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Marjorie Kaiser Elected to AFB's National Board of Trustees

November 15, 2006 (New York, NY) – Today the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) announced the election of a new, prominent trustee to its national board: Marjorie Kaiser, Ed.D., Superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

“Marjorie Kaiser is a preeminent leader in the education of children who are living with vision loss,” said AFB President and CEO, Carl R. Augusto. “With her dedication to ensuring the success of young people who are blind and visually impaired, she is an excellent addition to AFB’s board.”

“Throughout her professional career, Marjorie has been a strong advocate for quality educational programs for students in the blind and visually impaired community,” said Richard J. O’Brien, Chair of AFB’s Board of Trustees and Managing Director of Summit Asset Management. “AFB will benefit immensely from her commitment to expanding the possibilities of people living with vision loss.”

For the past two decades, Marjorie Kaiser has served as the Superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She is committed to providing students who are living with vision loss with the necessary skills and education to live independently and remain active in their families, schools, and communities. Ms. Kaiser previously served as the President of the Council of Schools for the Blind (COSB) and currently sits on the Board of Trustees for the National Agenda Steering Committee and the National Accreditation Council for Agencies serving the Blind and Visually Impaired. Ms. Kaiser earned her Ed.D. from the University of South Dakota in 1999, an M.S. from Northern State University in 1986, and her B.S. from St. Cloud State University in 1970.

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The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is a national nonprofit that expands possibilities for people with vision loss. AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources. AFB is also proud to house the Helen Keller Archives and honor the over forty years that Helen Keller worked tirelessly with AFB. For more information visit us online at www.afb.org.