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Blind*



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**GUIDE BLIND CHILDREN TO  
ACHIEVE THEIR GREATNESS**



## Hi! **WELCOME!**

We're so glad you are here! This journey from merely surviving a blindness diagnosis (twice!) has definitely been a family affair! Before we dive into the Thriving Blind Mastermind components we want you to know a few things:

1. I (Kristin) began this journey 20 years ago crying on my couch because I had no education or inspiration to open my eyes to the possibilities that existed for my son to live a full life without sight.
2. We are twenty years into this and are **STILL** learning about thriving with blindness and changing people's perceptions. While we haven't perfected this yet, if we waited to help **YOU** until we know all the things... well, this would never ever happen.
3. While we are excited to share our successes (and fails!) with you, this is a group that is designed for all of us to learn from each other! We will share, support, cheer and push each other with kindness.

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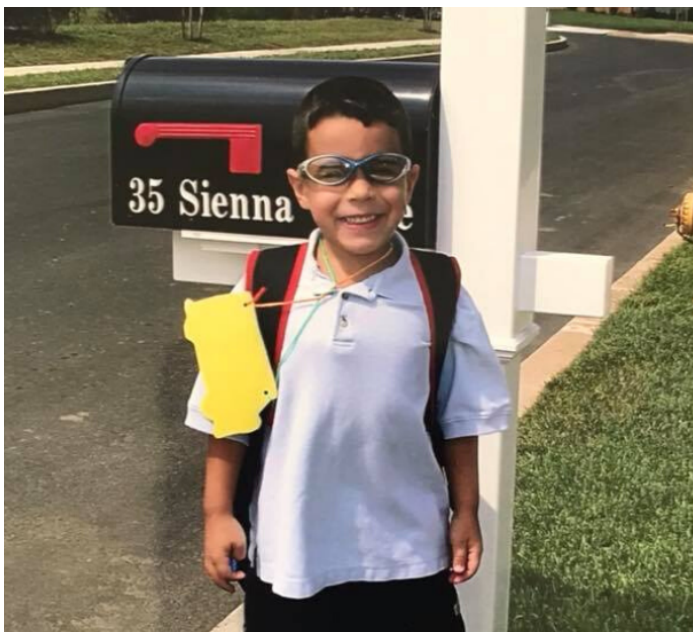
## Thriving Blind

"Your blind child will still get to the top of their mountain. Their path will look different than you planned, but they will still get there."  
Kathy Nimmer, Blind Teacher of the Year

### **The Thriving Blind Mastermind Program is Designed to Give Families and Professionals Tools & Strategies to Ignite Blind & Visually Impaired Children to Achieve THEIR Greatness**

Below is my oldest blind son, Michael. While he is a shining example of what is possible for blind & Visually Impaired children, his journey is unique to him. But here is what is NOT unique: In Kindergarten (the picture on the left) Michael's IEP team expected him to only achieve, at best, 70% of what the sighted children would achieve. THAT IS AN UNFORTUNATE NORM IN OUR SOCIETY. Our school knew how bright Michael is and they knew he had no learning difficulties at all, it was simply because he was blind that so minimal was expected of him. We created unique strategies, learning program goals, changes to the entire education system in our district and more, to give Michael a level playing field with his peers and the chance to soar. Michael graduated in the top 5% of a class of 600 students, was in multiple honor societies, was a Student Council Executive, and Commencement Speaker. He is now thriving at Penn State University!

**In the Thriving Blind Mastermind Program, we will share how we built a successful school program as well as social, extra curricular, independence and assistive technology tools too!**



# The 3 Components of the Thriving Blind Mastermind Program:

## #1 6 WEEKLY ZOOM GROUP MEETINGS

We will meet via Zoom 1 time per week for 6 weeks. The meetings are one hour in length and consist of a 30 minute presentation from Kristin and then 30 minutes of discussion, Q&A, and sharing between members. The 6 areas that will be the focus (1 each week) are:

- Individualized Education Plan (IEP) & Early Intervention Goals
- Social
- Assistive Technology & Tools
- Perceptions & Expectations
- Independence (Orientation & Mobility)
- Extra Curricular

**Prior to the first meeting, please be sure to watch Kristin's [TEDx](#) talk, "How I Learned To See Through the Eyes of My Sons," [here](#).**

## #2 MONTHLY ZOOM PRESENTATIONS/CHECK IN

Meet folks working in the blindness field, people succeeding without sight, and others that you will learn valuable information from to guide blind and visually impaired children to achieve their greatness.

## #3 PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

A private group, moderated by Kristin, with weekly Live events, special guests, and sharing of information and concerns from all members to consistently help you on your journey.

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## **ONE-TIME INVESTMENT \$597**

Your one time investment of **\$597** includes all of the components of the Thriving Blind Mastermind Program. While the 6 Week Zoom Meeting is a loaded with new strategies and tools, the lifetime access to the monthly meetings and Facebook group provide invaluable resources as your journey changes over time.

IN ADDITION, I will share resources for you to find funding for the tools, educational items, assistive technology, experiences like camps for blind children, etc that will more than repay your investment in this program!

**FOUNDING MEMBERS GET A 50% DISCOUNT!**  
**The PROMO CODE is on the Registration Page!**



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