



**AMERICAN  
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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Helen Keller's Writing Desk now on Display** *B-roll and photos of unveiling are available*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (November 20, 2018) – On Tuesday morning, American Printing House for the Blind (APH) unveiled an international treasure. Helen Keller's writing desk now holds a prominent position at the APH Museum. The desk is on loan from the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), where Helen worked for 44 years.

Helen Keller was one of the world's most significant working women of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Not only was she a thought leader and a national figure: she spent her life breaking down barriers. Helen was the first person who was deaf-blind to earn a college degree, was a well published author (13 books, and countless articles translated into 50 languages), and was America's first Goodwill Ambassador – traveling to Japan after the atomic bombs were dropped. Helen's career was uncommon for any woman in the mid 1900's – she did it all with multiple disabilities.

From behind her desk, Helen advocated for people with disabilities, challenged prominent political leaders, and wrote about her beliefs. Now APH will use the desk to inspire and teach children the importance of overcoming their barriers, and that as Helen said, "life is either a daring adventure, or nothing."

The desk will be on display Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm, and Saturday 10am-3pm.

A special family event will also be held November 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10am.

The APH Museum is free to the public.

#### **About American Printing House for the Blind**

American Printing House for the Blind is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. In this fast-changing world, we believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life. American Printing House for the Blind is headquartered at 1839 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, please visit [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org).

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