



LumAware presents

*dining in the dark*  
a virtual experience

Honoring our Barney H. Kroger Humanitarian  
Award Recipient A. Richard Thomas



## WELCOME!

We are so excited you've joined us for our first ever virtual Dining in the Dark! Our host, Q102's Natalie Jones will guide us through an evening of fun as we raise awareness and funds to support our mission of empowering individuals with vision loss. Your support and participation in this event means the world to us and we cannot thank you enough.

## EVENING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Honoring our Barney H. Kroger Humanitarian Award recipient A. Richard Thomas
- Special remarks from Grace Class, the mother of CABVI client Charmaine Cadiz-Class
- Local celebrity appearances
- DID special cocktail made by celebrity mixologist Molly Wellman
- Stand-up comedy from local comedian Josh Sneed
- House Host spotlights
- Musical performance by Motherfolk at the conclusion of the program



Natalie Jones, Q102

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The **Online Auction** will open on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. and close on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.

The **Bourbon and Wine Raffle** will open on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. and close on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:50 p.m. The winners will be announced during the LIVE Dining in the Dark stream on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

**\*You must be at least 21 years old to purchase any packages containing alcohol and ID will be required upon item pickup.\***

### Item Pickup:

All Auction and Raffle purchases can be picked up curbside at CABVI (2045 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45202) on the following dates:

- Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend one of the above curbside pick-up dates and times, please contact Hanna Firestone at **513-487-4530** or [hanna.firestone@cincyblind.org](mailto:hanna.firestone@cincyblind.org).

After December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, any items not claimed will be considered a donation back to CABVI.

To view the live stream, participate in our Online Auction, Bourbon Raffle, Wine Raffle and Fund the Mission, please visit

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The Wine and Bourbon Raffles will close on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:50 p.m. The winners will be announced during the LIVE stream on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

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## BOURBON RAFFLE

One lucky winner will receive this amazing Bourbon Collection! **ONLY 100** tickets will be sold!

Raffle tickets are \$25 each.



Bourbon Raffle package includes: Blanton's Single Barrel; Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Sour Mash; Weller Antique 107; Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch; Eagle Rare; Weller Special Reserve; Henry McKenna Single Barrel.

## WINE RAFFLE

One lucky winner will receive this Wine Lover's Collection! **ONLY 100** tickets will be sold!

Raffle tickets are \$10 each.



Wine Raffle package includes an assortment of wine donated by CABVI Board and Committee Members.

# Thank you

We are so grateful for your support of this event. Since opening our doors over a century ago, we have been committed to building brighter futures for people with vision loss. CABVI provides training and support. We create employment and job opportunities. We strive to help more than 6,000 people annually to lead full and independent lives. Our programs and services change lives for the better.

CABVI depends on charitable donations to support our services. Please consider donating during this evening's event. Every dollar counts – and every dollar goes directly toward helping people in Greater Cincinnati who are blind or visually impaired adapt to vision loss.

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## OUR IMPACT:

Everyone's journey with vision loss is unique. These stories are just some of the ways CABVI's services helped our clients make progress towards their goals.



## EÓIN

Eóin has cortical visual impairment which means that his brain has difficulty recognizing what his eyes see. Given enough time to process what he sees, Eóin is highly motivated by music to use his vision to reach for and grasp bells and shakers, and play the hand drums, as well as the piano. Eóin also has cerebral palsy so music is a good way for him to work on improving his fine and gross motor skills, body awareness, and intentional movements. At 3 months old, Eóin received CABVI's Early Childhood and Youth Services (ECYS) to help his parents learn about his eye condition as well as ways to help stimulate use of his remaining vision.

## SOPHIA

Sophia doesn't let her vision loss from Stargardt Disease stop her from doing all the things that most teenagers do. She has been closely working with CABVI's Youth Services Vision Specialist, including meeting online during the COVID-19 pandemic, to learn self-advocacy skills to request help when needed. This helped her to create a vision portfolio that she can share with her teachers whenever she starts a new class so they understand the accommodations she needs. As she enters her senior year in high school, Sophia is excited about perhaps studying nursing when she goes to college.



## MARY

Mary went to nursing school in her 30's and retired as an LPN at age 72. Mary has gradually been losing vision due to diabetic retinopathy. She received prescribed low vision aids and orientation and mobility training for safe travel from CABVI. A vision rehabilitation therapist came to her home to help her put tactile markers on her washing machine, oven and microwave and provide training. Mary lost touch with her younger siblings for 50 years after their father's funeral. She visited Facebook as part of her access technology training from CABVI to learn to use VoiceOver, a gesture-based screen reader. Mary used an iPad to locate and message her siblings by typing in their names and also their hometown in the search field. Happily, Mary's sister was able to reunite with her at Thanksgiving in 2019.



## BOB

Bob works as a Gadget Assembler in CABVI's Industries Program. He assembles OXO kitchen gadgets as well as LED lights for the U.S. Navy. Bob graduated with a degree in Electronics and is a veteran of the Navy. He was enlisted and then discharged due to vision loss. Bob went to work for Cincinnati Milacron for 22 years as a Field Service Electronics Technician. Unfortunately, during this time, his vision declined and he was no longer able to drive. In 1993, Bob began working for CABVI and continued until 2000 when he took a job at Fifth Third Bank. With access technology training as well as low vision services and orientation and mobility training from CABVI, Bob was successful in this customer service position for 13 years. He retired, then returned to work at CABVI in 2017.

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