

IPVI INSIGHTS

Connecting & Supporting Families Whose Children are Visually Impaired, Including Those with Additional Disabilities

**May
2015**



“LITERACY THROUGH EXPERIENCE AT BROOKFIELD ZOO”

Registration closes on Friday, July 10, 2015

Please be advised that IPVI’s Membership Outing will be held at the Brookfield Zoo, (enter in the south entrance) 3300 Golf Rd, Brookfield, IL 60513, on **July 18, 2015**. There are so many activities and animals to see so arrive early. IPVI has created a special T-Shirt for this event, (\$10/ea.) which will gain you free access to the Zoo, parking, lunch, the Dolphin Show, and the Hamill Family play Zoo. The luncheon includes Pizza and Drinks together with a guest speaker.

AGENDA Rain or Shine!

9:30 a.m.	Discovery Center Parking Lot opens – arrive early!
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Register at the Discovery Center and pick up T-Shirts and Dolphin Show/Hamill Family Play Zoo tickets
10:00 a.m.	Zoo Opens
10 a.m. – Noon	Visit various animals or partake in any of the Zoo Activities
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Return to Discovery Center – Family Photos
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Guest Speaker, Lunch at the Discovery Center (Remember immediately after lunch, the Group Photo is to be taken. Please stay until then.)
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Seven Seas Dolphin Show
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Enjoy the Zoo!

Festival of Flight -- FREE EVENT

Location: West of Tropic World

A 30-minute engaging, interactive show offered daily that features a variety of birds from around the world demonstrating free-flight natural behavior. The shows, which are **free** and located west of Tropic World, also feature audience participation.



MS. VIC'S VOLLEYS
Victoria Juskie, IPVI Treasurer

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VOLLEY I

Since our last publication, the following families, individuals, and/or organizations became members:

Cesar Gutierrez, Chicago

VOLLEY II

We are looking forward to seeing you at the zoo outing. If anyone has any suggestions as to other types of outings they would like to attend, let me know at 815-355-2098.

VOLLEY III

We welcome Filiberto Al-
 mendarez, III, as our newest
 Board Member. He will be our
 VP of Operations. He has an
 accounting background,
 speaks Spanish and has a ten-
 year old son, Filiberto IV, who
 is visually impaired. His wife's
 name is Rosanna, and they live
 in Chicago. Welcome Filiberto and thank you
 so much for volunteering.



Anyone else who would like to volunteer, please let us know as we are in great need of parents with younger children because you have more up to date information as to what's happening in the vision world at your schools and through the training your children are receiving. It is very rewarding to be a part of this group, and we thank everyone who as assisted us in the past and continues to help. **THANK YOU!**



Illinois Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

TO: ALL IPVI Members (EVEN THOSE NOT ATTENDING THE ZOO OUTING, PLEASE READ: DUES ARE \$15/YEARLY. PLEASE REMIT IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID LATELY. WE ALSO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!)

Note, we no longer US mail our newsletter. You can view it by the fifth of each month at our website: IPVI.org
If you do not have a computer and would like a copy mailed to you, please fill out and return this section of the form.

RETURN ALL FORMS TO: MARY ZABELSKI, P. O. Box 316634, CHICAGO, IL 60631 (773-882-1331) ZOO ONLY

My dues are enclosed. Yes or No. Circle One. Also, I need a hard copy mailed to me at:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

WILLING TO VOLUNTEER?: YES OR NO? (CIRCLE ONE) PHONE # _____

IPVI'S 2015 BROOKFIELD ZOO – MEMBERS ONLY OUTING Saturday July 18th Registration and Payment Form

Attendance is restricted to currently paid members of IPVI** (check your address). All attendees must pre-register, purchase a 2015 Zoo T-Shirt and show current identification at the Discovery Center when signing in. Attendees agree by submitting this form to a Release of Liability & Use of Photographs by IPVI for this event.

