

# **A REFERENCE GUIDE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY- IMPAIRED**



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# LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS

*(by county)*

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## HIGHLANDS COUNTY

**Sonya M. Braudway, O.D.**

5233 US 27 N

Sebring, FL 33872

Tel. (863) 385-4220, Fax (863) 385-5635

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

**Bruce W. Anderson, O .D.**

*Offices:*

719 W Fletcher Avenue

Tampa, FL 33612

Tel. (813) 961-2020, Fax (813) 961-4105

USF Eye Institute

12901 Bruce B Downs Blvd.

MDC-21

Tampa, FL 33612

Tel. (813) 974-3820, Fax (813) 974-5621

**Michael Goodwin**

Hyde Park Eye Center

501 N. Howard Ave., Suite 100

Tampa, FL 33606

Tel. 813-253-2727

Fax 813-253-2729

Email: MJGoodwin@tampabay.rr.com

**Susan Payne, O.D.**

Sun City Cataract Center & Eye Clinic

1701 Rickenbacker Dr.

Sun City Center, FL 33573

Tel. (813) 634-8877, Fax (813) 634-2266

# LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS

*(by county)*

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**G. Timothy Petito, O.D.**

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

1106 W Platt Street

Tampa, FL 33606

Tel. (813) 251-2407, Fax (813) 254-4305

Web site: [www.tampalighthouse.org](http://www.tampalighthouse.org)

**Rodger Stephan**

RWS Low Vision Systems

546 W Davis Boulevard

Tampa, FL 33606

Tel. (813) 254-9784, Fax (813) 254-8963

Email: [sstepha1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sstepha1@tampabay.rr.com)

**Paul Scaglione, MS, OTR/L**

Baycare Low Vision Rehabilitation Program

Baycare Homecare

8020 Woodland Center Boulevard

Tampa, FL 33614

Tel. (813) 806-0700, Fax (813) 243-9204

# LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS

*(by county)*

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## PASCO COUNTY

**Sherry Teddy, O.D.**

2740 Seven Springs Boulevard

New Port Richey, FL 34655

Tel. (727) 372-0414, Fax (727) 372-9313

## PINELLAS COUNTY

**Edward J Huggett, Jr. O.D.**

Huggett Vision Institute

2323 Curlew Rd., Suite 7A

Dunedin, FL 34698

Tel. (727) 789-0199

Web site: [lowvisionsupport.org](http://lowvisionsupport.org)

**G. Timothy Petito, O.D.**

Offices:

Petito Eyecare

8695 4th Street N

St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Tel. (727) 578-9880, Fax (727) 578-1510

Lighthouse of Pinellas at Watson Center

6925 112th Circle N, Suite 103

Largo, FL 33773

Tel. (727) 544-4433, Fax (727) 544-5511

Web site: [www.lighthouseofpinellas.org](http://www.lighthouseofpinellas.org)

# LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS

*(by county)*

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## POLK COUNTY

**Sonya M. Braudway, O.D.**

Offices:

2815 Lakeland Hills Boulevard

Lakeland, FL 33805

Tel. (863) 683-6699

250 Avenue K, SW

Winter Haven, FL 33880

Tel. (863) 297-5400 or (800) 472-8867

Fax (863) 293-9780

**G. Timothy Petito, O.D.**

Winter Haven Rehabilitation

206 Avenue D, NW

Winter Haven, FL 33881

Tel. (863) 299-3633, Fax (863) 299-3559

*The above names represent only a partial listing of qualified low-vision practitioners in the Tampa Bay area.*

# **STATE OF FLORIDA**

## **ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)***

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### **HARDEE COUNTY**

#### **Florida Lions Foundation For the Blind**

12455 SE 92nd TER

Summerfield, FL 34491

Tel. (352) 452-0806

Web site: [www.floridalionsfoundation.org](http://www.floridalionsfoundation.org)

### **HIGHLANDS COUNTY**

#### **Handicapped Americans Love of Life (HALLO)**

112 Medical Center Avenue

Sebring, FL 33872

Tel/Fax (863) 385-1196

Web site: [www.halloinc.org](http://www.halloinc.org)

*HALLO provides several support group opportunities for persons with physical and visual impairments.*

