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## **BEYOND BLINDNESS LEADER APPOINTED TO FOUR NONPROFIT BOARDS AND COUNCILS**

*President and Executive Director Angie Rowe brings 25 years of experience to boards spanning social impact and special education sectors*

**SANTA ANA, Calif. (August 11, 2022)** – [Beyond Blindness](#), an Orange County-based nonprofit that empowers children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their fullest potential, today announced that President and Executive Director **Angie Rowe** has been appointed to four boards and councils, where she will leverage her nonprofit leadership experience to create long-term change. The appointments will allow her to address statewide and local needs with organizations including the **California Association of Private Special Education Schools (CAPSES)**, **California Agencies for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CAABVI)**, **Orange County Disability Collaborative**, and the **OneOC Nonprofit Advisory Council**.

“It is an honor to serve these incredible organizations and lend my voice to advocate for children with disabilities and their families,” says Angie Rowe, President and Executive Director of Beyond Blindness. “This is an incredible opportunity to work alongside other nonprofit leaders, harnessing our collective experience to effectively increase resources and be bold in how we address common concerns shared industry-wide.”

As part of her board term with **CAPSES** from 2022-2025, Rowe will serve as the Orange County representative hosting regional chapter meetings. She is charged with elevating local special education matters to the state level to promote the delivery of quality instruction and services in private and public education sectors. With **CAABVI**, the aggregate voice of California’s private nonprofit agencies serving those who are blind and visually impaired, she will expand her role as a founding member with a two-year term as Treasurer and Children and Youth Policy Chair.

Rowe is accelerating impact on a local level by joining Orange County's top executives and business experts on the **OneOC Nonprofit Advisory Council**. During her 2022-2025 term, she will help foster collaboration in the nonprofit sector, identify trends and service gaps, and provide input on proposals to benefit the community.

She brings 25 years of experience to these boards and councils. Her career has spanned multiple disciplines in the nonprofit industry, including building stakeholder communities and organizational capacity, growing revenue and community participation, and advancing donor relationships.

Over the last three years at Beyond Blindness, Rowe has evolved the organization’s vision to reflect the robust needs of children as well as their families. She launched a forward-thinking strategic plan that

established a high-quality journey of care through three core initiatives: Early Intervention, Education + Enrichment, and Family Support. She also led the organization through a rebrand revealed in 2021, which included a new logo and name change to reflect the expanded vision for service.

Now celebrating its 60th year, Beyond Blindness serves more than 300 children annually with visual impairments and other disabilities, as well as their families. As a passionate advocate for nonprofits, Rowe will continue this trajectory of evolution and growth in her new board positions to help amplify the voices of Orange County families across the region and state.

Prior to taking the helm at Beyond Blindness, Rowe served as chief operating financial officer and interim executive director at Global Genes, a worldwide advocacy organization working to eliminate the challenges of rare disease. She also held leadership positions with the OC Marathon and Junior League of Orange County.

She is committed to causes that strengthen families, communities, and access to education. In addition to her career in social impact, Rowe is a sustaining member and past programs chair of the Junior League of Orange County and a chapter advisor for Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity. Previous volunteer roles in Orange County have included service with educational institutions, including St. Mary's School and Santa Margarita Catholic High School.

Rowe has a bachelor's degree from Penn State University and a master's in public policy from Georgia Institute of Technology. She will continue to serve as president and executive director of Beyond Blindness, a position she has held since 2019.

For more information about Beyond Blindness, please visit [www.beyondblindness.org](http://www.beyondblindness.org).

### **About Beyond Blindness**

Beyond Blindness, formerly Blind Children's Learning Center, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to empower children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their fullest potential. Areas of service include Early Intervention, Education + Enrichment, and Family Support, which all aim to help children, no matter their abilities, live full and rewarding lives. The Beyond Blindness team embraces a people-first approach and values family, connection, impact, inclusion, stewardship, and optimism. For more information, please visit [www.beyondblindness.org](http://www.beyondblindness.org).

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