**Thoughts from our Friends in the Field**

* “As an educator, I hope that expanding the general public’s view of vision loss will translate into expanded employment opportunities for the next generation of students,” said **Dr. Marje Kaiser, APH Board Member and Co-Chair of the APH Museum Committee, and Former Superintendent for the South Dakota School for the Deaf and South Dakota School for the Blind.**
* “The story of blindness and its impact on individuals and society is profound, sometimes difficult sometimes triumphant and often surprisingly “normal.” We hope to share this history and to guide our visitors on a journey toward discovery and respect,” said **Paul Schroeder, APH Vice President, Impact & Outreach**.
* “The Dot Experience will give visitors to Louisville one more reason to be wowed by all that our community offers the world, especially, in the areas of compassion and innovation. APH has been at the center of change in technology, Civil Rights, and accessibility for over 100 years, and there is still plenty to learn, and celebrate from our history and exciting future. We look forward to sharing it all in our new and expanded, interactive experience, and are thrilled to be the catalyst in creating change and awareness, that visitors will take back to their own communities,” said **Anne Lancaster, APH Vice President, Chief Officer, Innovation and Strategy, and Co-Chair of the APH Museum Committee.**
* “The Dot Experience will offer a unique insight into blindness that I believe will be transformational of blind people from all backgrounds; because it is built with the stories, lives, and accomplishments molded into its foundation, brick, and beam,” said **Denna Lambert, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center**. “With the museum's use of inclusive design and thoughtful approach to engagement, I expect the Dot Experience to serve as a torch bearer for museums in the future.”
* “I subscribe to the sayings of several famous leaders that our future is often a reflection of our past. The current APH museum is very impressive, representing so many innovations from Braille to music to GPS. Having created the first accessible GPS in 2000, I am excited to see and feel how this technology has evolved and to envision what is next,” said **Mike May, founder of Sendero Group**.
* “Individuals without a frame of reference when it comes to life with low vision or blindness will surely be blown away at how with innovation and creativity, the blind and low vision are able to access the world in ways never conceived,” said **Alan Lovell, APH ConnectDirect Coordinator**.
* “The Dot Experience is so much more than I expected. This museum will offer one of the most accessible experiences mixed with unique exhibits around braille, travel, and the human experience of a number of persons who are blind or low vision. The accessibility and in-depth stories will create a better awareness of the paths of so many persons who are blind or low vision. Thank you to the American Printing House for the Blind for taking on this venture to record our history and show a path for the future,” said **Joe Strechay, TV and film producer and consultant.**