### **HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

#### **Division of Blind Services**

415 S. Armenia Avenue

Tampa, FL 33609

Tel. (813) 871-7190, Fax (813) 871-7161

Web site: [www.dbs.myflorida.com](http://www.dbs.myflorida.com)

*Eye medical services for the indigent, rehabilitation, social services and training support for adjustment to blindness, job placement. Financial eligibility must be met for medical care and purchase of equipment.*



# STATE OF FLORIDA

## ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

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### **Prevent Blindness Florida**

1112 E. Kennedy Blvd

Tampa, FL 33602

Tel. (800) 817-3595 ext 112 , Fax (813) 226-3745

Email: [jtobin@preventblindnessfl.org](mailto:jtobin@preventblindnessfl.org)

Web site: [www.preventblindnessflorida.org](http://www.preventblindnessflorida.org)

*Provides information and educational materials on eye health and safety. Glaucoma and visual acuity screenings available. Publications and speakers available on topics such as cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. Nominal fee for vision screening, referral and follow-up.*

### **Radio Reading Service for the Blind and Print-Handicapped**

#### **WUSF Radio Reading Service**

#### **University of South Florida WRB 219**

4202 E Fowler Avenue

Tampa, FL 33620-6860

Tel. (813) 974-4193 or (800) 444-4193

Web site: [www.WUSF.org](http://www.WUSF.org)

*24-hour reading service including newspapers, magazines, books, grocery and department store ads.*

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

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### **Self Reliance, Inc.**

#### **Center for Independent Living**

8901 N Armenia Avenue

Tampa, FL 33604

Tel. (813) 375-3965, Fax (813) 375-3970

TDD (813) 375-3972

*A resource and referral source for persons with any disability free of charge.*

### **Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind**

1106 W Platt Street

Tampa, FL 33606

Tel. (813) 251-2407, Fax (813) 254-4305

Email: [tpalight@gate.net](mailto:tpalight@gate.net)

Web site: [www.tampalighthouse.org](http://www.tampalighthouse.org)

*Services for totally blind, legally blind and visually impaired including case management, employment counseling and placement, low-vision eye clinic and rehabilitation. On-site store sells adaptive aids and magnifiers. Medicare is accepted. Low-vision exam fees and prices of low-vision devices vary.*

### **YES! of America United, Inc.**

9502 N. Florida Ave

Tampa, FL 33612

Tel. (813) 935-5696

Email: [becki@yesunited.org](mailto:becki@yesunited.org)

*A community supported Abilities Bank to complement existing programs and services. This support group offers peer counseling, social activities, referral and research, education and volunteerism for and by individuals with disabilities.*

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

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### PASCO COUNTY

#### **Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind**

8610 Galen Wilson Boulevard

Port Richey, FL 34668

Tel. (727) 815-0303, Fax (727) 815-0203

Web site: [www.lighthouse-pasco.org](http://www.lighthouse-pasco.org)

*Offers classes in typing, Braille, voice-synthesized computers, microwave cooking, personal safety and independence management, communications training, adaptation techniques in using the other senses, coping with visual loss, family support groups and socialization, job placement assistance and job training. Magnifiers, special lighting, large-print and CCTVs are also available.*

### PINELLAS COUNTY

#### **Abilities, Inc. of Florida**

2735 Whitney Road

Clearwater, FL 33760

Tel. (727) 538-7370

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

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### **Division of Blind Services**

325 West Gaines St., Turlington Building, Suite 1114  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Tel. (850) 245-0300, Fax (850) 245-0363

Web site: [www.dbs.myflorida.com](http://www.dbs.myflorida.com)

*Comprehensive services for the blind and visually impaired. Medical social services, talking book library, mobility and orientation training. Vocational rehabilitation training is also available.*

### **Lighthouse of Pinellas at Watson Center**

6925 - 112th Circle N, Suite 103

Large, FL 33773

Tel. (727) 544-4433, Fax (727) 544-5511

Web site: [www.lighthouseofpinellas.org](http://www.lighthouseofpinellas.org)

*Independent living training for the blind and visually impaired. Clients may also participate in self-advocacy and support groups. Vocational rehab training program includes classes in basic keyboarding, computers with adaptive software, Braille, orientation and mobility. Low-vision screenings are available to assist clients in determining needs for adaptive aids.*