Indicate T-Shirt Size per attendee:

Choices are: INFANT -- YOUTH small/medium/large -- ADULT small/medium/large, XLG, XXLG or XXXLG

FAMILY NAME: _____ IPVI Current Membership _____ y / n

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Home #:(_____) _____ - _____ Cell #:(_____) _____ - _____

1) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

2) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

3) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

4) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

5) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

6) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

7) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

8) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

9) Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Membership Dues (\$15.00.year) _____ \$

Total Number of Zoo Admission T-Shirts @\$10/person _____ \$

Donation to IPVI for (IPVI Scholarship) or (Zoo Costs) _____ \$

TOTAL MONEY (INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM) PAYABLE TO IPVI _____ \$

** IPVI IS FUNDED THROUGH MEMBER DUES, ACTIVITY/EVENT PARTICIPATION FEES, AND PRIVATE/PUBLIC DONATIONS. IPVI benefits are available to anyone who needs and applies for membership, regardless of their ability to pay. IPVI is an all-volunteer organization. We sincerely welcome your participation, support and ideas. We primarily focus on supporting families challenged by visual impairments but welcome anyone with other disabilities as well.

“LITERACY THROUGH EXPERIENCE AT BROOKFIELD ZOO”

Ultimo dia para Registracion es 10 de Julio de 2015

Tenga en cuenta que la Membresía de IPVI se llevará a cabo en el Zoológico de Brookfield, (entrar por la Entrada Sur) 3300 Golf Rd, Brookfield, IL 60513, el 18 de Julio de 2015. Llegue temprano, hay tantas actividades que hacer y animales que ver. IPVI ha creado una camiseta especial para este evento,(\$10c/u) Esta camiseta le da entrada gratis al Zoológico, estacionamiento, almuerzo, Show de delfines, y Hamill Family Play Zoo. El almuerzo incluye Pizza y bebidas junto a un orador invitado.

AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m Estacionamiento abre (Discovery Center Parking Lot) llegue temprano!
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m Registrarse en el (Discovery Center) para recoger las camisetas y boletos para el Show de Delfines y Hamill Family Play Zoo
- 10:00 a.m Zoológico abre las puertas
- 10:00 – 12:00 p.m Visita los animals y participa en cualquiera de las actividades del Zoologico
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m Regresa al Discovery Center para fotos con la familia
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m Conferencia con el orador invitado y almuerzo en el Discovery Center (recuerda inmediatamente después del almuerzo la foto del grupo sera tomada. (Por favor, quedece hasta entonces)
- 2:00 – 3:30 p.m Show de Delfines
- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m Puede disfrutar del zoológico!

Festival of Flight (Festival de Vuelo)-- EVENTO GRATIS

Locacion: Oeste de Tropic World

Participa en el show interactivo que se ofrece diariamente con una gran variedad de aves de todo el mundo demostrando el comportamiento natural de vuelo libre. Los espectáculos son gratis y estan situados al oeste de Tropic World, con la participación del público.



Illinois Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

Para: Todos los Miembros de IPVI (Incluyendo los que no participant en este evento favor de leer):
CUOTA ANUAL \$15. FAVOR DE CUBRIR LA CUOTA SI NO LA HA REALIZADO.

NECESITAMOS MAS VOLUNTARIOS!

Nota, ya no madamos las cartas via correo. Ahora las puede ver el 5 de cada mes en la pagina de internet: **IPVI.org**
Si no tiene acceso a una computadora y quiere una copia por correo favor llenar esta forma y mandarla a la siguiente direccion:

REGRESAR FORMAS A: **MARY ZABELSKI, P.O. Box 316634, CHICAGO, IL 60631 (773-882-1331)**
ZOO ONLY

Mi cuota esta incluida, Si o No. Marque una. Tambien necesito una copia original por correo a:

Nombre: _____

Direccion: _____

Ciudad, Estado, Codigo Postal: _____

QUIERO SER VOLUNTARIO?: SI O NO? (MARQUE UNA) TELEFONO# _____

IPVI'S 2015 ZOOLOGICO DE BROOKFIELD – SOLO MIEMBROS

Sabado 18 de Julio Registracion y Forma de Pago

La participacion está restringida a miembros que estan al corriente con los pagos de IPVI ** (Confirme su direccion). Todos los asistentes deben pre-inscribirse, comprar una camiseta del Zoologico del 2015 y mostrar una identificación vigente en el Discovery Center al firmar. Los asistentes estan de acuerdo y consentimiento a enviar este formulario a la Liberación de Responsabilidad y Uso de Fotografias por IPVI para este evento.

