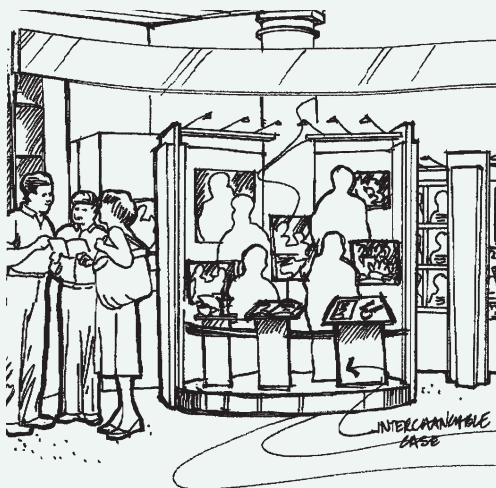




HALL *of* FAME: LEADERS AND LEGENDS OF THE BLINDNESS FIELD



“The paths that our heroes have blazed and the legacies they have left provide us with purpose and meaning.”

These words, spoken by Dr. Dean Tuttle at the American Printing House for the Blind in October, 2001, began the formal announcement of a venue to celebrate our heroes. The **Hall of Fame for Leaders and Legends of the Blindness Field**, expected to draw support from the entire profession, will be housed in a portion of the 1922 wing of the historic 1883 building of the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mission Statement:

The Hall of Fame for Leaders and Legends of the Blindness Field shall be dedicated to preserving, honoring, and promoting the tradition of excellence manifested by the specific individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame and through the history of outstanding services provided to people who are blind or visually impaired.

“AER enthusiastically supports this endeavor. It’s time we honor those who have done so much, who stand as the highest examples of professionalism... By honoring them we proclaim the legitimacy and importance of our field and honor the efforts of all individuals who provide services to blind persons.”

– Billy Brookshire, President
Association for Education and Rehabilitation of
the Blind and Visually Impaired

“What a wonderful and timely idea! Celebrating heroes is vital to keeping an accurate historical record of the victories and triumphs of our long and colorful past.”

– Vince Martino, Director of Canadian AER,
and Linda Mamer, International AER
Board Representative

“A special recognition project to honor persons who make a difference in the lives of children we represent is of special interest to us. Consider us your partner in this effort!”

– Dr. Mary Jean Sanspree, President
Council for Exceptional Children,
Division on Visual Impairment

“We are a profession that, until now, has not honored its history appropriately. Many of the present generation of professionals in the blindness field have little knowledge of the giants that have gone before them. It is on the very shoulders of these giants that we depend to lead us into the future.”

– Carl Augusto, President
American Foundation for the Blind

Here are highlights from the lives of six of the first 32 inductees into the Hall of Fame:

Dr. Natalie Barraga

1915-

University of Texas Professor Emerita, best known for her writings on low vision and visual efficiency.



Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld

1901-1994

Author of *Our Blind Children* and countless other books, chapters, and articles.

Father Thomas Carroll

1909-1971

Authored the landmark book *Blindness: What It Is, What It Does, and How to Live With It*, still in use.



Mary K. Bauman

1911-1991

Chiefly known for her research and writings on the psychological evaluation of blind persons.



Dr. Samuel C. Ashcroft

1921-

Teacher, educator, researcher, author and first Director of Educational Research, APH.

Helen Keller

1880-1968

World ambassador, prolific writer, and tireless advocate for blind and deaf-blind people. Among countless awards was the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



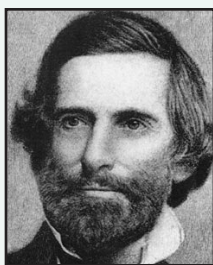
Exciting Features of the Hall of Fame

The multimedia Hall of Fame will feature plaques, artifacts, videos, and interactive kiosks celebrating the achievements of our legends.

In addition, a virtual Hall of Fame is accessible through **www.aph.org**.

Full listing of the first 32 Hall of Fame inductees:

Georgie Lee Abel
Samuel Ashcroft
Robert Atkinson
Col. E. A. Baker
Natalie Barraga
Mary K. Bauman
Donald Blasch
Warren Bledsoe
Fr. Thomas Carroll
Cleo Dolan
Eleanor E. Faye, MD
Kathern Gruber
Richard Hoover
Samuel Gridley Howe
Douglas Inkster
Robert Irwin
Kenneth Jernigan
Ruth Kaarlela
Helen Keller
Roy Kumpe
Berthold Lowenfeld
Durward McDaniel
Alice Raftary
Louis Rives, Jr.
Peter Salmon
Stanley Suterko
Mary Switzer
Josephine Taylor
Louis Vieceli
Donald Wedewer
Robert Whitstock
Russell Williams



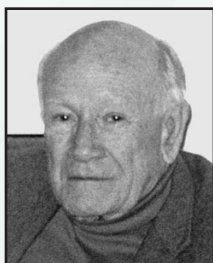
**Samuel Gridley
Howe**



Kenneth Jernigan



Josephine Taylor



Warren Bledsoe

How You Can Support the Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame needs your financial support. Donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to:

Leaders and Legends, Hall of Fame
1839 Frankfort Ave. / Louisville, KY 40206

All donations will be gratefully acknowledged.

If you have artifacts related to Hall of Fame inductees, please contact Bob Brasher at bbrasher@aph.org.

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