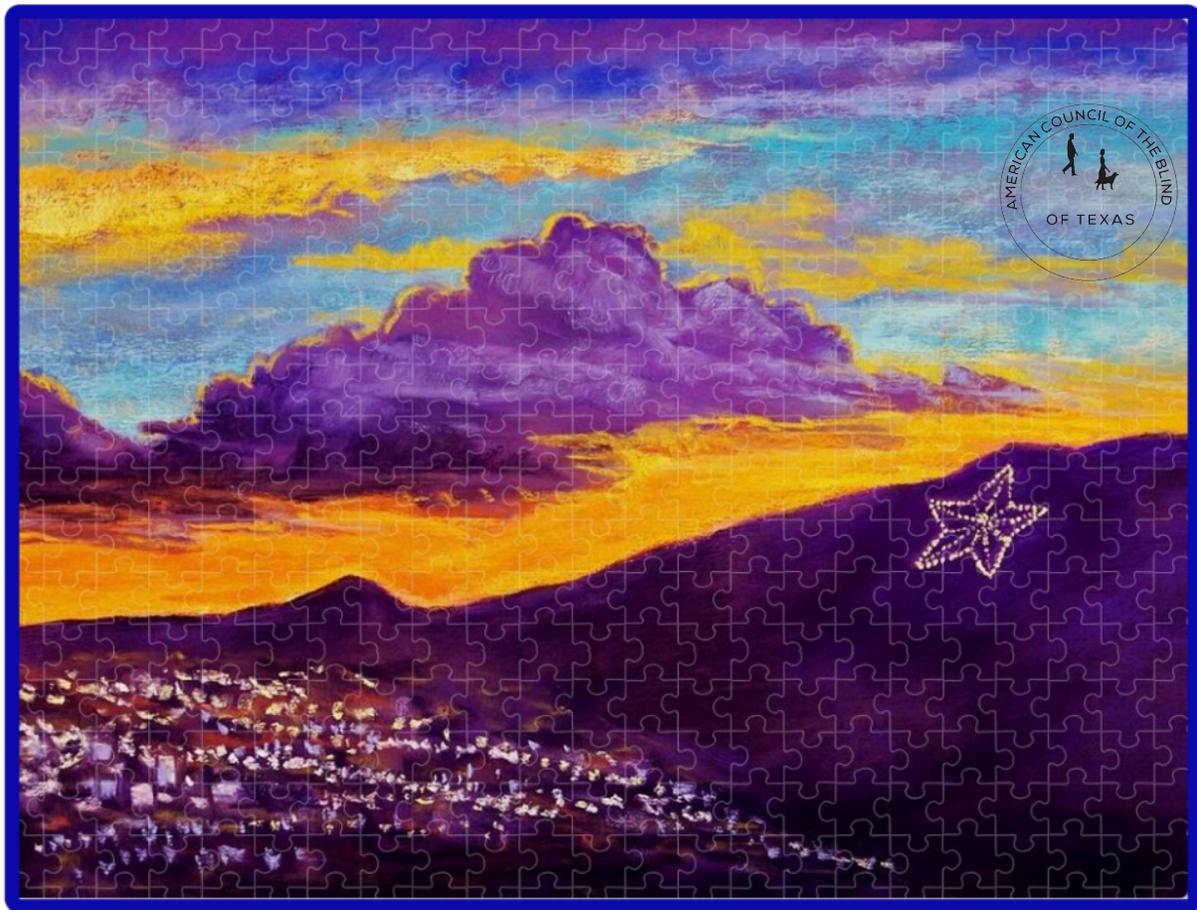


# American Council of the Blind of Texas

47th Annual Conference/Convention  
“ACBT: Shining in the Sun City”



Marriott El Paso  
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August 21-24, 2025

# **El Paso Marriott Welcome Letter**

We are certainly excited to have you staying with us at the El Paso Marriott. Listed below is helpful information about the hotel's services and amenities.

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Welcome to the ACBT 47th Annual Conference/Convention.  
Most of all, Welcome to El Paso!