Indique talla de playas para los que atenderan:

Opciones son: BEBES – NINOS paquena/mediana/grande -- ADULTO paquena/mediana/grande, XG, XXG o XXXG

NOMBRE DE FAMILIA: _____ IPVI Miembro activo _____ si/no

Direccion: _____ Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Codigo Postal: _____

Email: _____ Casa #: (____) _____ - _____ Celular #: (____) _____ - _____

1) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

2) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

3) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

4) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

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7) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

8) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

9) Nombre: _____ Edad: _____ Talla de playera: _____

Cuota de Membresia (\$15.00. por año) \$ _____

Total de playeras para admission al Zoologico @ \$10/persona \$ _____

Donacion al IPVI para (IPVI Beca Escolar) o (Costo del Zoologico) \$ _____

CANTIDAD TOTAL (INCLUYENDO CON ESTA FORMA) PAGABLE A IPVI \$ _____

** IPVI SE FINANCIA MEDIANTE LAS CUOTAS DE MIEMBROS, CUOTAS DE PARTICIPACIÓN EN ACTIVIDADES Y EVENTOS, DONACIONES PRIVADAS Y PÚBLICAS. IPVI beneficios están disponibles para cualquier persona que necesita y aplica por membresia independientemente de su capacidad de pago. IPVI es una organización de voluntarios. Damos la bienvenida sinceramente a tu participación, apoyo e ideas. Nos centramos principalmente en apoyar a las familias con impedimentos visuales asi como a cualquier otras discapacidades.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lyle Stauder, President

Spring is the time of year when IEP's are written for your child's fall school year. To advocate for your child you must be ready with a list of items needed for your child to succeed in school. Talking to your child about his/her needs will help you and your child become better advocates for himself or herself.

Some things to think about would be:

- Types of books
- Type of print
- Braille material
- Type of equipment needed
- Mobility training

We suggest taking a junior high and high school age child with you to the IEP meeting as this will help him or her learn about advocating for college and as an adult when they are on their own.

Good luck with your child's IEP. We also suggest taking along someone to take notes. Our goal is to include children so their needs are met and they get a good education. Advocacy is very important and a valuable tool in life, and it needs to be practiced.

If you have any questions call Lyle at 217-787-9728.



REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE PARENT WORKSHOP TODAY!



Illinois State Board of Education

Gery J. Chico, Chairman
Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent

Space is limited; registration is mandatory Please visit www.frcd.org or call 312-939-3513 for registration and workshop location.

**Six Principles of IDEA:
Special Education What You Need to Know**
Saturday, May 2, 10am-12pm

Navigating the IEP Process
Saturday, May 16, 10am-12pm

Skills For Effective Parent Advocacy
Saturday, May 23, 10am-12pm

**Transition Plans: Self Advocacy and
Supports: Keys to Independence**
Saturday, May 30, 10am-12pm

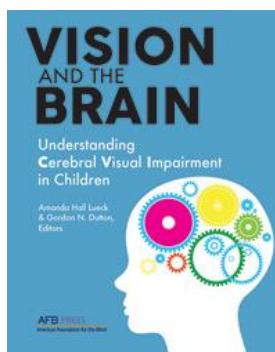
The Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD) offers parents of children with disabilities birth to 21 years old, their helpers, relatives, professionals, and interested community members no-cost training and workshops, telephone and e-mail assistance, and resources to help claim their role as the child's most effective and significant advocate.

You are invited to contact FRCD for information, resources, support and training. 1-312-939-3513 | info@frcd.org | www.frcd.org
20 East Jackson Blvd., Room 300
Chicago, IL 60604

FAMILY CONNECT WEBSITE

Vision and the Brain: Understanding Cerebral Visual Impairment in Children

Amanda Hall Lueck and Gordon N. Dutton, Editors



Cerebral visual impairment, also known as cortical visual impairment, has become the most common cause of visual impairment in children in the United States and the developed world. In ***Vision and the Brain***, editors Amanda Hall Lueck and Gordon N. Dutton

bring together the collected insights, comprehensive descriptions, and practice suggestions of a range of specialists to illuminate the complexities of vision loss related to brain injury and neurological causes and provide readers with approaches to assessment and intervention. ***Vision and the Brain*** provides current research and thinking on CVI including:

- Role of the brain in vision
- Effects of brain damage on vision
- Impact of CVI on child development
- Consideration in behavioral diagnosis
- CVI, autism spectrum disorders, and ADHD
- Eye movement disorders in children with CVI
- Refractive errors and impaired focusing

Vision and the Brain helps professionals put knowledge into action with information about:

- Assessment methods for children with CVI
- Intervention strategies for children with CVI

- Linking assessments to the expanded core curriculum (ECC), literacy, and math
- Technology for children with CVI
- Intervention methods for children with CVI and with multiple disabilities
- Early intervention for young children with CVI
- Supports for parents and families

Vision and the Brain is available in print, e-book and online subscription. Order in the AFB Store at www.afb.org/store or online at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com or the iTunes store.

Eddie Turns 10

By Emily Coleman

Today was a big milestone for Edward...he jumped into the double digits. Having him be a decade old is kind of a shock and has me reflecting on the years that have past so quickly, which is why I had to post this baby picture of him. Along with reflection, I've also been thinking a lot about the next ten years, and where Eddie will be then.



Even a year ago, I wasn't prepared to discuss the big scary future. Eddie's future gets my heart racing because the path isn't clear. For my oldest daughter, she's constantly trying

out theories for adulthood. She wants to attend Oxford...maybe Stanford...or now she is considering the Air Force. All of these options are tangible because I know what they mean and have known others that have paved similar paths...well, maybe not to Oxford.

Once she started talking about college a year

ago, I frequently would turn and look at Eddie and think, "What about you?" Due to the multiple conditions that affect his daily life I often ponder, "What future will Eddie have? What will he want to do? What will make him happy?" Most importantly, how will I help him find a future he can be excited about...and one that he has chosen for himself.

While at the AFB Leadership Conference in Phoenix last week, I presented with another parent who also has a child (now an adult) who is blind with multiple impairments. She emphasized the importance of making sure our children decide where they spend their time as adults. Whether they are seeking employment, or in a day program, they should make those decisions. Of all that I learned at the event, that point has stuck with me, because I don't know how to get that information from him, but I know we need to figure it out.

So, as he turns 10, and I think more about him in his twenties, it's time to start planning for what he needs to be happy down the road. To make sure he's happy, our biggest priority is finding better ways for him to communicate. Not having to ask, "Do you want X, Y, or Z?" but instead being able to ask "What do you want?" and getting a definitive answer. Then, he can share his dreams with me, too...just like his big sister.

As you can tell by my ramblings, birthdays aren't all about celebration for this special needs parent. They also bring a coating of fear, as his childhood keeps moving by, and the answers are still unclear. I realize fearing the future isn't unique to parents of special needs kids...but what we fear does make us part of a smaller club. A club that also teaches us to face our fears...and to make sure the celebration is always the most important part. On that note...

Happy Big 1-0 Eddie!!!



I Love the Language from My Child Who Is Blind

By Emily Coleman

Many children who are blind speak in a way called “Echolalia.” It basically means that their language is repetitive or “echoes” something they have heard. Usually it's an immediate repeat, which is often true with Eddie, but I think of it as broader than that. Words and phrases can be learned from television, songs, or even from other people. It often is thought to be without meaning, and when it comes to my son sounds like complete nonsense at times.

His favorite time to echo phrases is when he finds himself really upset. Terms that come often are “Yo Gabba Gabba!” “Who lives in a Pineapple under the sea!!!” and I’m sure you’ve caught on to the theme here of random television one-liners. Lately, he’s added another surprising term. When upset, his teacher of the visually impaired has started hearing “I’m bringing sexy back!” Which she quickly replies, “Oh, no, you’re not,” as he throws a giant tantrum. Although I love Justin Timberlake and his music, I’m not sure this was his intention.

What I'm learning is that sometimes there is a glimpse of understanding in those crazy terms. He picked up the phrase, “I don’t care,” which sounds like it came straight from the mouth of my 11-year-old daughter. Recently, he spoke that phrase loudly and with perfect articulation in the middle of quiet prayer time at church. Although I’m sure he really felt the words, “I don’t care,” when I asked him to be quiet...I wish he would’ve kept it to himself.

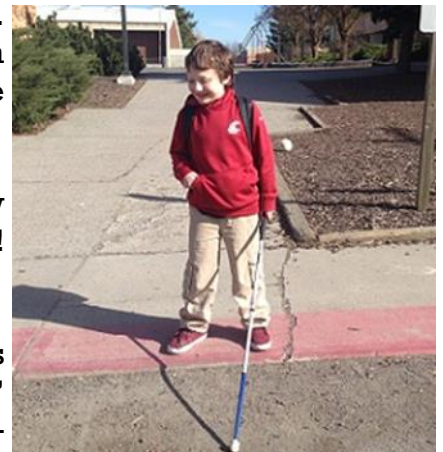
Along with echoing words, he also echoes whole conversations. This morning while walking him to school, we had a long discussion about what he’d do after school. I say “we” but it was really Eddie conversing with himself. It sounded much like this:

“After school, then Barney. No, no Barney. OK, no Barney. How about...Grease. Grease, OK! Grease, and have a snack? OK! Grease, have a snack, and go downstairs? Yes, OK!”

After having that fantastic one-person discussion, he stopped in his tracks. He then said, “School? No. No, school. OK. No school.” Which, I replied, “School first, then Grease, snack, and go downstairs.” Which of course he replied, “Yo Gabba Gabba!!!”

Although his language barriers are frustrating at times, you can’t help but appreciate the humor. Among the gibberish are some coherent thoughts bubbling to the surface. Frankly, I love his language, and the pattern of his thought. My goal isn’t to make him any different...but to make him more understandable to the world at large.

As Eddie gains more expressive language, I want him to share that with everyone. His language antics may make sense to those who love him...but they shouldn’t be kept from everyone else. I hope to work on helping him find more functional ways to communicate while keeping his humor and personality intact. Honestly, I’m always up for a little Justin Timberlake...and it sounds like Eddie is, too.





IPVI's Matthew Benedict Juskie Scholarship Fund

For students who are blind or visually impaired

Any individual intending to continue his/her education at a college, university or trade school and is interested in being considered for the MBSJF, must meet the following criteria: Illinois resident, blind or visually impaired, undergraduate or graduate student, and an IPVI member.

The candidate's application is processed free of charge. The student must mail or fax a written request to receive a copy of the application from IPVI. Then the student must complete the MBSJF Application Form, provide 3 completed Reference Forms, submit medical records or a letter from the vision specialist confirming the condition, and mail them to IPVI. The applicant may attach a 1-page resume of clubs, offices held, or any other pertinent information concerning his/her activity record.

The IPVI Board of Directors will review all scholarship applications and select the winners. IPVI reserves the right to announce such awards in its newsletters and marketing materials.

The MBSJF is funded completely from tax-deductible donations from individuals, companies and corporations who support IPVI's goals. Any individuals or groups wishing to donate to this fund, please forward your tax-deductible donations to IPVI. Thank you for your continued support of IPVI.



To request a scholarship application, please contact the Scholarship Program Coordinator, Vicki Juskie at: 815-464-6162 or vajuskie@aol.com



Pathways is a six month summer program for blind and visually impaired youth from ten years old to end of high school. It is headed by a vision and rehabilitation teacher and runs from June 22 to July 31. Pathways includes training in daily living skills, such as cooking, house cleaning, shopping, cane travel, and money management. Kids participate in triathlons, go swimming, learn yoga, learn sailing, visit cultural sites, and participate in the performing arts. There is a \$60 application fee for early registration until May 12, or a \$70 application fee after May 12. For an application, call 312-236-0808.

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The Chicago Lighthouse will be hosting its 3rd Annual Mike Ditka Charity Golf Tournament!

Monday, August 31, 2015

North Shore Country Club
1340 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL



Ace Sponsor: **[BMO Harris Bank](http://www.bmo.com)**



Par Sponsor: **[Windstream](http://www.windstream.net)**

Please join us with the legendary former NFL player, coach, ESPN analyst and Lighthouse Board Member, Mike Ditka. In addition, golf alongside former Chicago Blackhawks players.

