

## We are Tools. Students are Heroes.



*Ayden and his mom enjoying a field trip during the Children's Program*

The clients of Florida Center for the Blind (FCB) are the epitome of heroes. Imagine waking up one morning thinking that everything was the same as always. What if you were to rub your eyes and realize that no matter how many times you rub, you will never see again? Your life would be turned upside down. The little things in life that you take for granted suddenly become daunting and unimaginable challenges.

This is the reality for all of the individuals who walk through the door of FCB. Every heartbreaking phone call or visit is a reminder to appreciate everything you do have

in life. A simple thing, like pouring a cup of coffee, is a challenging and potentially dangerous endeavor for someone who is blind or visually impaired.

### STARTING LIFE OVER AGAIN

The simple fact is this: the clients at FCB are heroes everyday. Every morning that they wake up and encourage themselves to relearn something they once loved to do, motivate themselves to get out of the house, or muster up the courage to make that terrifying cup of coffee—they are the heroes of their own stories. They are brave and inspirational, not only for those in the “same shoes,” but for all persons who faces challenges in their lives. People need to empathize and truly appreciate the confidence and bravery it takes for clients of FCB to start life all over again.

There are so many motivational stories, but one in particular is extremely uplifting. Please read the story about a remarkable individual, Kathaliya, who's journey will touch your heart. (Continued on pages 6-7)

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