# President's Welcome

Dear ACBT Members and Friends:

As President of ACB of Texas, I eagerly welcome you to the 47th Annual Conference and Convention of the ACB of Texas! Along with the Board of Directors, I am genuinely excited to present this conference to each of you. Please take advantage of every opportunity available to you during this convention. There are several exciting activities and sessions for you to experience over the weekend. I strongly encourage you to stay for the entire conference which concludes at 12:00 (noon) on Sunday.

This conference will be filled with informational and entertaining sessions with much more!

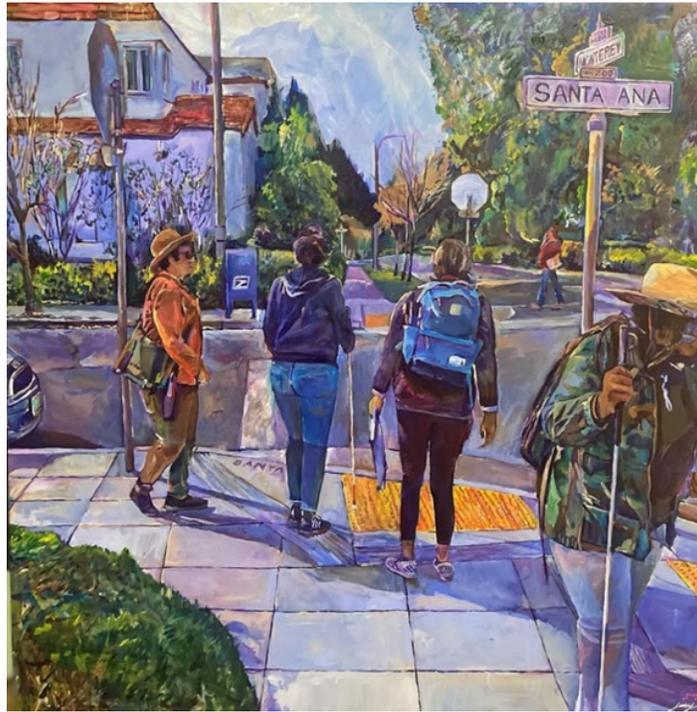
If this is your first ACBT conference, I especially welcome you to our time together. I hope you find us to be outgoing, friendly and helpful to you during this conference. Please reach out to any of us if you have unanswered questions.

Enjoy your time in El Paso!

Thank you for coming and enjoy yourself this weekend!

With warmest regards,

Chris D. Prentice, President



## All Clear at the Approach Corner

Painting of four figures standing at the corner of a sidewalk in a residential neighborhood. The first is a man wearing a hat, sunglasses, and satchel. He walks toward the others waiting by the yellow truncated domes. He carries a folded cane in a holster. The next two figures face the street. The second wears jeans and a hoodie. She holds a long white cane. The third wears a bright blue backpack with a cane tucked in a pocket. The fourth figure, a woman in a camo jacket and wide brimmed hat, is turned toward the viewer. She carries a white cane and clipboard while standing in front of a street sign. Her face is obscured by a lowered mask and glasses. Across the street, another figure talks on the Phone while holding a clipboard. Signature reading "Joey" under pink simulation braille of the initials "jch" in the lower right corner

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## She's Going Places

Painting of young woman in denim jacket and shorts skateboarding in parking lot. In the background is a fence and the backside of bleachers. Spaces allow hints of the clear blue sky to peak through. The woman holds out a long white cane. She also holds out a hand, ready to wave or cushion a fall. The paint strokes are slightly loose. Joey's signature in lower right corner and simulation braille reading "jch."

# WELCOME TO EL PASO!

Visit the hospitality suite for drinks, snacks, and sweets.

Meet new friends, old friends and like-minded individuals with goals for advocating, motivating, and positive energy (badge requested).

Open

Thursday 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 10:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 10:00 pm

Registration, Information, & Volunteer Tables

Ballroom Foyer

Open

Thursday 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am to 11:15 am

Thursday 10:45 am-10:30 pm ACBT dine and donate  
Chili's grill and bar. Burgers, ribs, fajitas & desserts.

Chili's is within the radius of the Marriot shuttle.

Valid on dine in and take out.