## **POLK COUNTY**

### **Division of Blind Services**

402 S. Kentucky Ave., Room 310

Lakeland, FL 33801

Tel. (863) 499-2385, Fax (863) 499-2698

Web site: [www.dbs.myflorida.com](http://www.dbs.myflorida.com)

*Serves Citrus, Hardee, Polk, and Sumter Counties.*

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

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### **Heartland Career Connection**

5901 US 27 South  
Sebring, FL 33870  
Tel. (863) 385-3672, Fax (863) 382-4237

### **Polk One Stop Career Center**

309 N. Ingraham Ave  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
Tel. (863) 683-5627, Fax (863) 603-7817  
TDD (863) 683-5627

*Career counseling, job information and placement, labor market information, training, unemployment insurance and vocational assessment.*

### **Polk Works One Stop Center**

500 E Lake Howard Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33881  
Tel. (863) 508-1100, Fax (863) 508-1110  
Web site: [www.polkworks.org](http://www.polkworks.org)

### **Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind Winter Haven Division**

206 Avenue D NW  
Winter Haven, FL 33881  
Tel. (863) 299-3633, Fax (863) 299-3559  
Web site: [www.tampalighthouse.org](http://www.tampalighthouse.org)  
*Offers industrial employment training, case management, employment placement assistance, low-vision eye clinic, visual rehabilitation, computer training. Store with adaptive aids and magnifiers.*

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

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### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

200 N Kentucky Avenue Suite 310

Lakeland, FL 33801

Tel. (863) 680-5534, Fax (863) 499-2332

web site: [www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)

*Provides Braille instruction, publications and materials in Braille, case management, communication training, health education, health screening, peer counseling, psychological testing and vision screening.*

### **Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE)**

1232 E Magnolia Street

Lakeland, FL 33801

Tel. (863) 284-0828, Fax (863) 683-4732

add web site: [www.viste.org](http://www.viste.org)

*VISTE services include senior ride program, volunteer placement, evacuation assistance, hot meals and referrals. Need to be registered.*

### **Winter Haven Hospital - Living with Diabetes**

200 Avenue F NE

Winter Haven, FL 33881

Tel. (863) 293-1121, Fax (863) 292-4376

*Classes in basic knowledge and management for those living with diabetes.*

# TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

*(by county)*

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## HIGHLANDS COUNTY

### **Intelitran Transportation Service**

1103 US Hwy 27S

Sebring, FL 33870

Tel. (863) 382-6004 or Avon Park (863) 452-0139

*Provides transportation to Medicaid eligible seniors or disabled persons. Contact office 24 hours in advance or before 1:30 pm. Fees are \$1.00 each way in county and \$3 each way out of county.*

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

### **HARTLine**

4305 E 21st Avenue

Tampa, FL 33605-2300

Tel. (813) 254-4278

Administrative office: (813) 623-5835

Web site: [www.gohart.org](http://www.gohart.org)

Business hours: M-F, 8 am - 5 pm

### **HART Plus Paratransit Services**

#### **Transportation and Customer Service**

Tel. (813) 254-4278 or TDD (813) 626-9158, Fax (813) 246-4493

*Business hours: M-F, 6 am - 8 pm, Sat/Sun, 8 am - 5 pm. Wheelchair accessible buses and paratransit door-to-door van service for persons with disabilities and senior citizens physically unable to ride regular bus routes. Health professional verification. Must live within 3/4 mile of regular route. 1-day notice for pick-up and 1-hour notice for cancellation. Pay driver with exact change of \$2.60 to \$5.20 per trip.*

# TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

## *(by county)*

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### **Sunshine Line -**

#### **Hillsborough's Ride on the Bright Side**

4023 N Armenia Avenue, Suite 300

Tampa, FL 33607

Tel. (813) 272-7272, Fax (813) 801-6823

TDD (813) 801-6822

Web site: <http://hillsboroughcounty.org/hss/socialservices/sunshine/>

*A County-sponsored, cost-effective transportation for persons with disabilities. Medical certification required. Vans are wheelchair-equipped and transport patients door-to-door. Fees are charged for some trips.*