Proceeds raised will support The Chicago Lighthouse North in Glenview bringing the same world-class programs and services of The Chicago Lighthouse to people of all ages in the north and northwest suburbs who are blind or visually impaired.

For information on tickets, [sponsorship and underwriting opportunities](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org), contact Special Events at events@chicagolighthouse.org or call 312.666.1331 ext. 3352.

*Join us for our
Seeing What's Possible Annual Dinner*



Thursday, May 14th

The Drake Hotel | 140 E Walton Place

Tickets are \$350 or \$3,500 for a table of ten.
Premier tickets are \$500 or \$5,000 for a table of ten.

This annual event celebrates the innovative work The Chicago Lighthouse does on behalf of people who are blind, visually impaired, multi-disabled or Veterans.

PURCHASE TICKETS at <http://store.chicagolighthouse.org/catalog/event-tickets>

Proceeds benefit The Lighthouse's 28 programs and services.

For more information or to become an event sponsor, contact:

Lindsay Inglis | Special Events Manager

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**FOUNDATION
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Chapter Announcement



SAVE THE DATE

**14th Annual
Artistry of Wine ~ Perfect Pairings
A Food & Wine Tasting**
BENEFITTING THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

Thursday, June 11, 2015
6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

HIGHLAND PARK COUNTRY CLUB
1201 Park Avenue West
Highland Park, IL 60035

EVENT CO-CHAIRS
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Artistry of Wine is a North Shore tradition where we raise a glass and enjoy great wine and delicious food artfully presented by some of Chicagoland's finest chefs, all while supporting the important work of the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

For tickets and sponsorship information, contact Ashley Mooney at (847) 680-0100 or AMooney@FightBlindness.org

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NAPVI

National Family Conference

National Association of Parents of Children with Visual Impairments



July 10-12, 2015 • Chicago, Illinois

Location:

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind
1850 W Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

Conference hotel:

Chicago Marriott at Medical District /UIC

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Join **IPVI** or renew your membership today!

The Illinois Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments is a state-wide, non-profit organization that enables parents to find information and resources for their children who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities.

Your IPVI membership dues or generous contributions help to support all of our ongoing efforts:

- Regular communications which include: workshops, conferences, training seminars, legislative issues, organizational announcements, products, and advice about raising a child who is visually impaired.
- Offers several \$500 college scholarships each year.
- Publishes a resource catalog which includes anything and everything to do with visual impairment.
- Conducts training and support sessions where parents share experiences and ideas.
- Holds fun outings adapted for children with visual impairments at athletic, cultural, educational, and entertainment settings.
- Represents parents of children with visual impairments at conferences, public hearings, and on committees.

What does IPVI do?

- Promotes and provides information through meetings, correspondence, publications, etc., which will help parents meet the special needs of their children with visual impairments.
- Facilitates the sharing of experiences and concerns in order to provide emotional support and relief from feelings of isolation for parents and their families.
- Creates a climate of opportunity for children who are blind in the home, school, and society.
- Fosters communication and coordination of services among federal, state, and local agencies and organizations involved with providing services to people who are visually impaired.
- Advocates on a statewide level for services to children who are visually impaired and their families.
- Keeps members informed about current proposals and actions which impact on children with visual impairments and their families.

Check one:

Parent/Guardian Membership: \$15 per year.

Child(ren)'s Names: _____

Birthdate(s) of my visually impaired child(ren): _____

My child(ren)'s eye condition: _____

I give my permission to release my name to other parents.

Group/Agency Membership \$50 per year.

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IPVI CALENDAR

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| ▶ 5/14 | TCL Seeing What's Possible Annual Dinner 2015 | Chicago |
| ▶ 6/11 | FFB Artistry of Wine ~ Perfect Pairings | Highland Park |
| ▶ 6/22- | BSA Pathways Six Month Summer Program | Chicago |
| ▶ 7/31 | | |
| ▶ 7/10-12 | Lighthouse Guild/NAPVI National Family Conference | Chicago |
| ▶ 7/18 | IPVI Zoo Outing | Brookfield |
| ▶ 8/31 | Mike Ditka Charity Golf Tournament | Glenview |

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