\*\* Coming to El Paso a day early? Special dine and donate  
on Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at Charcoaler Drive-In.

From 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Charcoal hamburgers, fries, onion rings, ice cream & pies.

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The ACBT Board of Directors is comprised of 5 elected officers, 4 directors, an immediate past president, and an appointed representative from each chapter and special interest affiliate. The appointed representatives are selected by their respective chapter or special interest affiliate.

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# Joey Hernandez Bio

Josephine ("Joey") Hernandez's journey with art began after she started losing her vision as a sophomore in high school.

Over the course of a couple months, her sight deteriorated from relatively average to the point of legal blindness due to what would later be diagnosed as Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON). Joey's center field of vision became permanently blurry, and she began to constantly see moving neon dots. Her "lights" are what sparked her initial interest in painting.

Frustrated that she couldn't find images representing how she saw the world, Joey decided to pick up a paint brush to try to show it herself with acrylics. Her first acrylic paintings were attempts at her own vision simulations. She quickly fell in love with the medium and has been painting ever since.

Her work has since been featured in several shows, including the international APH Insights Art competition.

Joey uses a variety of adaptive strategies to create her works. She hopes to change the narrative about who can create and enjoy art. She writes about some of these adaptive strategies in her blog, Artist's Adaptation Corner.

Joey is a proud alumna of California State University, Fullerton. She aspires to someday teach other blind and visually impaired people how to travel independently as an orientation and mobility specialist. When she's not painting, Joey enjoys skateboarding with her white cane, playing with her cat, and telling terrible puns.



# Schedule of Events

Thursday August 21, 2025

Visit the hospitality room (5<sup>th</sup> floor) before and after check in.

Opens at 2:00 pm

Pre-conference board meeting (Southwest Boardroom 1st floor)

4:00 pm-7:00 pm

Friday August 22, 2025

Exhibitors' setup (Salon A-D) 7:30 am - 8:45 am

Tours depart at 8:00 am & 8:30 am.

Exhibit hall is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sessions are from 1:00 pm to 5:45 pm

Friday 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm (Bluebonnet - Mockingbird rooms)

"La Casa game!"

Saturday August 23, 2025

Exhibit hall is open from 9:00 am to 11:15 am & 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Sessions are from 9:00 am to 11:15 am & 1:30 pm to 4:45 pm

ACBT Annual luncheon & opening session 11:30 am to 1:15 pm

Candidate Forum is from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Silent Auction (Ballroom foyer) from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Items will be on display in the foyer. Bids accepted until 5:00 pm.

Winners will be announced during the banquet.

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Ballroom foyer

Pre-Banquet Social - Come down early! Live music, photo opportunities, special guests and more!

7:00 pm to 8:15 pm (Banquet ballroom) with keynote speaker Joey Hernandez.

8:30 pm to 10:30 pm After dinner extravaganza performed by: Ballet Folklorico Valle Del Sol. An unforgettable night of music, dance, and hands-on entertainment.

Sunday August 24, 2025

Don't miss out on breakfast & more door prizes!

Let's finish strong! Make those connections,

get those phone numbers, get those

E-mail addresses, let's build those friendships.

7:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Ballroom Salon

7:00 am to 8:15 am awards breakfast

8:15 am to 8:45 am guest speaker

8:45 am to 9:00 am break

9:00 am Business meeting & elections



### **Still Reaching Out**

Painting of a light colored hand reaching out in a void of black and vibrant blue. The hand is palm up, with fingers gently curved as if to hold something. Pink simulation braille in the background alongside scattered specks of bright pink. In UEB grade 2, braille reads "reaching out for words of wisdom... written in small print." Joey's signature in bottom right with simulation braille reading "jch."

# **2025 Convention/Conference Tours**

## **Tour 1 - "Socorro & Ysleta Missions"**

Visit two missions less than three miles apart. Both established in 1682. Socorro features an exact replica of "La Pieta" by Michaelangelo. "La Pieta" is a depiction of Jesus Christ's lifeless body after being taken down from the cross, being carried by his mother Mary.

The Ysleta mission is recognized as the oldest operating Parish in Texas.