## **PINELLAS COUNTY**

### **Community Transportation Services**

13825 Icot Blvd., Suite 613

Clearwater, FL 33760

Tel. (727) 545-2100, Fax (727) 544-0171

Web site: [www.GPTMS.com](http://www.GPTMS.com)

*Provides transportation for medical appointments and physical therapy for Medicaid clients. Appointments must be scheduled 48 hours in advance. No Fee.*

### **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)**

3201 Scherer Drive

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Tel. (727) 540-1900,

web site: [www.PSTA.net](http://www.PSTA.net)

*Discounted public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. Call for convenient ticket sales outlets and the "tickets by mail" program.*



# TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

## *(by county)*

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### **Demand Response Transportation (DART)**

16117 Hwy 19 N

Clearwater, FL 33764

Tel. (727) 724-0440, Fax (727) 539-8492

*Discounted public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. Call for convenient ticket sales outlets and the "tickets by mail" program.*

## **POLK COUNTY**

### **Citrus Connection Handy Bus**

1248 George Jenkins Blvd.

Lakeland, FL 33815

Tel. (863) 688-5438, Fax (863) 683-4132

email: [info@ridecitrus.com](mailto:info@ridecitrus.com)

Web site: [www.ridecitrus.com](http://www.ridecitrus.com)

*The Handy Bus is a transportation service available to those with physical, cognitive or visual disabilities and senior citizens who are physically unable to use regular public transportation services.*

### **Polk County Transit Services (PCTS)**

1290 Golfview Avenue, Bldg F

Bartow, FL 33830

Tel. (863) 534-5500

Haines City (863) 293-8065

Frostproof (863) 676-3869

TDD 863-534-0041

Web site: [www.polk-county.net](http://www.polk-county.net)

*PCTS is a door-to-door, advance reservation, shared ride transportation service that is provided to Polk County Medicaid eligible residents.*

# NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## **American Diabetes Association**

1701 N Beauregard Street  
Alexandria, VA 22311-1733  
Tel. (800) 342-2383

Email: [askada@diabetes.org](mailto:askada@diabetes.org)

Web site: [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

## **American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)**

(Developer of books on tape)

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300  
New York, NY 10001

Tel. (212) 502-7600 or (800) 232-5463

Fax (212) 502-7777

Email: [afbinfo@afb.net](mailto:afbinfo@afb.net)

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

*Provides Information on resources, including a newsletter.*

*Developer of books on tape.*

## **Foundation Fighting Blindness**

7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, MD 21046

Tel. (800) 683-5555

TDD (800) 683-5551

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

Web site: [www.fightblindness.org](http://www.fightblindness.org)

*Many local chapters, with meetings and support groups offered. Wide range of information and references on all types of retinal disorders.*

# NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## **Lighthouse International, Inc.**

The Sol and Lillian Goldman Building

111 E 59th Street

New York, NY 10022-1202

Tel. (212) 821-9200 or (800) 829-0500

Fax. (212) 821-9707

TTY (212) 821-9713

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

Web site: [www.lighthouse.org](http://www.lighthouse.org)

*Provides information on visual rehabilitation services nationwide, catalogs for books, optical and non-optical devices.*

## **National Association for the Visually Handicapped (NAVH)**

22 W 21st Street, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10010

Tel. (212) 889-3141, Fax (212) 727-2931

Email: [navh@navh.org](mailto:navh@navh.org)

Web site: [www.navh.org](http://www.navh.org)

*Provides information on visual rehabilitation programs nationwide, publishes quarterly newsletters and educational materials in English, Spanish, Russian and Mandarin Chinese. Offers free nationwide, large-print loan library and visual aids catalog. Non-profit, charitable, membership organization.*

## **National Federation of the Blind (NFB)**

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

Tel. (410) 659-9314, Fax (410) 685-5653

Web site: [www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)

*Subscription to "Voice of the Diabetic" available here.*

# NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## **Resources for Rehabilitation**

22 Bonad Road

Winchester, MA 01890

Tel. (781) 368-9094, Fax (781) 368-9096

Email: [rfr@rfr.org](mailto:rfr@rfr.org)

Web site: [www.rfr.org](http://www.rfr.org)

*This organization publishes large-print directories such as "Living with Low Vision: A Resource Guide for People with Sight Loss" and "Resources for Elders with Disabilities." Large-print resource lists are also available upon request free of charge.*

