

## **WANT TO BE AN SSP?**

- ✓ Are you a 'team player'?
- ✓ Detail-oriented?
- ✓ Observant?
- ✓ Flexible?
- ✓ Patient?
- ✓ Do you know sign language for those Deaf-Blind who communicate in ASL?
- ✓ Or do you have a clear speaking voice for those Deaf-Blind who are Hard-of-Hearing?

*Anyone with these qualities can apply for SSP Training Workshop to gain general understanding of Deaf-Blindness. It doesn't matter if you are friend, family member, or simply someone who has the desire to help.*

### ***AT SSP TRAINING, YOU WILL LEARN:***

- Correct way to guide a Deaf-Blind individual
- Effective Communication skills
- How to meet each Deaf-Blind's needs
- How important independence is for the Deaf-Blind

### **For More information**

<http://www.fldeafblind.org/FSSP/index.html>

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**Florida Deaf-Blind Association**

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Deaf-Blind Floridian**

## **WHO FSSP SERVES**

Florida residents over the age of 18 who have been declared legally blind and are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

## **WHAT FSSP DOES**

We train, match, and provide SSPs to the Deaf-Blind consumers in the state of Florida.

## **WHO ARE SSPs?**

Support Service Providers who interpret the environment and become the 'eyes' and/or 'ears' for the Deaf-Blind Floridians In the community and on the job. They may help with transportation.



*Kathy with her SSP, Martin*

## **FACTS**

- Deaf-Blindness is defined by varied degrees of vision and hearing loss
- 1.2 Million Deaf-Blind Americans
- Could mean over 50,000 in Florida
- Some studies indicate that number could be higher due to underserved and underreported Deaf-Blind individuals
- 10% do not have any vision and any hearing
- 50% are born with hearing loss and lose vision as teens or adults due to genetic disorder called Usher Syndrome

## **OTHER CAUSES OF DEAF-BLINDNESS**

- Birth Trauma
- Optic Nerve Atrophy
- CHARGE Syndrome
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Accidents
- Illnesses

## **MORE FACTS**

Age-Related Vision Loss that are not immune to hearing loss, such as:

- Cataracts
- Glaucoma
- Macular Degeneration

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do much." FSSP believes that educating our society and raising awareness about the roles of an SSP are the vital keys towards reducing isolation and bringing forth self-sufficiency for Deaf-Blind Floridians.

**TOGETHER WE CAN  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



*Cheryl with her SSP*

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