Giving Tuesday is November 30th!

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 with a simple concept in mind — a 24 hour period during which people can give, we can match, and it can be a type of fundraising event. It is a global movement that has inspired hundreds of millions of people to donate time, money, and their voices to organizations or movements small and large. Giving Tuesday is celebrated on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and this year will fall on November 30th. BEST would be honored to be a charitable organization that you consider as you decide on how you’d like to give back. No amount is too small and every dollar given to BEST goes directly to supporting families of children with blindness or low vision.

Examples of how donations are used:

- Direct in-home support services (parent training)
- Provider training and certification
- Tactile toys and books
- Braille books and resources
- Interpreter services
- Provider supplies

Join Alison and Stacy on Facebook Live at 1PM CST on Giving Tuesday as we speak to the importance of specialized early intervention.

Support Blind Early Services TN - Order BEST Apparel!

BEST Shirts are now for sale on Bonfire with proceeds benefiting BEST families! A variety of colors and styles are available with more to come soon! Click the link below to shop!

Siblings, Ken Quinn and Alicia Holt Are Our December Podcast Guests

Ken Quinn is a husband, father of three, advocate, student (currently receiving his Masters of Education), Teacher of the Visually Impaired through the University of Kentucky), and accessibility and tactile graphics consultant living in Pennsylvania. He also happens to be blind Ken’s younger sister, Alicia Holt, is a wife, mother of two and Team Lead and Coordinator living in Florida. Ken was born with typical vision.

For this month’s podcast we invited Ken and Alicia to talk with us and explore sibling dynamics when it comes to disability. Does having a brother or sister with a disability lead to less focus on the child who does not have a disability? Does having a sibling with a disability equal to a feeling of protectiveness? Does having a disability and growing up with a sibling who does not have a disability make things harder or easier? How can parents and caregivers foster a positive and secure relationship between siblings? We dive into these questions and more in our conversation as Ken and Alicia share their lived experience. Don’t miss it!

Request a Braille Letter from Santa!

Every year, the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) helps Santa send letters in braille to children with blindness and low vision across the country. Along with the braille letter, you also get a print version.

The program is available for children ten and under, and requests can be made now through December 15th using the link below. If you’re familiar with the Braille National Foundation, making it easier for those who have missed delayed visual or Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI).