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New Communicator for the Visually Impaired

Hastings-On-Hudson, NY – September 14, 2009 – Enabling Devices today announced the release of its latest communicator, the **Portable Communicator for the Visually Impaired**.

According to Steven Kanor, Ph.D., President of Enabling Devices: “We are excited to bring the most advanced technology in illumination to our customers with visual impairments. Our new Portable Communicator for the Visually Impaired uses the latest high intensity LED’s which not only brightly illuminate the icons, they also require much less power eliminating the need for AC power. Because it is battery operated, we were able to design a very compact and portable device. This versatile communicator joins our line of products designed for the blind and visually impaired which includes other communicators, adapted toys, and capability switches.”

Gail Cocciardi, Director of Product Development, says: “Since the needs of the Visually Impaired community are so diverse, we wanted to make the most versatile product possible so it can be used by a wide variety of people. In addition to its intense background illumination which draws the user’s attention, it also has auditory cueing, switch access, and four modes of scanning. It is also a progressive communicator – you

can choose the number of fields you'd like to use – from two to eight depending on the abilities of the user.”



Portable Communicator For The Visually Impaired

Features include:

- Intense background illumination
- 12 Levels
- 600 seconds of record time
- Recordable level announcer
- Two jacks for one or two switch scanning
- 4 modes of scanning – Inverse, Automatic, Two Switch, and Step
- On/Off Auditory Cueing
- Adjustable scanning speed (3 speeds)
- Volume control
- Work in fields of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8
- True voice recording quality
- Light touch membrane
- Easy access to place in icon sheets
- Removable, adjustable carrying strap

About Enabling Devices

Enabling Devices is a company dedicated to developing affordable learning and assistive technology devices to help people of all ages with disabling conditions. The company specializes in creating custom devices for individuals with severe disabilities. Founded by Steven E. Kanor, Ph.D. and originally known as Toys for Special Children, the company has been creating innovative communicators, toys, switches, and sensory devices for the physically challenged for more than 35 years.

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