## **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Blind Rehab Services**

810 Vermont Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20420

Tel. (202) 273-8483

Web site: <http://www.va.gov/blindrehab>

*Offers extensive visual rehabilitation for veterans at regional inpatient centers. Visual aids provided.*

## **National Eye Institute**

31 Center Drive, MSC 2510

Bethesda, MD 20892-2510

Tel. (301) 496-5248

Email: [2020@nei.nih.gov](mailto:2020@nei.nih.gov)

Web site: [www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov)

*Research and current studies.*

## **Veterans Administration**

Medical Care Tel. (800) 827-1000

Health Care Benefits Tel. (877) 222-8387

Web site: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

*Contact web site for location of your nearest VA office and information on low vision services.*

# MACULAR DEGENERATION ORGANIZATIONS

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## **Eye on AMD**

Tel. (877) 926-3463

Web Site: [www.eyeamd.com](http://www.eyeamd.com)

*Periodic mailings and e-mails about AMD and treatment options. Help with insurance approval and payment assistance. Tips and resources for living with low vision.*

## **Association for Macular Diseases, Inc.**

210 E 64th Street, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10065

Tel. (212) 605-3719, Fax (212) 605-3795

Email: [association@retinal-research.org](mailto:association@retinal-research.org)

Web site: <http://www.macula.org/association/about.html>

*Large-print newsletter, information, resources.*

*Subscription by membership; non-profit*

## **Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc.**

PO Box 531313

Henderson, NV 89053

Tel. (888) 633-3937, Fax 702-450-3396

Email: [liz@eyesight.org](mailto:liz@eyesight.org)

Web site: [www.eyesight.org](http://www.eyesight.org)

*Develops and supports research on ARMD. Quarterly, free newsletter with research updates.*

## **American Macular Degeneration Foundation**

PO Box 515

Northampton, MA 01061-0515

Tel. (413) 268-7660

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

*Wide range of information, advice and resources specifically relating to macular degeneration.*

## **Macular Degeneration Partnership**

6222 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 260

Los Angeles, CA 90048

Tel. (310) 623-4466, Fax (310) 623-1837

Email: [contactus@amd.org](mailto:contactus@amd.org)

Web site: [www.amd.org](http://www.amd.org)

*Wide range of information and resources related to Macular Degeneration.*

# LARGE PRINT BOOKS

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## **Doubleday Large Print Home Library**

1225 S Market Street

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Tel. (800) 688-4442

Web site: [www.doubledaylargeprint.com](http://www.doubledaylargeprint.com)

*Book club for large-print books.*

## **New York Times Large Type Weekly**

Tel. (800) 631-2580

Web site: [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

*The New York Times Large Print Weekly offers a select package of the week's news printed in 16 point type with 40 pages and is issued once weekly, \$1.65 per issue*

## **Random House Large Type Division**

400 Hahn Road

Westminster, MD 21157

Tel. (800) 733-3000

Web site: <http://www.randomhouse.com/largeprint/>

*Distributor of large-print books. Will send list of available titles upon request. May order through them, with shipping charge or through bookstore.*

## **Reader's Digest Large Edition**

PO Box 751

Mount Morris, IL 61054-8442

Tel. (800) 807-2780

Web site: [www.rd.com](http://www.rd.com)

# **AUDIOTAPES AND LARGE-PRINT PUBLICATIONS**

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## **American Printing House for the Blind (APH)**

1839 Frankfurt Avenue

Louisville, KY 40206-0085

Tel. (800) 223-1839, Fax (502) 899-2274

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

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

*Provides Newsweek and Reader's Digest free on cassette tape. Ask about their large-print books, too.*

*They have a very large collection.*

## **Choice Magazine Listening**

85 Channel Drive

Port Washington, NY 11050

Tel. (516) 883-8280 or (888) 724-6423

Fax (516) 944-6849

Email: [choicemag@aol.com](mailto:choicemag@aol.com)

Web site: [www.choicemagazinelistening.org](http://www.choicemagazinelistening.org)

*Selected readings, free to those registered with the Library of Congress Talking Book Program. Same content as regular edition, with large (2M) print.*

## **Books on Tape - A Division of Random House, Inc.**

400 Hahn

Westminster, MD 21157

Web site: [www.booksontape.com](http://www.booksontape.com)

