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**The tenth annual  
South Carolina Summit of  
individuals who are blind or  
visually impaired, their families  
and the professionals who  
serve them**

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**2010**

**10 Year Anniversary: Celebrating Our  
Past and Sharing Present Initiatives**

**Friday, March 19, 2010**

**South Carolina  
Archives and History Center  
8301 Parklane Road  
Columbia, SC**

**Hosted by the  
SC Vision Education Partnership:**

University of SC Upstate  
SC Department of Education  
SC School for the Deaf and the Blind  
SC Commission for the Blind  
National Federation of the Blind of SC  
Association for Education and Rehabilitation of  
the Blind and Visually Impaired, SC Chapter  
SC State University  
Orientation & Mobility Program  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Storm Eye Institute

## MISSION

The mission of the South Carolina Vision Education Partnership is to ensure high quality education for children who are blind or visually impaired through teacher education and professional development.

## GOAL

The goal of the 2010 Vision Summit is to celebrate a decade of progress resulting in today's premier initiatives in vision education and rehabilitation in South Carolina.

## SPEAKERS

**Dr. Sheila Breitweiser**, founder of the SC Vision Education Partnership in 2000, served as president for the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB) from 1996-2007. She is currently serving as the executive director and vice president of the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System Foundation. Prior to her role at SCSDB, Dr. Breitweiser served as superintendent of the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh, NC. She was a teacher, assistant superintendent and an educational consultant in the public schools. Dr. Breitweiser received a master's degree in special education and a doctorate in education administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. She was awarded the Order of the Palmetto in 2007. Dr. Breitweiser's husband, Bob, is a full-time community volunteer. They have three children and six grandchildren.

**Mrs. Susan DuRant** has 40 years of experience in education. Twenty-eight years have been in special education administration. She was director of the Office of Exceptional Children, South Carolina Department of Education, during the period July 2000–February 2009. Prior to this time, Mrs. DuRant was executive director of Special Education in Richland County School District One. She is currently retired and doing part-time consulting work and enjoying her grandchildren.

**Dr. Tuck Tinsley** has served as the president of the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) since 1989. Founded in 1858 in Louisville, Ky., APH is the world's largest company devoted solely to creating products for people who are blind or visually impaired. Dr. Tinsley was a math

teacher, principal and president at the FL School for the Deaf and the Blind during his 21 years there. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Florida State University and a doctorate in education from the University of Florida.

**Dr. Tina Herzberg** is the assistant professor and director of the Special Education-Visual Impairment Graduate Program at USC Upstate. Dr. Herzberg is the coordinator of "The Possibilities are Endless: Promoting Braille Throughout SC," a five-year grant from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the United States Department of Education. Dr. Herzberg has previously taught in public schools, and served as an educational consultant for the Education Service Center in Waco, Texas. She has a bachelor's degree in secondary education/math from Angelo State University, a master's degree in visual impairment from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D. in special education and interagency collaboration from Texas A&M University.

**Mr. Marty McKenzie** is the statewide vision consultant for the South Carolina Department of Education Office of Exceptional Children and the access technology coordinator for the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind. He serves as the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) ex-officio trustee for the SC Department of Education and is a member of the Product Advisory Committee for APH. Mr. McKenzie previously taught in SC public schools. He has a bachelor's degree in English from Francis Marion University, a master's degree in visual impairment from USC and an Ed.S. degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

**Ms. Margaret Park** is the interim president of the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind. Ms. Park previously taught at the Willie Ross School for the Deaf in Massachusetts and served as teacher, principal and director of curriculum and instruction at SCSDB. She has a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Hood College, a master's degree in deaf education from McDaniel College, an Ed.S. in educational administration from Converse College, and is currently completing an Ed.D. in educational administration from Northcentral University. Ms. Park has four grown daughters who all live locally.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 19, 2010

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

### Registration/Exhibits/Poster Sessions

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

### Welcome

Marty McKenzie

### Introduction of SC Vision Education Partnership and Special Guests

### Recognition of SC Professional Award Winners

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### A Decade of Progress & Updates on SC Initiatives in the Field of Blindness

Dr. Sheila Breitweiser

Susan DuRant

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### APH and SC: What You Need to Know!

Dr. Tuck Tinsley

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

### Lunch and Networking

(Box lunches in the Wachovia Rooms)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

### The Possibilities are Endless: Promoting Braille Throughout SC

Dr. Tina Herzberg

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

### The Future is Now! Access Technology in South Carolina

Marty McKenzie

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

### Closing and Evaluations

Margaret Park

## DIRECTIONS TO THE SC ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CENTER

**From Downtown Columbia:** Take Bull Street (Highway 277 North) eight miles to Parklane Road Exit. At the traffic light, turn left onto Parklane Road. Cross the bridge and the Center is on the left.

**From Charleston:** Take I-26 West to Exit 116 (Charlotte/I-77 North). Off I-77 North, take Exit 19 (Farrow Road/Highway 555 South). At the traffic light on Farrow Road, turn left onto Parklane Road. The Center is three-tenths of a mile on the right.

**From Greenville/Spartanburg:** Take I-26 East to Exit 107-B (I-20 East). On I-20 East, take Exit 73-B (I-77 North/Highway 277 North). Take the Parklane Road Exit off Highway 277 North and turn left at the traffic light. Cross the bridge and the Center is on the left.

**From Augusta:** Take I-20 East to Exit 73-B (I-77 North/Highway 277 North). Take the Parklane Road Exit off Highway 277 North and turn left at the traffic light. Cross the bridge and the Center is on the left.

**From Florence:** Take I-20 West to Exit 76-A (Interstate 77/Charlotte/Charleston). Veer to the right on I-77 North/Charlotte and then take Exit 19/Farrow Road (Highway 555 South). At the traffic light on Farrow Road, turn left on Parklane Road and the Center is three-tenths of a mile on the right.

**From the Columbia Airport:** Turn left towards Columbia on Highway 302. Take the exit for I-26 West (Spartanburg). On I-26 West, take Exit 107-B (I-20 East/Florence). On I-20 East, take Exit 73-B/Interstate 77 North/Highway 277 North. Take the Parklane Road Exit off Highway 277 North and turn left at the traffic light. Cross the bridge and the Center is on the left.

**SC Archives and History Center**  
(803) 896-6100

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration Deadline: March 12**

**Cost:** (Includes box lunch)

- Professionals \$25
- Parents of students who are blind/visually impaired \$10
- Students \$10 School \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** SC Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC, (803) 896-6100

**Information:** Contact Jeri Lindley at the SCSDDB Midlands Regional Outreach Center at (803) 896-9723, fax (803) 896-9848 or [jlindley@scsdb.org](mailto:jlindley@scsdb.org)

Mail with payment (\$25 or \$10), check or money order, or enter credit card information below. Please attach checks or purchase orders payable to the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB). Send to SCSDDB, 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 120, Saluda Building, Columbia, SC 29210.

**No refunds will be made after March 12.**

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The SC Vision Education Partnership strives to make the Summit an inclusive environment. Reasonable accommodations for participants with special needs can be made with notice by March 12. Please specify below what accommodations, if any, you will need (i.e., braille, large print, interpreter, vegetarian lunch, etc.)

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