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## **Arizona Deaf and Blind Children's Association Announces New Executive Director**

(Tucson, Arizona – June 18 2008) Arizona Deaf and Blind Children's Association today announced Rita Weatherholt as the organization's new Executive Director.

"We're very pleased to have Rita on board with us, and look forward to working with her to bring the Foundation to the next level," said Joe Hayden, Chairman of the Board.

Weatherholt brings more than 25 years of management experience to her new post, covering for-profit, government and non-profit work. She has formerly served as Executive Director of Information & Referral Services, and Junior Achievement in Tucson. With nearly 10 years of serving the non-profit community in Tucson, Weatherholt has also served on a number of non-profit Boards and committees at the local, state and national levels.

"Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation is a wonderful organization, and I'm honored to have been chosen as its next leader," said Weatherholt, adding, "the programs and services offered by this foundation are unique in the state, providing critical support to some of our community's most vulnerable, yet most promising young people."

For more information about Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation, log on to [www.azblinddeafchildren.org](http://www.azblinddeafchildren.org).

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Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation *invests in the future of Arizona's blind and deaf children.* A statewide organization headquartered in Tucson, the Foundation aims to serve more than 4,000 blind and deaf children throughout the state by making available experiential learning in art, fitness, literacy, and success skills. Within its areas of focus, the Foundation assesses needs, brings together collaborations to incubate and develop programs, and provides funding through a competitive process to schools and non-profit organizations serving blind and deaf children. For more information about Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation, log on to [www.azblinddeafchildren.org](http://www.azblinddeafchildren.org).