*Recorded books, mostly unabridged, for purchase on tape, CD or download.*

# TALKING BOOKS LIBRARIES

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## **Hillsborough County Talking Book Library**

Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library

3910 South Manhattan Avenue

Tampa, FL 33611-1214

Tel. (813) 272-6024, Fax (813) 272-6072

TDD (813) 272-6305

Email: [talkingbooks@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:talkingbooks@hillsboroughcounty.org)

Web site: <http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/liblocales/tbl/>

## **Library of Congress Talking Book Program**

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

101 Independence Ave, SE

Washington, DC 20540

Tel. (202) 707-5100 or (888) 657-7323

Web site: <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

*Vast selection of books on tape, free, as a national service.*

*Register through your county library, which supplies tape player. Semi-monthly catalogs and easy, free mailing system. Requires physician statement.*

## **Pinellas Talking Book Library**

1330 Cleveland Street

Clearwater, FL 33755

Tel. (727) 441-9958, Fax (727) 441-9068

TDD 727-441-3168

Web site: [www.pplc.us/tbl/](http://www.pplc.us/tbl/)

*Part of the free national library program administered by the National Library Service.*



# **CCTV MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS**

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## **Able Zone**

3456 Rochester Road

Troy, MI 48083-6210

Tel. (248) 689-9884 or (866) 663-2253,

Fax (248) 689-9885

Email: [info@ablezone.com](mailto:info@ablezone.com)

Web site: [www.ablezone.com](http://www.ablezone.com)

*Software to enlarge computer text, make Windows accessible; voice synthesizers for computers. Low tech devices including CCTV's, MP3 players, large keyboards, talking watches, alarm clocks and magnifying lenses.*

## **Enhanced Vision Systems**

5882 Machine Drive

Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Tel. (714) 374-1829, Fax (714) 374-1829

Email: [evinfo@enhancedvision.com](mailto:evinfo@enhancedvision.com)

Web site: [www.enhancedvision.com](http://www.enhancedvision.com)

*Electronic vision enhancement products.*

## **Magnifying Solutions, Incorporated**

6925 112th Circle N., Suite 103

Largo, FL 33773

Tel. (727) 343-3395, Fax (727) 381-2821

1-866-343-3395

Email: [magnify@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:magnify@tampabay.rr.com)

Web site: [www.magnifyingsolutions.com](http://www.magnifyingsolutions.com)

*Providing solutions & independence to the visually impaired with high-powered video magnifiers.*

# **CCTV MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS**

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## **Independent Living Aids, Inc.**

PO Box 9022

Hicksville, NY 11802-9022

Tel. (800) 537-2118, Fax (516) 937-3906

Web site: [www.independentliving.org](http://www.independentliving.org)

*Offers aids for household, medical, communication and recreational needs.*

## **Innoventions, Inc.**

9593 Corsair Drive

Conifer, CO 80433-9317

Tel. (303) 797-6554 or (800) 854-6554

Fax (303) 727-4940

email: [magnicam@magnicam.com](mailto:magnicam@magnicam.com)

Web site: [www.magnicam.com](http://www.magnicam.com)

*"Magni-Cam" hand-held camera plugs into your TV; 4X to 70X variable with screen size. Color model, head-mounted unit and portable screen also available.*

## **The Magnifying Center**

2129 SW Hwy 484

Ocala, FL 34473

Tel. (800) 364-1610, Fax (352) 307-6614

Web site: [www.magnifyingcenter.com](http://www.magnifyingcenter.com)

*Systems offer variable magnification from 3X to 100X. Call for free, no-obligation demonstration.*

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## **Optelec**

3030 Enterprise Court Suite C  
Vista, CA 92081

Tel. (800) 826-4200, Fax (800) 368-4111

Email: info@opeltec.com

Web site: www.optelec.com

*Several camera-screen units including "20/20"; 3X to 60X, 14-inch screen; "20/20+"; 20-inch screen, choice of color, computer connection; "20/20 Spectrum"; 5X to 60X full color.*

