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First Blind Executive Director Brings New Vision to Industries of the Blind, Greensboro

GREENSBORO, NC – Industries of the Blind, Greensboro is pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Kelly, the first ever blind Executive Director in the organization’s seventy-three (73) year history. “Dan brings an innovative and fresh perspective to the way we have traditionally done business”, says Michael Jackson, the company’s first blind Chairman of the Board. “I believe that his strong educational background and experience in the national arena will further our growth as we expand our business model.”

Dan comes to Industries of the Blind from National Industries of the Blind (NIB) in Alexandria, Virginia where he was Director of Community and New Program Development. Dan received a B.A. in Organizational Management and Political Science from Gustavus Adolphus College, an MBA from George Mason University and attended University of Virginia’s Darden School of Management. A three-time gold medalist and multi-medal winner, Dan has competed in the Paralympic Games in Sydney, Atlanta and Barcelona. “My wife Karen and I are very excited to be moving to Greensboro,” says Dan Kelly, “and I am honored to have been selected to help build upon the rich history of Industries of the Blind.”

Industries of the Blind is a non-profit agency with a mission to enhance economic and vocational opportunities to members of the community who are blind. Currently Industries of the Blind employs nearly 200 associates assembling and packaging a full range of commercial office and janitorial supplies, manufacturing textile and apparel products as well as managing complex distribution programs for the U.S. military. The company extends an invitation for anyone in the community who is interested in exploring how to become involved in supporting its mission or referring someone who is blind seeking employment to call 336-274-1591.

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