This tour leaves at 8:00 am from the lobby.

The price is \$40.00

## **Tour 2 - "Streetcar & El Paso Museum of History"**

"All Aboard!" Take a ride on a beautiful & fully restored electric rail streetcar originally used from the 1950s until 1974. Listen to two tour guides point out historic dates and buildings. The El Paso Museum of history Features the only interactive digital wall of its kind in the United States and only 1 of 4 in the world. Visit the giftshop.

This tour leaves at 8:30 am from the lobby.

The price is \$35.00

Lunch is included for both tours. You will be back in time for the sessions starting at 1:00pm. These tours will sell out. Maximum is 30 persons per tour. On each tour there will be the tour guide with an assistant and 2 volunteers.

# **Sessions Friday August 22nd, 2025**

## **Finger Crochet 101 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Mockingbird room**

Hosted by Neva Fairchild

A hands-on experience. Learn how to finger crochet an item and connect with blind and VI crafters. A skein of jumbo #7 yarn will be included. Get here early for best selection.

## **Adaptive Cyclers Plus 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by Mike Osburn

An introduction to adaptive sports such as tandem bike riding. An insight as to how recreational & competitive adaptive sports can enrich our lives.

## **Braille Revival League of Texas Business & Tech Meeting**

**2:15 pm to 3:15 pm Mockingbird Room**

Hosted by Neva Fairchild

Interested in Braille? Join BRLT for our annual meeting, whether you are a member or not. Learn about what we have achieved as well as our future goals.

## **Your Rights-Disability & Voting**

**2:15 pm to 3:15 pm Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by Sashi Nisankarao

A workshop informing attendees about their rights as they cast ballots in Texas. Learn about the rights that the VI & blind community have in local, state, & federal elections. Explore different methods of voting & what safeguards are in place to ensure equal access & participation. Visit the voting booth.

**Navigate the Wild Wild West- Guide Dog Users of Texas**

**3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Mockingbird Room**

Hosted by Barry Stafford Certified Orientation & Mobility Instructor, Regional Field Representative-Leader Dogs for the Blind Chelsea White, Outreach Specialist-The Seeing Eye. The service animal laws of Texas. Discussion on the laws affecting guide dog teams in Texas.

**Technology 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by George Zavala

A discussion focusing on the various ways of AI through the use of apple applications & the Meta-Ray Ban glasses. A look into how these breakthroughs have enabled blind & VI individuals to live more independently.

**Come in & Dance 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm Mockingbird Room**

Hosted by Mando Rodriguez of Shundo Ballroom Dance Studio  
An interactive session to have you moving to salsa, cha-cha, & maybe even ballroom dancing.

**Artist Workshop 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by Joey Hernandez

Learn about adaptive strategies for creating & enjoying visual & tactile art. Award winning artist Joey Hernandez promotes advocating for blind & VI accessible art spaces.

# **Sessions Saturday August 23rd, 2025**

## **Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program**

**9:00 am to 10:00 am Mockingbird Room**

Hosted by Jesus Donacio, Program Specialist VI  
An overview of the Texas Workforce Commission  
OIB program & services.

## **Library Users of America -Texas**

**9:00 am to 10:00 am Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by Jacqlyn Owusu Public Awareness Coordinator  
LUA-T will hold its annual business meeting. Texas  
Talking Book Program will provide updates for the TBP/ NLS.

## **Unlock Your Self Advocacy Superpower!**

**10:15 am to 11:15 am Mockingbird Room**

Hosted by Kenneth Semien, Sr. Chair-Advocacy Services  
Legislation Committee (supported by resources from  
Disability Rights Texas )Join the conversation for better  
results when operating in self-advocating mode.  
Stop by to grab winning tips for greater results.

## **What Can Help Make Living Easier with my Vision Loss**

**10:15 am to 11:15 am Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by Dr. Angela C. Koplos, O.D., IACMM, owner &  
sole provider. Orthokeratologist, Myopia management,  
Pediatric Optometrist, binocular vision/stroke/concussion  
information on vision therapy, myopia management,  
neuro-optometry.

