

PROSPECTIVE

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Board President's Message

Dear Friends:

I am honored and humbled to serve as the Board President of LIFE, Inc. The Directors of the Board and myself are excited to present to you our first newsletter. Within this first edition, you will find articles from our partners, as well as, information regarding our upcoming events and programs. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the staff, board, volunteers of LIFE, Inc., and community partners to empower individuals with disabilities. Together, we will promote full inclusion within all aspects of the community.



David C. Sharp

Board of Directors

**R. Moore, J. Quinn, D. Sharp, R. Smith,
and
C. Tomney**

***Helping individuals with disabilities to
establish preferences to live self-
sufficiently within their community.***

Featured Partner ~ National Gallery of Art

Picture This!

Tours for People with Low Vision and Who Are Blind at the National Gallery of Art

Picture This tours incorporate vibrant verbal description with information about works of art.

June tours will take place on Wednesday, June 22 and Saturday, June 25. We will enjoy *Leisure for Pleasure!*

Tours meet at 1:00 in the Rotunda of the West Building of the National Gallery and last about an hour.

Everyone is welcome!

ASL at the NGA: An Introduction to the National Gallery Collection

The monthly ASL at the NGA tour is coming up on Sunday, June

NEW! Stories in Art sessions to be offered entirely in ASL this summer!

Stories in Art introduces children (ages 4 to 7) to artists through careful looking, storytelling, and hands-on experimentation. Led by museum educators, each program includes reading a children's book, exploring one work of art in the galleries, and completing a simple, hands-on activity. Each program is approximately 60 minutes.

Summer Story Series: Discover Dutch Art

Would you like to visit the Netherlands this summer? Pack your imagination and travel to the National Gallery of Art! You'll visit a windmill, sail the seas, discover mince pie, and listen to a concert.

Participants learn about landscapes, still life, seascapes, and scenes of interior Dutch life by reading children's books, looking at 17th-century Dutch art, and making a souvenir to document each adventure. You will receive a passport to

the summer story series and a stamp for each program attended. If you collect all four stamps at the end of the summer, you will receive a prize!

Families who use ASL are invited to participate in sessions led by a deaf guide on the following dates:

Sunday, July 10 at 3:30

Sunday, July 17 at 3:30

Sunday, July 24 at 3:30

Sunday, July 31 at 3:30

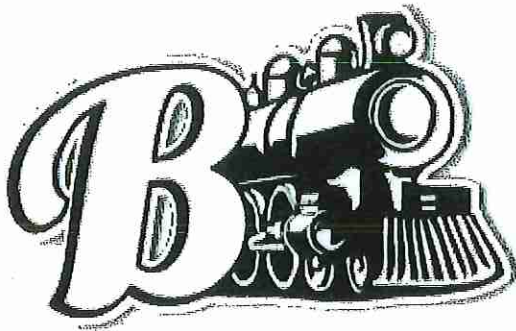
Because this is a pilot program, families will be asked to register in advance. To register, please click here and register for each date individually:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stories-in-art-in-american-sign-language-registration-24000806057>

Please contact Lorena Baines at asl@nga.gov with any questions!

Upcoming Events/ Programs

Start the summer off right! Come out to view an exciting baseball game at Polvich Field. On **June 24th** the Baltimore Redbirds face off against the Bethesda Big Train. LIFE, Inc. will be the featured nonprofit of the evening. Help us cheer for our Board of Directors being granted the opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. To purchase tickets, click the link below.



Once again, LIFE, Inc. will partner with National Gallery of Art to offer a platform to artists with disabilities to showcase their works. This year the event will take place over two days. A silent auction will take place via online and in-person on Friday, September 22nd. During this time, a reception for the artists will be held; where our honored guest will be from the Office of Maryland's First Lady, Yumi Hogan.



Call for Artists

"We all have ability. The difference is how we use it."

- Stevie Wonder

Save the Date

Celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month with LIFE, Inc.

LIFE, Inc. will host a conference to provide an innovative insight as to how job seekers with disabilities may gather resources to effectively navigate the job market. We are honored to partner with the i3s Foundation to create this opportunity for small business owners, county and federal employer, job coaches and job seekers to come together and brainstorm on methods to overcome the barrier to employment. Please check our website later to receive more details.

During the conference, we will recognize an employee with a disability, an employer and a job coach who have worked hard in promoting the inclusion of employing individuals with disabilities. If you know of an individual who you would recommend to be recognized, please nominate them by clicking the button below.

Employment Nominations

How to Help



Your contribution towards promoting the empowerment of individuals with disabilities is invaluable. Please take a moment to pledge your support to the efforts of LIFE, Inc.



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