



## **ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND**

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### **DECEMBER 3 – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS**

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, 3 December, aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

For this occasion the Association of the Blind organizes Sunday, December 2006, starting at 12:00, a series of public information, sensibility and awareness raising actions regarding the visually impaired people and the problems they face on daily basis.

The actions which will include distribution of informative and educative materials in the city center by the association's volunteers and an improvised obstacle course which can be passed by the willing people blindfolded and aided by a white cane, with or without an assistant, are part of the community awareness campaign launched by the Brasov Association of the Blind this summer.

The theme established by the United Nations for this year's International Day of Disabled Persons is accessibility to information technologies, its aim being to raise appreciation among Governments, private entities and the public of the significant benefits to persons with disabilities and society when they are empowered with increased access to information technologies.

We would like to remind you that the Brasov Association of the Blind currently implements several projects which aim to improve the county's visually impaired people's access to information technologies, all these projects being started in 2006. From these projects, most of them national premiers, we would like to mention the branch's website, available in Romanian and English, the internet café and electronic reading room, available for free to the association's members and the permanent information technology courses for visually impaired adults.

**About the Brasov Association of the Blind**

Established in 1961 as a branch of the Romanian Association of the Blind, the Brasov Association of the Blind is a non-governmental organization of public utility, with social-cultural, educational, sportive and humanitarian profile, based mainly on volunteering. Always promoting the principles of total freedom and democracy, the Brasov Association of the Blind acts for the integration of visually impaired people in the economic, social-professional, cultural-artistic and sportive life of the county. For more information access [www.nevazatoribrasov.ro/en](http://www.nevazatoribrasov.ro/en).

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