Learn new treatments that improve vision at the brain level for mild vision loss. How to improve your circadian, brain function , & in some cases reduce further Vision E.

### **Games With BRLT**

**1:30 pm to 2:30 pm Mockingbird Room**

Hosted by Neva Fairchild

Join the Braille Revival League of Texas for fun & games.

Come win a prize!

### **Making For Accessibly**

**1:30 pm to 2:30 pm Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by Michael Nelson, Director of Operations Fab Lab

In a fabrication laboratory one can utilize digital design & 3D printing to prototype solutions to everyday issues.

Join us for a showcase of initiatives to make public spaces more accessible for blind & VI individuals.

Ask about tactile maps & museum art replicas.

### **Android Technology**

**2:45 pm to 3:45 pm Mockingbird Room**

Hosted by Ava Carruth, Foster Brown, & Kevin Ratliff

An open discussion on android uses. A demonstration of useful applications with a question & answer session.

### **First Timers Session**

**2:45 pm -3:45 pm Bluebonnet Room**

Hosted by ACBT representatives

Learn about American Council of the Blind of Texas.

Meet this year's First Timers award winner. Share some of your first time experiences with us.

**Candidates Forum 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Mockingbird Room**

Come by and meet your candidates. What motivates them? How can you become more involved?



I Don't Care About Your Parables Painting of two women with white canes confidently walking on a sidewalk under scaffolding. They strut with arms linked and canes pointed to the left. The woman on the left wears a dark jacket, pants, and a red scarf. The woman on the right wears a light cropped top, a dark open coat, and dark pants. The painting is mostly constructed of purposefully messy and blurred patches of reds, blues, and purples. Large simulation braille in lower right corner reads "shove it" in grade 2 UEB. Underneath, Joey's signature with simulation braille reading "jch."

# ACBT Outstanding Member of the Year

1987-Truett Childre  
1988-Viola and Randy Greene  
1989-Durward McDaniel  
1990-Bob Hanson  
1991-Margarine Beaman  
1992-Peggy Copeland  
1993- Noellia Dillingham  
1994-Nadine Saffell  
1995-Kenny Reynolds  
1996-Howard Compton  
1997-Michael Garrett  
1998-Melissa Mann  
1999-Ed Guerra  
2000-Nancy Guerra  
2001-Linda Bradley  
2002-Cindy Finley  
2003-Dr. Ed Bradley  
2004-Robert L. Bartlett  
2005- Troy & Jackie Long

2006-Heather Finley  
2007-Larry Johnson  
2008-Neil Finley  
2009-Carol Edwards  
2010-Chris Prentice  
2011-Becky Collier  
2012-Ginger Kraft  
2013-Kenneth Semien, Sr.  
2014-Sheila Derrick  
2015-Peggy R. Garrett  
2016-Emilio & Laura Sanchez  
2017- Gene & Louann Williams  
2018-Paul Hunt  
2021-Gayle Metoyer  
2022-William & Mary Alice Gary  
2023-Jan Gray  
2024-Sara Freeman Smith



## American Council of the Blind of Texas (ACBT) Presents the Who's Who Among Blind Texans Award Recipients

2010 Judy Castle Scott of Dallas - Ann Foxworth of Austin  
Mark A. Marvel of Garland

2011 Donna Anderson of Arlington - Willie Barber of Midland  
Blake Lindsay of Dallas - Ed "Doc" Bradley of Houston  
Cynthia "Cindy" Finley of Lubbock

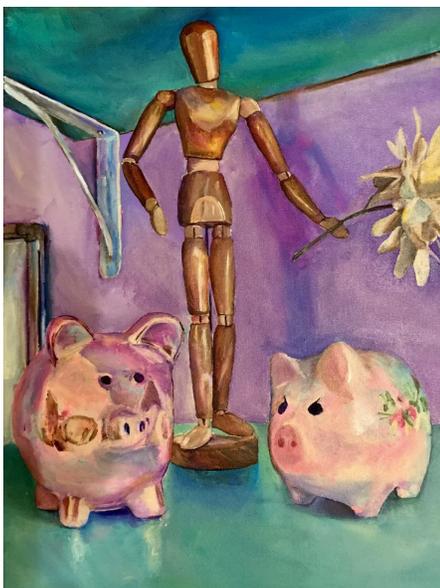
2012 Rudy Becerra of Lewisville - Joan Cox of San Angelo  
Bernice Klepac of Houston

