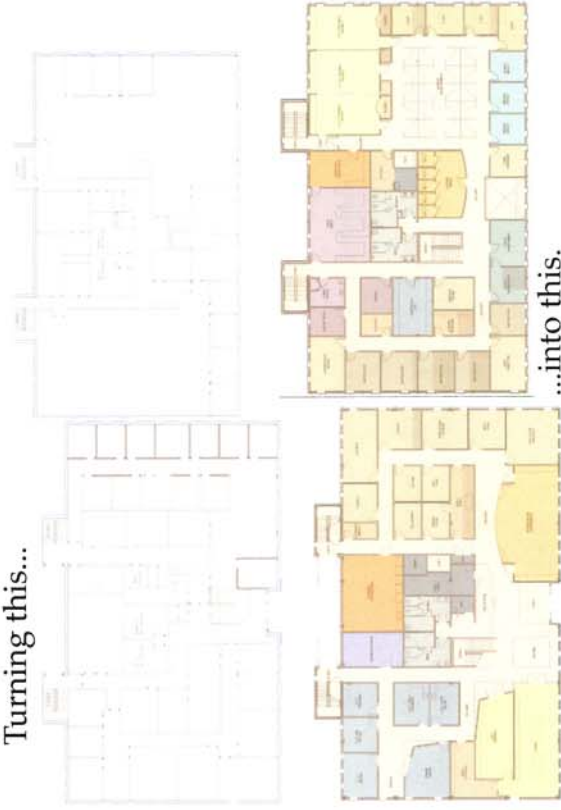


# IFMA & Society For The Blind Fundraising Event for New Building



Turning this...



...into this.

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society for the blind  
building independence

## Industry Mixer

Tuesday, June 20th, 2006  
1238 S Street, Sacramento



Dear Friends,

For over 50 years, Society for the Blind has been this region's only full-service provider for the blind individuals of our community. We are dedicated to ensuring that all Sacramento area individuals who are blind or have low vision have the skills and opportunity to live productively and independently. However, the past few years have been challenging. We have run out of the space and resources to expand our programs to meet the growing needs of this community. Six months ago, we secured a much larger home for our agency -- the one you are touring today. But we still did not have the assets to turn this 40-year-old building into the world-class blindness agency we envisioned. When we were contacted by Cyndi Smith of IFMA about the possibility of involving building industry professionals in a tenant improvement project, it was a dream come true. Finally, our opportunities to assist the blind residents of Sacramento to reach their full potential will not be limited by inadequate facilities. We truly appreciate your attendance this evening, and hope you will consider becoming a part of this magical project to enhance lives and build independence.

Sincerely,



Stephen M. Lerner  
President, Board of Directors



Kevin Duggan  
Executive Director



A special thank you to the individuals and organizations who are already committed to Building Independence: Anderson Audio Visual, Boulder Associates, B.T. Mancini Company, Buehler & Buehler Structural Engineers, Inc, Capital Engineering, Construction Specification Institute, ESC Design Group, Graebel Relocation Services, HMC Architects, John F. Otto, Inc., Ken Rubitsky & Associates, Melissa Hirt and Associates, Mering and Associates, Precision West Telecommunications Inc., Pro-Ad, Precision General Commercial Contractors, Inc., Schetter Electric, Inc., Signature Reprographics, Stephanie L'Estrange Designs, UCF (United Corporate Furnishings), Vision Service Plan

This evening will consist of...

- ... enjoying wine and food d'oeuvres while touring the building and viewing a brief video presentation on Society for the Blind's past, present and future.
- ...gathering upstairs in the main room for a welcome and remarks from Cyndi Smith, President of Sacramento IFMA and other key members of the building community.
- ...signing up to help on our services and supply needs wall.
- ...meeting the building industry professionals, Society for the Blind staff, and community volunteers who are already dedicated to this project.

*The individuals with the yellow badges will be available throughout the evening to answer any questions you may have about Society for the Blind or the Building Independence project.*

## Become a part of Building Independence!

If you or your organization is interested in participating in this compelling project, let us know!

- Put your business card in the appropriate spot on our services and supplies wall upstairs.
- Give your business card or contact information to one of the individuals with the yellow badge.
- Call (916) 851-4418 and leave a message, or email [sfb@vsp.com](mailto:sfb@vsp.com). A volunteer will contact you within a few days.

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
JOIN THE LOCAL BUILDING COMMUNITY

AS WE LAUNCH

SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND'S

# BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

WITH AN INDUSTRY MIXER

AT THEIR FUTURE HOME

1238 "S" STREET, SACRAMENTO

join us

**Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

for **wine & hors d'oeuvres**

event sponsored by



Join City leaders and building industry professionals, plus staff, clients & friends of Society for the Blind, to learn more about the many opportunities to become part of this exciting renovation project.

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Please RSVP by June 15<sup>th</sup> to (916) 851-4418 or [sfb@vsp.com](mailto:sfb@vsp.com)



*Society for the Blind's mission is to empower individuals who are blind or have low vision to live productively and independently by building confidence through training, tools & mentorship.*