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Clovernook Center Employee Named to National Braille Association's Board of Directors

October 9, 2017 – Cincinnati, OH- Saul Garza, Unified English Braille (UEB) Curriculum Manager at Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired was recently nominated and accepted onto the Board of Directors for the National Braille Association (NBA).

Through this volunteer position, Garza will also serve as chairman of the Tactile Graphics committee, where he will host workshops and webinars for tactile graphics producers across the country. The aim is to provide best practices and new development in this field. "I am honored to have been elected to serve on the National Braille Association (NBA) Board of Directors in the capacity of Tactile Graphics Committee chairman. Needless to say, I look forward to working alongside leaders of the braille educational field in furthering braille literacy." Garza said.

A Clovernook Center employee since 2012, Garza first was introduced to braille by a friend, who was a teacher of the Visually Impaired. Six months later, he received his braille transcriber certification from the Library of Congress. Now, Garza translates mainstream k-12 textbooks from print to braille and also produces tactile graphics as part of this process. Additionally, he is also manager, under supervision of the National Library Service (NLS), of authoring a braille instructional manual titled, *Instruction Manual for Transcribing Unified English Braille Technical Material*. This publication will soon be available for download on Clovernook's website. Once this task is complete, Clovernook will then extend its services with the NLS to also become a testing center for students who read braille. "Saul's expertise in transcribing textbook materials and tactile graphics has given the Clovernook's Printing House the ability to explore new opportunities." said Charlotte Begley, Director of Clovernook's Braille Printing House.

This will be the first time a Clovernook Center employee will work directly with the NBA. Clovernook Center has collaborated with the organization for many years through the Braille Authority of North America (BANA), of which Clovernook is a founding member. BANA coordinates standards and guidance for braille production, whereas NBA is dedicated to providing continuing education to those who prepare braille and for providing braille materials to persons who are visually impaired. For more information about Clovernook Center and the Braille Printing House, please visit our website at www.clovernook.org or call us at 513-522-3860.

About Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Since 1903, Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been providing life-enriching opportunities and empowering people who are blind or visually impaired to be self-sufficient and full participants in their communities. Program Services annually assists more than 1,200 individuals, helping them to adapt and overcome the challenges of vision impairment. Employment Services provides job opportunities and coaching for consumers who want to work in their local community, or in Clovernook Center's own Social Enterprises which provide a variety of employment opportunities for more than 55 people with vision loss. Clovernook's Arts and Recreation department provides a powerful outlet for individuals to express themselves artistically, share personal insights, and join together with others who face similar challenges. Youth Services include six-weeks of summer day camps. As well as year-round activities for youth ages 4 to 22 who are blind or visually impaired. Additionally, our Braille Printing House prints books, magazines and other materials for the National Library Services and braille patrons worldwide. More information can be accessed at www.clovernook.org.

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