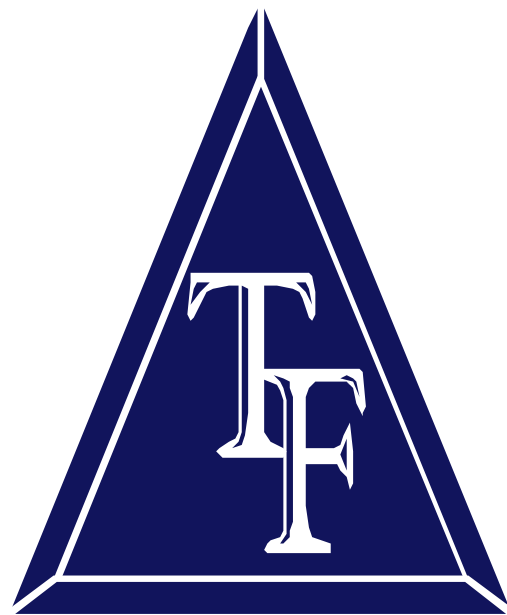


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DID YOU KNOW...

- With the right tools and techniques blind people can conduct chemical experiments in a science lab. The first lab to do this in the Caribbean and Latin America was set up in Bon Accord Tobago by Dr. Carry Supalo, a blind scientist working with the Torres Foundation for the Blind in July of 2009.
- Blind people can text; email; surf the internet; and write computer programs using braille and synthetic speech assistive technology (AT). These technologies are available at the NALIS National Library in Trinidad and Tobago and the Torres Foundation.
- Contrary to popular belief blind people can climb stairs and use an escalator independently. There are many who prefer to do this because they do not trust elevators.
- The first blind person to climb Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world at 29,000 feet, was Eric Weihenmayer on May 25, 2001.
- The first program to teach blind persons to ride horses in the Caribbean was established in Buccoo Tobago. The program was set up by The Torres Foundation and Healing with Horses.
- It is never appropriate to attempt to guide a blind person by grabbing his cane and leading.
- With the help of laser sensors and cameras, Mark Anthony Riccobono became the first blind man to independently drive a modified Ford Escape at the Daytona International Speedway on January 29, 2011. He drove for 1.5 miles at 5 miles an hour making turns to avoid objects placed in his way.

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