## **Telesensory, Inc.**

### **InSiPhil (US) LLC**

4545 Stockdale Hwy, Suite F  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Tel. (800) 804-8004 or (661) 832-5223

Fax (661) 832-6557

Email: info@insiphil.com

web site: www.telesensory.com

*"Vista" software to enlarge computer text and  
"ScreenPower" voice synthesizer program.*

## **Freedom Scientific**

11800 31st Court North  
St Petersburg, FL 33716

Tel. (727) 803-8000 or (877) 775-9474

Web site: www.freedomscientific.com

*Freedom Scientific products are manufactured in St. Pete, FL. We are the leader in products for the totally blind and people with low vision. Please call Tony at 1-800-444-4443 ext 3901 for a free in-home demonstration.*

# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## **American Academy of Ophthalmology**

PO Box 7424

San Francisco, CA 94120-7424

Tel. (415) 561-8500, Fax (415) 561-8533

Web site: [www.aao.org](http://www.aao.org)

## **American Academy of Optometry**

6110 Executive Boulevard Suite 506

Rockville, MD 20852

Tel. (301) 984-1441, Fax (301) 984-4737

email: [aaoptom@aaoptom.org](mailto:aaoptom@aaoptom.org)

Web site: [www.aaopt.org](http://www.aaopt.org)

## **American Optometric Association**

243 N Lindbergh Boulevard 1st Floor

St. Louis, MO 63141

Tel. (800) 365-2219, Fax (314) 991-4101

Web site: [www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org)

## **Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1703 N Beauregard Street Suite 440

Alexandria, VA 22311

Tel. (703) 671-4500 or (877) 492-2708,

Fax (703) 671-6391

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

Web site: [www.aerbvi.org](http://www.aerbvi.org)

# SEEING EYE DOGS

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*These dogs can help visually impaired and blind persons continue to be active and independent. They offer the additional benefits of warmth, companionship and affection. There are a few requirements which must be met to qualify for this program.*

## **Seeing Eye, Inc.**

PO Box 375

Morristown, NJ 07963-0375

Tel. (973) 539-4425, Fax (973) 539-0922

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

Web site: [www.seeingeye.org](http://www.seeingeye.org)

## **Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.**

4210 77th Street E

Palmetto, FL 34221

Tel. (941) 729-5665 or (800) 944-dogs (3647)

Fax (941) 729-6646

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

Web site: [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org)

# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

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## **Low Vision Works**

Hillsborough County Tel. (813) 413-8371,

Fax (813) 413-8375

Polk County Tel. (863) 401-3550, Fax (863) 401-8199

Pasco, Polk, and Manatee Counties

Tel. (866) 757-9995, Fax (888) 445-3937

Web site: [lowvisionworks.com](http://lowvisionworks.com)

*Low Vision Works provides their clients with the highest quality low vision rehabilitation services, to help them improve their ability to use their remaining vision effectively and function more safely and independently. The low vision rehabilitation therapy is provided by licensed, professional occupational therapists in the home and is covered through Medicare.*

## **Medi Home Health Agency**

### **Hillsborough**

1911 US Hwy 301 North Suite 470, Tampa, FL 33619

Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax 813-623-2058

### **Pinellas**

1250 Belcher Rd. South, Suite 140, Largo, FL 33771

Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (727) 539-6351

### **Pasco**

5626 Gulf Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34652

Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (727) 847-9935

### **Polk**

1129 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland 33805-4655

Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (863) 688-2199

Web site: [www.msa-corp.com](http://www.msa-corp.com)

*Provides services in home and promotes self-management and education through a collaborative effort by the patient, family and multidisciplinary health care team of RN's, O.T.'s, P.T.'s and S.W.'s. Medi provides home safety evaluations and fall prevention. Services covered by Medicare.*

# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

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## **Comprehensive Home Care of Hillsborough**

3102 W. Waters Ave., Suite 202A

Tampa, FL 33614

Tel. (813) 514-5520, Fax (813) 514-1904

## **Comprehensive Home Care of Pinellas/Pasco**

33920 US Highway 19 North, Suite 341

Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Tel. (727) 786-5520, Fax (727) 786-7088

1-800-204-4440 for other locations throughout Florida.

