

# 2026 Vision Awareness Expo

Join us for the 30th Annual Event sponsored by

The VA Veterans Health Care System Visual Impairment Service Team

and The Villages Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Support Group



**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**9:45AM -2:30PM**

Eisenhower Recreation Center  
3560 Buna Vista Blvd  
The Villages FL 32162

**10 am** Dr. Sonal Tuli, Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology UF and colleagues will address advances in vision care and diseases of the eye.

**10:45 am** The Exhibit Hall will open with companies, ophthalmology practices and agencies that provide low vision services & the latest technology & devices for the visually impaired.

**11:30 am** Chantel Buck will give an overview of the services available to the visually impaired through New Vision for Independence.

**12:30 pm** Gabino Lares will speak about the Blind Rehab services offered to Veterans with a visual impairment.

## For More Information:

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