2013 Robert L. Barlett of Houston - Joseph Munez of Harlingen

2014 Larry Johnson of San Antonio - Ginger Kraft of Fort Worth

2015 Dr. Gene Brooks of Austin- Michael Garrett of  
Missouri City

2016 William Greer of Austin-Michael McCulloch of Houston  
Mike Bates of Monahans



### **The Mediator**

Painting of a small wooden mannequin standing at the center of a teal shelf, holding out a white flower as a peace offering. On the left stands a reflective pink piggy bank. On the right stands a small white porcelain piggy bank with thin, arched eyebrows. The bank on the right appears mad.

2018 Kenneth Semien, Sr. of Beaumont  
Dr. Aaron Bangor of Austin

2019 Ron Lucey of Austin

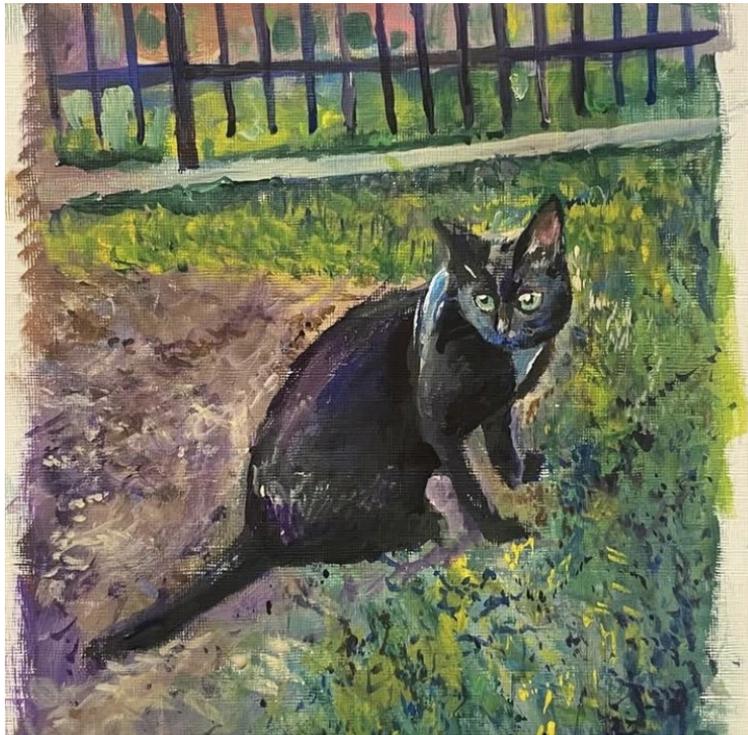
2020 David Ondich of Austin

2021 Neva Fairchild of Flower Mound

2022 Sandhya Rao of Houston

2023 Pat Pound of Austin - Al Rodriguez of Dallas

2024 Ron Graham, president of Houston area vi network.  
Larry Thacher Dallas



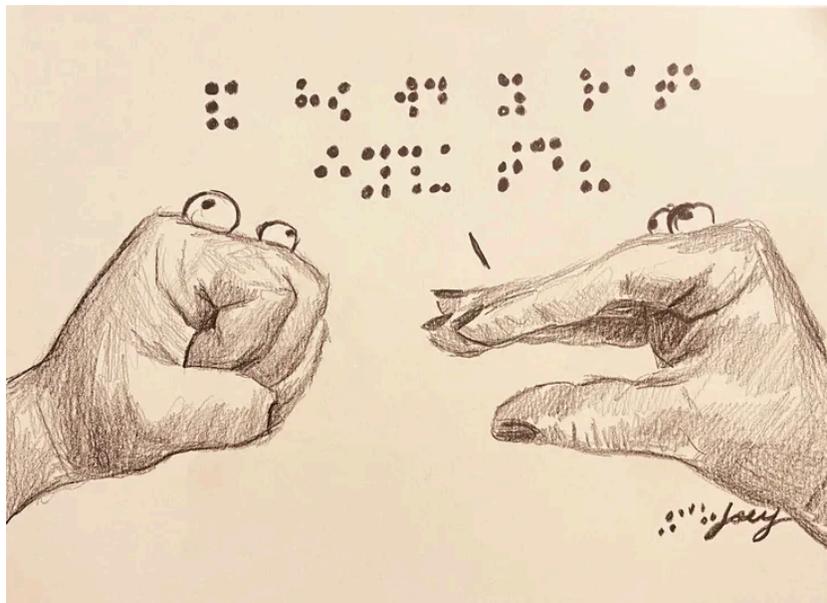
Eevee, Posing Politely Sketch of black kitten sitting up. Light reflects off her fur and whiskers. Her large open eyes gaze slightly to the right. Joey's signature and simulation braille reading "jch" in the lower right corner

