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**Blind Children's Learning Center Highlights Bob and Nadine Hall as Honorary Chairs of Vision Beyond Sight 'dining in the dark experience' on February 21, 2019**

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To commemorate 25 years of service to Blind Children's Learning Center, Bob and Nadine Hall will serve as Honorary Chairs of the second annual Vision Beyond Sight dining in the dark experience on February 21, 2019. Held at the Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin, the event raises critical funds to provide services for children who are blind and visually impaired.

The Halls are Blind Children's Learning Center's top individual lifetime donors. Their long-time loyalty to the Center and its mission stems from Bob Hall's personal experience with the challenges of being visually impaired. "Bob was born with congenital cataracts and resources like Blind Children's Learning Center didn't exist when he was a child. Fortunately, he was also born with a natural strength and determination which enabled him to triumph over adversity and become the wonderful husband, father, grandfather and successful businessman he is today," said Nadine.

Vision Beyond Sight moves to Marconi Automotive Museum after a sold-out inaugural event in 2018. The event will bring 300 guests closer to the everyday lives and challenges faced by children who are blind and visually impaired. The evening's cornerstone is a dinner in the dark and will also feature Marconi's \$30M classic car collection, blind wine tastings, and hands-on demonstrations of low vision services. Blind motivational speaker Wayne Heidle and Emmy-winning ESPN reporter Shelley Smith are set to present. The event will raise funds for low vision services for children from birth to age 22, including Braille instruction, adaptive technology training, and adaptive learning techniques.

"Bob and Nadine truly reflect the spirit of philanthropy through their 25 years of support to BCLC. Bob personally knows the challenges faced by our students and their families. He and Nadine continue to give of themselves to our organization and we are grateful to them once again as they serve as Honorary Chairs of Vision Beyond Sight," said Event Chair Jeri Konopisos.

Interim Executive Director Carina Morris has witnessed the positive impact of Bob and Nadine's philanthropy from the beginning of their relationship with Blind Children's Learning Center: "The Halls' longtime generosity is evident not just in their financial contributions, but in their hospitality, business counsel and presence at many of our events," remarked Carina Morris. "They have truly helped us fulfill our mission to prepare thousands of children with visual impairments for a life of independence."

### **About Blind Children's Learning Center**

Blind Children's Learning Center, a non-profit agency, provides services for children with visual impairments. Founded in 1962 by adults who were blind, the organization was originally called "Services for the Blind Orange County." The founders quickly discovered the key to helping a person with visual impairments was to start working with them at a very early age. Today the agency serves children and their families through the Global Infant Development Program, Bright Visions Early Childhood Center (an onsite preschool-2nd grade) and Youth Outreach Services. Their mission is to prepare children with visual impairments for a life of independence through early intervention, education and family support. For more information please visit [www.blindkids.org](http://www.blindkids.org).