Signs of DeafBlind Solidarity Poster June 10, 2020

Poster has a black background. It consists of 5 rows.

Row 1

Sparkly gold heart on either side of this quote: “Humanity is beautifully and almost infinitely diverse.” – President Jimmy Carter

Row 2

Picture of Mirellie (big smile): Hello deafblind friends! I hope you’re staying healthy and strong. I miss you all. I pray for everyone. Pease take care. ILY all!

Picture of Jon (wearing dark glasses, cane resting against his right side) signing ILY and sending good wishes to all!

Picture of Chris signing ILY and sending positive vibes. Just below this picture is a colorful open heart.

Picture of Tara (standing in waist-high water in an above-ground pool, wearing a black V-neck T-shirt and a wide-brimmed tan hat, holding a cigar in right hand while left hand holds a red float with two Corgi dogs sitting on top): Enjoy your summer the best you can!

Row 3

Signs of DeafBlind Solidarity logo in pale yellow: “Signs of DeafBlind” in a cresting wave with ASL letters S I G N S under the wave. “Solidarity” is flattened, as the wave would be when it hits the shore.

Colorful ILY hand original oil painting graphic

Row 4

Picture of Shannon (outside with trees in background) ILY with left hand high in the air.

Picture of Mark (wearing a cap that says Deaf, Blind, & Determined) signing a double-handed ILY.

Solidarity (noun) sol-i-dar-i-ty united, joined in a common goal (in pale yellow)

Graphic with “love” fingerspelled – L in dark brown, O in tan, V in beige, E in pink – a heart above the E and another heart above the sentiment “Love, from the Friedmans”

Picture of Auntie Barb signing ILY and sendin’ the love!

Row 4

A Note From Eva:

This is a wonderful idea during this time when we're all separated from each other. It's hard for ev­eryone, but it is especially difficult for the deafblind community where it's all about closeness to one another. This crisis is a time to reflect on the beauty and worth of each human being. The poster project helps highlight that beauty and worth.

I truly believe that when we get through this, we will all be kinder, wiser and stronger, and hopefully the larger community will have a better understanding of our deafblind community and the many gifts and talents of its members. Stay safe, stay well, and stay strong!

Directly underneath Eva’s Note is a picture of Barbara (with her husband and two young grandchildren under a tree) signing ILY: Good health, good times, good wishes and love to all!

Picture of Sharon signing ILY: Sending a big, warm hello and hug to deafblind community members and friends! I miss you and hope you are staying safe and healthy. Let’s also stay hopeful that we will be together again soon. Be well.

Picture of Kristen (right hand ILY over heart, left hand extended to the camera): To the deafblind community: Sending all of my love and I want you all to know you’re in my heart! I hope you’re all staying happy, healthy, and safe during these unprecedented times! I love you al! We’re strong, we’ll get through this together and come out better and stronger than before!

Picture of Laura (holding a hand-made red heart and a vase wrapped with white lights): Sending light and love!

Row 5

(DB CAN NJ logo) ABOUT US: DB CAN NJ is a grassroots effort that aims to be truly responsive to the needs of the deafblind community. Everyone who cares about and believes in our awesome community is welcome to join our training, networking, social and recreational events. Dbcannj.org, dbcannj@gmail.com, “Friend” us on Facebook at: Deaf Blind Community Access Network of NJ

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Picture of Frank, a white cat with black on top of his head and ears, front paw on a hand-made ceramic ILY hand: I miss the tactile love of my deafblind friends!

Picture of Kathy signing ILY: Miss and love you all!

Note from Joe: Hi, everyone! This is Joe with my Music List Part 2. Together we will overcome our challenges! Based on my DB CAN NJ consumer opinion, we are a TEAM to defeat any and all future DB challenges we may face. This song *Ain’t No Stoppin’ Us Now!* By McFadden & Whitehead inspires me. I think the “Us” in the title means We, Together can do so much. Give a listen (also captioned) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lRNEzzN-gTo> (lyrics below).

Underneath Joe’s Note is a colorful hand signing “peace”

Ain't No Stoppin Us Now

[McFadden & Whitehead](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1NHXL_enUS728US728&sxsrf=ALeKk025Os-Ex10QDSMkbOs8e5ekbvqRYQ:1591825544152&q=McFadden+and+Whitehead&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLUz9U3MDbKyDVcxCrmm-yWmJKSmqeQmJeiEJ6RWZKakZqYAgCvxGX_JgAAAA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjU0OmgnPjpAhUpSDABHf7ADtAQMTAAegQIDBAF)

Ain't No Stoppin Us Now!
We're on the move!
Ain't No Stoppin Us Now!
We've got the groove!

There's been so many things that's held us down
But now it looks like things are finally comin' around
I know we've got, a long long way to go
And where we'll end up, I don't know

But we won't let nothin' hold us back
We're putting ourselves together
We're polishing up our act!
If you felt we've been held down before

I know you'll refuse to be held down anymore!
Don't you let nothing, nothing
Stand in your way!
I want ya'll to listen, listen

To every word I say, every word I say!
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