# Record of ACBT Conference/Conventions

<b>Year</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>ACBT PRESIDENT</b>
1978	Waco	Curtis McKee
1979	Austin	Agnes O'Neal
1980	Houston	Agnes O'Neal
1981	San Antonio	Margaret Sanderfer
1982	Austin	Margaret Sanderfer
1983	Fort Worth	Margaret Sanderfer
1984	El Paso	Steve Conrad
1985	Houston	Randy Greene
1986	Fort Worth	Randy Greene
1987	Austin	Randy Greene
1988	San Antonio	Randy Greene
1989	Wichita Falls	Donna McBee
1990	Irving	Donna McBee
1991	San Angelo	Nadine Saffell
1992	Houston	Nadine Saffell
1993	Austin	Nadine Saffell
1994	Corpus Christi	Nadine Saffell
1995	Fort Worth	Richard Villa
1996	San Antonio	Richard Villa
1997	El Paso	Ed Bradley
1998	Lubbock	Ed Bradley
1999	Dallas	Ed Bradley
2000	Austin	Ed Bradley
2001	Houston	Chris Prentice
2002	Lubbock	Chris Prentice
2003	Fort Worth	Chris Prentice
2004	San Antonio	Chris Prentice
2005	Houston	Ed Bradley
2006	Corpus Christi	Ed Bradley
2007	Austin	Ed Bradley
2008	Dallas	Ed Bradley
2009	San Antonio	Carol Edwards
2010	Houston	Carol Edwards
2011	Austin	Carol Edwards
2012	Dallas	Carol Edwards
2013	Houston	Kenneth Semien, Sr.
2014	San Antonio	Kenneth Semien, Sr.

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2015	Corpus Christi	Kenneth Semien, Sr.
2016	Austin	Kenneth Semien, Sr.
2017	Dallas	Kenneth Semien, Sr.
2018	Houston	Kenneth Semien, Sr.
2019	Austin	Peggy R. Garrett
2020	Virtual	Peggy R. Garrett
2021	Virtual	Peggy R. Garrett
2022	Austin	Peggy R. Garrett
2023	San Antonio	Chris Prentice
2024	Houston	Chris Prentice
2025	El Paso	Chris Prentice



## Therapy

Black and white sketch of two hands facing one another, each topped with googly eyes. The hand on the left is shaped as a fist and the hand on the right has the fingers and thumb extended, as if forming a mouth. Simulation braille in grade 2 UEB forms a message reading "and how would you rate everything today?" between the two, as if spoken by the left hand. Joey's signature in bottom right corner with simulation braille reading "jch."

# ACBT History

The American Council of the Blind of Texas (ACBT) was formed in 1978. Its initial organizing meeting was actually held in Austin, Texas with participants from Houston and Austin present. The first annual meeting of ACBT was held in Waco, Texas in 1978. Charter members included: Margaret Sanderfer, Joan Cox, L.O. Chapman, Bill and Marie Chandler, Truett and Juanita Childre, Linda Rocha. After several rounds of voting the group elected Curtis McKee as the first President of ACBT. This brave band of advocates was led by Durward McDaniel, who would eventually retire and settle in Texas. That initial annual meeting was held in Waco because that represented the "Heart of Texas". It was the group's intent to draw people from all over the state. After that they went about establishing chapters everywhere possible, in both metropolitan areas and smaller towns. Houston and Austin were the first chapters established. Fort Worth, Dallas and San Antonio soon became well established. But eventually chapters sprung up in places like Wichita Falls, Amarillo, San Angelo, Lubbock and El Paso.

