



# YEAR IN REVIEW

“The National Federation of the Blind is a family. Love is one of the most important values of our organization. It is manifest in everything we do, from teaching the skills of blindness to formally and informally mentoring each other to providing assistance in times of need. Our love for each other, as well as for blind people not yet born or not yet known to us, is what drives our continued efforts to raise expectations and allow all blind people to live the lives they want.”

– Mark A. Riccobono, President of the National Federation of the Blind

## ENHANCING EDUCATION

“NFB BELL® Academy has helped me achieve goals in Braille and discover new things about myself. And make new, great friends.” – Student



# 279

**blind and low-vision** students participated thirty-five NFB BELL Academy locations in twenty-six states across the United States



# 30

**high school students** in NFB EQ; seven days of STEM and independence

“Learning core concepts towards our ultimate goal of building a sound structure, actually building something tangible, learning about different accessibility tools, and meeting a diverse group of people from all over the country—it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.” – Student



# 427

**participants** in Braille Reading Pals

# 372

**participants** in Early Explorers



# 10,000+

**UNO® Braille playing cards distributed!**

# SECURING INDEPENDENCE

**NFB-NEWSLINE® – a free audio service for people with disabilities\***

“I really missed reading the paper after I lost my sight. I watched the news but felt like I did not get nearly as much detail. When I realized I could read the Atlanta Journal Constitution like I used to, a whole new world opened up for me. I no longer feel like I am missing out on the world around me.”

– Member

*\*NFB-NEWSLINE can be accessed with Braille devices for blind and deafblind people.*

# 11,444,265

**access points** via calls, mobile app, and downloads



## Free White Cane Program

# 6,742

**people** received free white canes!

## EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Remodel of Barney Wing at Jernigan Institute

21,000 square feet upgraded

# 21

**new guest rooms** for program participants... twelve more spaces for connecting



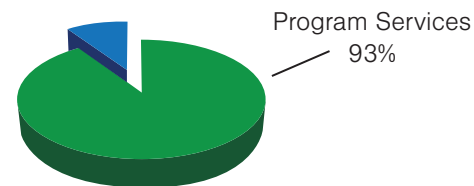
“It is a kind of space that represents the work that we do in the National Federation of the Blind, our hopes and dreams, and what we hope for the future, gathering spaces where we can come together and share our experiences; pass on the torch of leadership.”

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The National Federation of the Blind meets the rigorous Standards for Charity Accountability set forth by the BBB Wise Giving Alliance.

### 2019 Program Services as a Percent of Total Expense

To read our 2019 annual report, visit [nfb.org/annual-report](http://nfb.org/annual-report).



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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