

## **FDBA History:**

The first FDBA Consumer's Group Meeting was hosted by the Florida Network on Deaf-Blindness (FNDB) May 14-16, 2004 at Conklin Center in Daytona Beach. In June 2005, first officers were elected to start a non-profit organization established and operated by members of the Deaf-Blind community. This organization became known as the "Florida Deaf-Blind Association" and is incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida.

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# **FDBA**

**Florida Deaf-Blind Association, Inc.**

Florida Deaf-Blind Association, Inc. is a State Organization of, for, and by Deaf-Blind Americans.



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# Who we are...

FDDB is a state consumer organization of, by, and for Deaf-Blind people and their supporters. Our membership consists of people with all types and degrees of vision and hearing loss, as well as family members, interpreters, professionals, and other interested people. We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with formally adopted By-Laws, and we receive funding from membership fees and tax-deductible donations from individuals and businesses.

## Our Mission:

The mission of the Florida Deaf-Blind Association is to enable Deaf-Blind people, including all people with both hearing and vision impairments, to have the right to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community.

## Our goals and activities

- ❖ Increase effective outreach to new members
- ❖ Increase public awareness of the Deaf-Blind and their needs
- ❖ Provide access to social possibilities and understanding that Deaf-Blindness does not mean isolation
- ❖ Establish Task Force on Deaf-Blind interpreting and Support Service Provider (SSP) programs
- ❖ Host annual statewide conference
- ❖ Help Deaf-Blind discover the different communication and technology options available

## How can you help?

- ❖ Tax-deductible donations, corporate sponsorships, and foundation giving to enable FDDB to carry out its mission, goals, and activities
- ❖ Support Service Providers (SSPs) to help Deaf-Blind individuals participate fully in the conferences and social activities

## Membership/Donations

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle: VP Voice TTY Braille  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check that applies to you:

- Active (Deaf-Blind) \$15
- Associate (Sighted) \$ 8
- Student (DB) \$7.50
- Business/Organization \$50
- Tax-deductible Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Thank you for your kind support for our important cause in helping Deaf-Blind gain independence and improve the lives of the Deaf-Blind community)

Mail the payment to: FDDB

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