BEEPING EGGS LEAD BLIND CHILDREN TO SPRING FUN Blind Babies Foundation Hosts Beeper Egg Hunt for Central Valley Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

MADERA, CA (April 1, 2017) – Blind Babies Foundation, a program of Junior Blind, will host its 24th annual Beeper Egg Hunt in the Central Valley on April 1, 2017 at AgVentures! Learning Center & Tractor Museum in Tulare. Specially-designed beeping eggs will be hidden for children who are blind or visually impaired to find in this traditional spring event with a twist. More than 500 children, family members, volunteers and supporters are expected to attend.

The battery-operated beeping eggs, designed by Carl Zeiss Meditec, emit a high-pitched noise similar to an alarm clock, allowing children with visual impairments to locate the eggs. Beeping eggs will then be exchanged for prizes and treats.

Children will enjoy additional activities with their families throughout the afternoon, including decorating egg hunt bags, planting flowers, petting farm animals, exploring the AgVentures! Learning Center and more.

"Our annual Beeper Egg Hunt gives the children of Blind Babies Foundation the rare chance to participate in a traditional spring event adapted just for them," says Kristi Spaite, Vision Impairment Specialist for Blind Babies Foundation. "This isn't the type of opportunity that families in our community can find just anywhere, so we're proud to continue offering this experience to them."

Through the event, Blind Babies Foundation demonstrates its commitment to providing families of children with visual impairments the critical support they need to help their children reach their greatest potential, in the home and in the community.

Blind Babies Foundation's Beeper Egg Hunt in Central Valley is sponsored by Carl Zeiss Meditec, Rowley Ranch and Little Caesars.

About Blind Babies Foundation

Blind Babies Foundation has served the families of Northern and Central California since 1949. When an infant or preschooler is identified as blind or visually impaired, Blind Babies Foundation provides family-centered services to support the child's optimal development and access to the world, all at no cost to families. In 2014, Blind Babies Foundation became a program of Junior Blind. For more information, visit www.blindbabies.org.

About Junior Blind

Since 1953, Junior Blind of America has remained deeply committed to helping children, youth and adults reach their greatest potential. Each year, Junior Blind empowers those who have physical, developmental and emotional challenges and their families through services that include early intervention, education, recreation, mental health, residential treatment and rehabilitation programs. Junior Blind is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation. To learn more, please visit www.juniorblind.org.