

Telephone Support and Activity Groups

1. **International Low Vision Support Group**

<http://www.mdsupport.org/support/international-low-vision-support-group/>

ILVSG Tele-Support is a year-round program of monthly group support sessions held over the telephone. It is designed for low vision seniors in the United States who don't have internet access or cannot attend a live support group.

2. **National Federation of the Blind Crafters Division**

This division functions as a support/ teaching/ learning opportunity for blind individuals who enjoy crafts. Joyce Kane started the division in 2008. Living her life primarily as a sighted person, Joyce was shocked when she awoke from heart surgery and found herself totally blind. Joyce refused to give up the activities she loved, so with determination, Joyce began to develop strategies and techniques that would allow her to continue crafting beautiful handmade creations. Joyce felt that there must be others like herself, so she reached out to the National Federation for the Blind and began to create a division where she and others could exchange ideas, teach, and create. The Blind Crafters Division has grown to include sixty-three members with international members from Canada, South Africa, England, Singapore, and Australia. The division holds a weekly "Monday Night Chat" at 8:30 pm Eastern. The conference call-in number is (605)475-4000, and the access code is 966659. All are welcome to join. Please visit the website at www.krafterskorner.org for additional information.

For those who use JAWS, please note that Krafters and Korner are spelled with the letter K, as a tribute to Joyce Kane. Dues are \$20 per year and include unlimited classes that are taught via conference call or email. Additionally, the first class, a listserv membership, and "Monday Night Chats" are free of charge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jill Rossiter at Jill.Rossiter@rehab.alabama.gov.

3. Lions Club Sponsored Chat Lines

VIP Lions Club: Every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm Central.

Book Club: Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm Central.

Call Info: Dial (712) 432-6430 and follow the prompts for Live Chat Room.

4. Hadley

<https://hadley.edu/discussions/>

Join a Hadley discussion group or check out their other online resources. All Hadley services are free for individuals experiencing vision loss.

Without Walls programs open to older adults living anywhere throughout the US:

Covia – Well Connected/Well Connected Español

Amber Carroll – acarroll@covia.org

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Regional Programs in the US”

KAFASI – Senior Center Without Walls

Julie Cannon – jcannon@kafasi.org

Serving Kenosha, WI

Bosma – Connection Program

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Serving Indianapolis, IN

University Settlement

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Service Cantonese and Mandarin-speaking older adults in Manhattan (and possibly across the US). This program is being done in partnership with DOROT.

Canada

There are also programs throughout Canada with new ones constantly launching. All of the Canadian programs are funded to serve very specific geographic locations and needs.

For more information contact Amber Carroll

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