This brave band of advocates who founded ACBT, laid the foundation by which their successors are meant to build on. They left a legacy of advocating for and addressing the issues that confront Texans who are blind or visually impaired. They are to be commended for setting the example of leadership, determination, collaboration, and support that should be followed by generations to come.

## **Major Accomplishments**

1998, ACBT members in El Paso won the legal right to independent voter accessibility for blind Texans in all elections in Texas.

2009, ACBT members spearheaded passage of legislation to make it a criminal offense to cause injury or death of a blind pedestrian.

2010, ACBT produced a national award-winning 30 second television public service announcement on pedestrian safety for blind Texans.

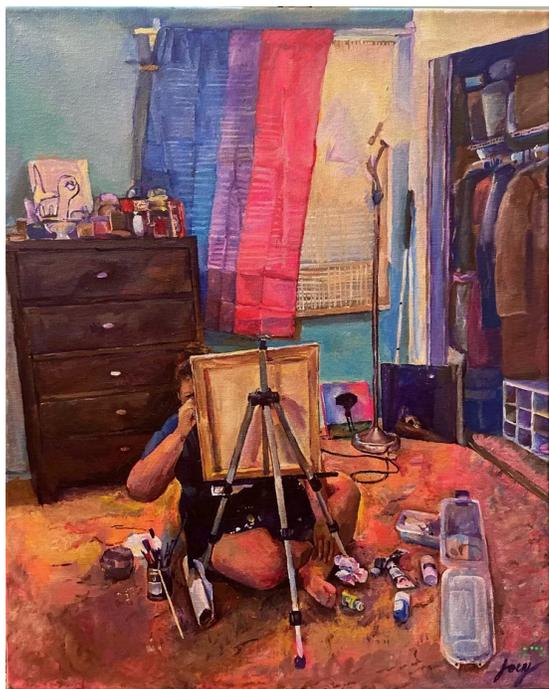
2011, ACBT Transportation committee compiled and produced a directory of special public transportation services for persons with disabilities, providing information on paratransit services in 14 cities throughout Texas.

2013, ACBT organized and co-hosted a statewide Blindness Summit conference at the Austin state capitol, involving over two dozen agencies, organizations, employers, and consumer groups.

Over the past 10 years ACBT has awarded more than \$66,000 in scholarships to 52 blind and visually impaired college students in Texas. ACBT has co-sponsored and co-hosted 7 statewide Carolyn Garrett Youth Leadership conferences impacting over 140 blind and visually impaired high school students.

### **Go Inspire Yourself**

Painting of a cluttered room with an artist sat cross-legged at a metal easel. The view shows the backside of the easel and a canvas. Hints of the artist's messy bun are visible. She peeks from the side of the canvas and squints at the viewer. Paint supplies are strewn about on the ground. A brown dresser topped with knickknacks and candle jars stands on the left side. The knickknacks cover a simple drawing of hands forming letters. A blue, purple, and pink curtain hangs haphazardly on a window. Faint lines of white blinds behind the curtain are visible. A floor lamp illuminates the room and casts a shadow on a white cane standing in the room's corner behind finished paintings. The right edge shows a dark open closet filled with boxes and clothing. Joey's signature in lower right corner with green simulation braille reading "jch."



# Auction Donors

A special thanks to each person and company/organization who donated to help make the 2025 virtual and silent auctions a success!

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Noelia Dillingham      Sara Freeman Smith

## Acknowledgements

"I am grateful to our conference committee chairs for their year round dedication and strong work ethic. I see the pride everyone has put in to make this the best conference/convention possible. I thank you all" -Alfredo Perez Conference Coordinator

"I am grateful to the Fundraising Committee for all of their hard work & suggestions that have made my job easier and so much more fun" -Jan Gray

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