



# Foundation for Blind Children

## Named as Fifth Delta Gamma School

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**T**he highlight of the Foundation's Annual Meeting at the 2018 Convention was the Board of Trustees' surprise announcement that Foundation for Blind Children (FBC) in Phoenix has been named our fifth Delta Gamma school for children with visual impairments. FBC joins the Blind Children's Center (Los Angeles), founded in 1938, Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments (St. Louis), founded in 1951, Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (Kansas City), founded in 1952, and Anchor Center for Blind Children (Denver), founded in 1982, as an official Delta Gamma school.

In 1952, FBC was founded with the loving support and guidance from the Delta Gamma Phoenix alumnae

chapter. The rich history of Delta Gamma involvement with the school dates back to the beginning where official records and meeting minutes reflect that our alumnae paid the incorporation fees in 1955 establishing FBC and committing to a lifetime of support and service. The Phoenix alumnae brought Dr. Lillian Ray Titcomb, 1897 initiate of Upsilon-Stanford and founding member of Blind Children's Center (Los Angeles), to FBC to provide guidance and direction to Phoenix families with blind children.

Since the mid-1950s, the relationship between FBC and Phoenix Delta Gammas has prospered through support, service and fundraising efforts. In 1982, Phoenix alumnae contributed to the school's building fund with a significant gift to

assist in the development of its current main campus. Over the last three years, the alumnae chapter has raised more than \$80,000 through its Tables That Bloom fundraising events in support of FBC and the Delta Gamma Foundation. Gamma Phi-Arizona State collegians also give generously in both service hours and support.

Foundation for Blind Children has provided comfort, support, technology and instruction to students who are blind and visually impaired and their families for over 65 years. The care and education offered by FBC is unmatched. Children and their families are given the tools they need to become independent, confident and successful adults.

The Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees is proud to welcome the Foundation for Blind Children as our fifth Delta Gamma school.



FBC's mission and vision:

**To provide education, tools and services that enable all persons with vision loss to achieve greater independence and to have a world where vision loss is a diagnosis, not a disability.**

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