Announcing BEST FEST 2021: Tickets now on sale!

We hope that you and your family were able to join us in Nashville this past weekend for our 2021 BEST FEST. If not, come on out for a great night for a great cause!

Join us in Nashville for our 1st Annual BEST FEST at Lighthouse Point! BEST FEST, formerly called the Annual BEST of Music & Arts, is a major fundraiser! We'll have live music by singer-songwriters Steven McFarren, JP Williams, Kate Kelly and special guests, the Fiddle Sisters. Tickets are $30 and all proceeds go directly to benefiting the children and families of BEST. Your ticket price includes live music, immersive experiences, a silent auction and food and drinks -- all benefiting BEST! Tickets now available on our website or at the box office. Come on out for a great night for a great cause!

**Note: As an Amazon Associate, BEST receives a portion of qualifying purchases made via our curated list of books and toys on our website. Thank you for supporting BEST by shopping our page!**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**O C T O B E R**

5:30-9:30 CT  LIGHTHOUSE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

OCTOBER 14  THRIVING BLIND EARLY INTERVENTION SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 19 4:00PM-9:00PM 1ST ANNUAL BEST FEST: THE CORDOBALE

Staff Spotlight: Alycia Snowden

Alycia Snowden is a Developmental Therapist (DT) whose experience includes early intervention and the preschool setting. She has received training in autism spectrum therapy, and is currently working on her Master’s degree in Child Development and is a certified App provider.

Alycia is passionate about working with children, especially those who may be experiencing developmental delays. She loves the moment when a child masters a new skill for the first time, whether it be watching a parent or caregiver’s excitement as they see the intervention working. Alycia joined the BEST team in July as a Developmental Therapist (DT) and Early Interventionist of the Visually Impaired (EIVI). Alycia was attracted to BEST due to the high-quality care that the organization provides to the children and families that it serves.

Check Out the 4to24 App!

The National Research & Training Center on Blindness & Low Vision at Mississippi State University has created a new, free app called 4to24 to be a resource for parents of children ages 4 to 24, who are blind or visually impaired. It is designed to be a guide to building skills for future success as an adult. It covers the following areas: Vision, Self-Determination, Communication, Learning, Independent Living, and Employment.

The app is designed to help parents guide their child’s development, and it provides developmental milestones, tips, activities, and resources. The app is available for iOS and Android devices.

The “Little Room”

The “Little Room” was designed by Dr. Lilli Nielsen to provide children with blindness, developmental delays, or autism the opportunity to encourage reaching, sensory exposure and easy early object and spatial exploration. This is a specially designed room for the care of a child with blindness or low vision. If so, a “Little Room” is a wonderful way to encourage sensory exploration and provides a cozy spot for independent play. BEST provides our own Little Rooms to families who need one, free of charge. Email: info@blindearlyservices.org to get on the list to have one made for your child.