

Script and Visual Descriptions for Donor Video

Visual Description:

Starting out showing the logo of Blind Babies Foundation, video name Creating Possibilities. Celebrating Abilities. Some footage from the annual Beeper Egg Hunt showing families enjoying the entertainment outside in the park. A lovely photo of Audrey as a baby.

Sound:

Music from Beeper Egg Hunt band.

Script:

Blind Babies Foundation. Creating Possibilities. Celebrating Abilities. Every child's development is crucial during the first five years; it is even more so when a child is born blind or visually impaired.

Visual Description:

Photo of Blind Babies Foundation founders.

Visual Description:

Footage from the Beeper Egg Hunt of children planting and working with soil.

Script:

Since 1949, Blind Babies Foundation has been providing critical early intervention and education services to infants and preschoolers who are blind or visually impaired and their families.

Visual Description:

Jeri Hart, Vision Impairment Specialist, working with Tyler and his mom in their home.

Visual Description:

Map showing areas served.

Script:

Our professionally trained VIS work closely with families in 14 Central and Northern California Counties at no cost to the families.

Visual Description:

Photos of Gail Calvello working with baby Graham and standing with other Vision Impairment Specialists. Photo of Blind Babies Foundation Professional Advisory Committee and photo of Blind Babies Foundation Staff.

Script:

Gail Calvello, one of our program directors and a VIS for over 25 years, will share some of her insights about Blind Babies Foundation.

Script:

Hello I'm Gail Calvello. I'm a program director with the Blind Babies Foundation. I'm a credentialed teacher of the visually impaired and within our agency we refer to ourselves as vision impairment specialists.

Visual Description:

Revised video from ABC Channel 7 News of Jeri Hart working with Tyler and his mom in their home. They are opening and shutting cupboard doors, the refrigerator, and silverware drawers and practicing putting a lid on a yogurt container. Tyler is three years old (?) has both visual and motor impairments. He is an active, curious child with fair hair and skin.

Script:

The work we do with the parents is reality based. We work in the home with the families doing the things parents would do with typically developing children.

We help the family to set up the environment so the child can use his vision the best that he can.

If the child doesn't have any functional vision, we work on compensatory skills to help the child develop as normally as possible using other strategies.

We talk a lot about working with real things. You wouldn't give a child a plastic banana and teach him that that's a banana. A child needs to know what a real banana is, what it feels like what it smells like...

Visual Description:

Tyler looking at a book and playing with toys with Jeri Hart and his mom.

Script:

We use all the normal objects you find in the home so the child will understand what we are talking about when we use language.

Visual Description:

Tyler is standing with his mom's help and then walking over to Jeri with his walker. He is walking towards a red, shiny pom pom that Jeri is holding.

Script:

One of the most important milestones for most parents is when their child begins to walk. We call that orientation and mobility.

Visual Description:

Tyler is looking at books, playing with toys and crawling.

Script:

What many people don't understand is that the impact of a severe vision loss affects all areas of development.

Why does a child reach for something? Because they see something to reach for. Likewise why does a child tend to crawl? Because they see something that they want to get to.

Visual Description:

Footage from Beeper Egg Hunt of children participating in the egg hunt who are gently guided by their parents. Young girl using her walker to walk towards beeping egg, picking it up with the help of her mother and brother.

Script:

In order to compensate for poor vision we use the parent or a noisy object to entice the child to move forward.

Visual Description:

Business owner (?) and his daughters handing out lovely Easter baskets to families.

Script:

Seeing the children grow and develop is a wonderful part of our work but it's not the most rewarding part. The most rewarding part is to see the parent begin to relax and to enjoy the child's development.

Visual Description:

Little girl's beautiful smile as she opens an Easter egg she found.

Visual Description:

Large black labrador pulling child around in a cart at the Beeper Egg Hunt, winding through a crowd of families enjoying the food and festivities of the day.

Script:

Visual Impairment Specialists like Gail Calvello are teachers and advocates. The work they do with Blind Babies Foundation has a profound affect on families.

Visual Description:

Word graphic listing services offered through Blind Babies Foundation.

Script:

Blind Babies Foundation provides parent education and home-based early intervention services, accompanies families on important medical visits, brings families together to meet and learn from one another provides information and resources to families and professionals, refers families to community programs, advocates for children and families.

Visual Description:

Footage from Beeper Egg Hunt of children planting and painting. An Aztec dancer is holding baby at celebration with Guide Dogs for the Blind. Families are participating in Harvest Party and the anual golf tournament, "Swing for Kids".

Script:

Blind Babies Foundation hosts several annual events where families enjoy games, activities, good food and a chance to spend time together. Beeper Egg Hunts are true favorites and are shown in this video. We also host regional family activities, such as a Harvest Party, Beach Day and Fall Frolic. Our Annual Golf Tournament brings friends, families and supporters together for a great day.

Visual Description:

Image of babies actively exploring toys and their environment in a play group.

Script:

Having a baby with special needs can be an isolating experience for new parents.

Visual Description:

Photos of Alessandra as a baby. Her parents are holding her and she is enjoying a bright yellow ball and bubbles.

Script:

When Alessandra was born, her parents Nick and Betty Lituano found help and support for their family through BBF.

Visual Description:

Photo of Alessandra at 7, blowing a kiss to her family. Beautiful footage from Beyond Pix Communications of families who are part of the Blind Babies Community. Parents are holding their children and sharing moments of joy.

Script:

When reflecting on her experience as a new mother, Betty said:

"When I found out that there was such a service as Blind Babies, it allowed me to realize that I wasn't alone—that there was a whole world of children and families that were needing help—that were getting it."

Alessandra's dad, Nick had this to say about Blind Babies Foundation,

"They fill a need that you don't know exists until it touches your life."

We invite you to join us as we continue to create possibilities and celebrate abilities in the lives of young children who are blind or visually impaired.

Visual Description:

Blind Babies Foundation logo, web site address and phone number are included. Three circles filled with images, including Jim playing the trumpet at center.

Script:

visit our website to learn more

www.blindbabies.org

Call BBF at 510.446.2229

Visual Description:

Special Guests: Gail Calvello, interview; Jeri Hart, Vision Impairment Specialist; Tyler and Elizabeth Brogna; Betty, Nick and Alessandra Lituano.

Sound:

music from Beeper Egg Hunt band.

Visual Description:

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