Web site: [www.comprehensivehomehealth.com](http://www.comprehensivehomehealth.com)

*Comprehensive Home Care offers a Low Vision Program for Medicare recipients. The program's objective is to keep the visually impaired person as safe and as independent as possible in their home environment. The program is covered 100% by Medicare for persons that meet the program criteria.*

## **AMTRAK**

Tel. (800) 872-7245

TDD/TTY (800) 523-6590

Web site: [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

*Offers special discount fares to physically and visually impaired persons. Call ahead of time to indicate the need for special assistance.*

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## **Greyhound Bus**

Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Information Line

Tel. (800) 752-4841

TTY/TDD (800) 345-3109

Web site: [http://www.greyhound.com/travel\\_information/disabilities.shtml](http://www.greyhound.com/travel_information/disabilities.shtml)

*This service enables a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) to ride at 50% reduced rate to assist a physically or visually impaired person who needs help in boarding, exiting and traveling on a bus. 48-hour advance notice should be given about the passenger's handicap to allow time for proper seating arrangements and baggage handling.*

## **Handicap and Disabled Parking Permits**

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Tel. (850) 617-2000

Web site: [www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/disabled\\_pkg.html](http://www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/disabled_pkg.html)

*Handicapped and disabled parking permits can be applied for through the Tax Collector's office in each county. Tax Collector office locations and application forms are available on the web site. You may apply for your parking permit through the mail or in person. The permit is valid statewide.*

## **IRS Federal Tax Information**

3848 W Columbus Drive

Tampa, FL 33607

Tel. (800) 829-1040 or (813) 348-1831

Web site: <http://www.irs.gov/localcontacts/index.html>

*The IRS allows an extra exemption for blind persons on the 1040 income tax form.*



# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

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## **Social Security Administration**

4010 Gunn Hwy Suite 100

Tampa, FL 33618

Tel. (813) 269-0223 or (800) 772-1213

TTY (800) 325-0778

Web site: <http://www.ssa.gov/atlanta/southeast/fl/florida.htm>

*Various programs are available that are designed to assist the disabled and handicapped person.*

## **Verizon's Customer Contact Center**

PO Box 110 MC 5008

Tampa, FL 33601

Tel. (800) 483-7762, Fax (800) 955-1339

Web site: [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

*The telephone company will waive directory assistance fees and assist the visually impaired person to make phone calls in certain cases. "Big Dial" telephones are available featuring a re-dial and ten number memory as well as a three number "emergency number" capacity.*

While reading through the information contained in this booklet, please keep in mind that **MOST AGENCIES for the visually impaired require their clients to fulfill one or more of the following criteria:**

- Have **LOW VISION/VISUAL IMPAIRMENT:** The inability to read standard printed material without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.
- Be **LEGALLY BLIND:** A visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye after correction, or the widest diameter of the visual field in the better eye of 20 degrees or less.
- Have a **READING DISABILITY:** An organic dysfunction of sufficient severity as to prevent reading printed material in a normal manner.
- Have a **DETERIORATING EYE CONDITION:** A disease that may lead to blindness.
- Have an **APPLICATION FORM** completed and returned to the appropriate agency.
- Have a **LETTER FROM THE DOCTOR** or health care provider stating the disability and its extent.
- Be within certain **INCOME LEVELS:** There are circumstances in which this can be waived.
- Pay a **NOMINAL FEE** for certain programs: There are circumstances in which this can be waived.



## **Dr. Mark E. Hammer**

Dr. Hammer is a retina and macula specialist with more than 25 years experience in the evaluation and treatment of serious eye disease. Since 1986, Dr. Hammer has been in private practice at Retina Associates of Florida.



## **Dr. Ivan J. Suñer**

Dr. Suñer is a retina and macula specialist with more than 15 years experience in the evaluation and treatment of serious eye disease. Before joining Retina Associates of Florida, he served on the faculty at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami and Duke University.



## **Dr. Marc C. Peden**

Dr. Peden is a retina and macula specialist who is experienced in the evaluation and treatment of serious eye disease. Prior to joining Retina Associates of Florida, Dr. Peden was on the faculty of the University of Florida and served as division director of Vitreo-retinal Disease and Surgery.

Retina Associates of Florida is Tampa Bay's leading medical group in treatment of retinal disease and has offices located throughout the Tampa Bay area. For more information on Retina Associates of Florida, visit [TampaRetina.com](http://TampaRetina.com) or call 1-800-282-9141.







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