

## Access to the Arts

Access to the arts has always been an issue for blind and visually impaired children and adults. Being able to attend art museums, art shows and the like is quite difficult in a world that has a sign out that says Don t touch.

The sign out at the Tactile Museum at FBC is bright and clear and it says PLEASE TOUCH all over it.

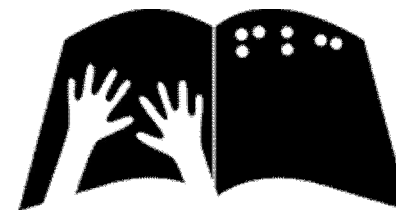
If, after going through our exhibit, you have any questions or comments, please don t hesitate to drop them in the mail to:

Tactile Museum  
FBC  
1235 E. Harmont Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

If you would like to donate to our museum, please contact us at 602-678-5816.

Tactile Museum  
The Foundation for Blind Children  
1235 E. Harmont Drive  
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## Tactile Museum for the Blind and Visually Impaired at the



Foundation for Blind Children

They took away what should have been my eyes, (But I remembered Milton s Paradise). They took away what should have been my ears, (Beethoven came and wiped away my tears). They took away what should have been my tongue, (But I had talked with God when I was young). He would not let them take away my soul Possessing that, I still possess the whole.

Helen Keller

## Touching Art



Through the vision of ASU Professor Emeritus Dr. Roger W. Axford, the Tactile Museum for the Blind and Visually Impaired was founded in 1994.

Since that time, over 120 art pieces, valued at over \$150,000, have been donated to the museum by such notable artists as John Henry Waddell, Glenna Goodacre, Craig Lynch, and Michael Naranjo.

## Touching Lives

The museum was officially turned over to The Foundation for Blind Children as a gift from its original founders in 1998.

Governor Rose Mofford, Eddie Basha, and Tempe Mayor Neil Guiliano were among the original founding members.

Dr. Axford's vision for this museum was:

- 1) to provide a forum for the presentation of art for blind and visually impaired people;
- 2) to encourage artists to create art experienced by senses other than, but not excluding, sight;
- 3) to use such art as an education tool for the sighted to gain insights into the blind experience.

## The Foundation for Blind Children

The Foundation for Blind Children, established in 1952, is the only agency of its kind in Arizona.

The mission of The Foundation is to help blind and visually impaired children, adults, and their families lead lives of independence and dignity through mastery of their environment. This is accomplished through education, training, counseling, communication, and technology.