

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Dan Sippl, RSVA President

Be Proactive by Staying in Touch!

As we prepare to get together in Las Vegas this July for our annual convention in conjunction with ACB, we must be vigilant in our efforts to improve the lives of all blind and visually impaired. There is much to do on an ongoing basis; getting involved with various organizations has so much benefit with little effort.

At this spring's NCSAB Conference, they partnered with several organizations to broaden their scope of service to the blindness community with reports of evidenced based research on rehabilitation services and their employment outcomes.

One research project has preliminary indications of improved employment outcomes in states that provide specialized services for the blind vs. combined agencies. Therefore, one may assume that being part of your states SRC can have a very positive impact in the combined services states. What's holding you back from seeking a seat on your SRC?

As we work closely with NAMA and our colleagues in the non-disabled vending business to meet the many challenges of societal changes in dietary choices, I have the honor and privilege of receiving an invitation to be part of their Education and Certification Committee. This committee develops methods and strategies of

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educating and certifying our industry. As your President, I appreciate any thoughts on input into this committee for maximum Impact.

As Micro Markets are dramatically on the increase in our business, I am honored and privileged to be invited to work with a leading manufacturer of Micro Markets that is dedicated to accessibility to both consumers and operators. Three Square Markets has had a definite impact at our recent Sagebrush Training and again at the Wisconsin/Minnesota Joint Training Conference in Minneapolis. They are scheduled to be at our upcoming RSVA conference in July.

As you can readily see, there is so much to do that requires very little effort to improve the lives of the entire blindness community. So let us all join in on the RSVA and ACB tradition of stepping up to meet the needs of our grassroots organizations. Looking forward to seeing all of you in July for a tremendous learning experience in the fun filled environment of Las Vegas!

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Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas!**