiers, talking and low vision watches, 20/20 pens and Marvy markers just to name a few things available.

Large print Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, Anniversary, and Congratulatory cards are also available.

Used items for sale:

- 3 CCTV's

Donated items available to the first caller:

- Large print & Braille Bibles
- Bible on cassette tapes
- Braille playing cards



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2nd Annual New Vision Walk for Independence

Saturday, October 11, 2008

10:00 Walk (9:00 – 10:00 registration)

at Lake-Sumter Community College

Join us this year and help raise funds for rehabilitation services for adults in Lake and Sumter Counties who are blind or visually impaired. Services include classes in Braille, Independent Living Skills, Orientation and Mobility, and Access Technology, Family Workshops, and support groups.

Walk will include prizes, musical entertainment, and a sensory walk (for those walkers who are brave enough to wear a blindfold)!

Be a walker!

Individual walkers are welcome. Lots of prizes will be awarded!

Walkers with \$25 or more in donations will receive a T-shirt

Form a team!

You can form a team with your co-workers, family, friends, classmates...

Sponsor the Walk!

Each sponsorship level comes with benefits for your business or organization. Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$1500.

Call New Vision for Independence (NVI) for more information. 435-5040 www.n-v-i.org

There are over **12,000 blind or** visually impaired adults in Lake and Sumter counties. NVI is funded by the Florida State Division of Blind Services, United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties, Lake County Human Services, the F.I.S.H. Foundation, Inc., the Community Foundation of South Lake County, Inc., and contributions of hundreds of individuals and organizations. This annual Walk is NVI's primary fundraising event. We are also grateful for support from Lake-Sumter Community College.

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