




## SERVICE FOR SIGHT GRANT RECIPIENTS

65 Service for Sight grants totaling **\$400,000** were awarded to organizations national in scope that share our philanthropic mission of sight conservation and to support people living with blindness or low vision, including the five Delta Gamma Schools for Children with Visual Impairments (marked with )

### **A portion of the Service for Sight grants are funded by:**

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### **ADAPTIVE SPORTS CENTER** | \$3,000

To support the Outdoor Adventure Program for youth, young adults and veterans with low vision and cover costs associated with programming, logistics and travel.

### **AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND** | \$3,500

To support publication of braille and large-print versions of the *ACB Braille Forum*, providing critical news, announcements, and information on key services and advocacy impacting people who are living with blindness or low vision.

### **AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND** | \$15,000

To help fund registration, travel, and lodging fees for 10 program participants and two program facilitators at the annual AFB Leadership Conference and to support the final weeks of programming for the third cohort of the AFB Blind Leaders Development Program.

### **AMERICAN NYSTAGMUS NETWORK** | \$7,500

\$2,500 | To help cover costs associated with recording keynotes and livestreaming the 2023 American Nystagmus Network conference, helping families who may not be able to attend an in-person conference access the event and archive educational information for those affected by nystagmus.

\$5,000 | To help fund Camp Nystagmus, a one-day retreat for children with nystagmus and their families. Hands-on activities and panel discussions help give students the tools to become their own advocates to address their unique needs.

### **AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND** | \$3,500

To help fund APH Braille Tales, providing more than 400 preschool-aged children who are blind or visually impaired with six free printed braille books per year.

### **AMERICA'S VETDOGS - K-9 SERVICE CORP** | \$4,000

To help fund the Assistance Dog Training Program, covering operational costs associated with training an assistance dog for a veteran. This includes dog breeding, puppy raising and training, handler instruction, and a lifetime of aftercare support for the active team of handler and dog.

### **ANCHOR CENTER FOR BLIND CHILDREN** | \$28,000

To fund the two-year Preschool Program for Young Children with Visual Impairments, which is designed to increase children's independence and confidence in their abilities by providing foundational education and skills they need for success in kindergarten and beyond, as well as empowering families to become informed coaches and advocates for their children.

### **ANIRIDIA NORTH AMERICA** | \$2,500

To help cover technology (A/V, hybrid meeting and information dissemination) costs associated with the 2023 Aniridia Symposium, bringing together researchers, clinicians, and patient representatives. The symposium provides a forum for the open exchange of new information about vision problems related to aniridia and other genetic eye disorders as well as management strategies.

### **BLIND CHILDREN'S CENTER** | \$28,000

To support the Blind Children's Center's Zero to Three program, introducing infants and toddlers to activities focused on building critical skills and immersion in daily literacy, mobility, and motor skills training in an inclusive classroom.

### **BRILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA** | \$5,000

To support the Braille Challenge, an academic competition designed to motivate 1,000+ students who are living with blindness or low vision in grades 1-12 from North America and Canada to excel in braille, a skill that has proven essential to academic achievement and success in the workforce.

### **BRILLE LIBRARY AND TRANSCRIBING SERVICES** | \$5,000

To cover costs associated with transcribing books into braille. This includes paper and binders for the book production and proofreading by Library of Congress certified proofreaders.

### **CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND** | \$7,000

To help underwrite the CNIB Foundation Learning Academy, empowering young people ages 9 to 21 who are blind or partially sighted to discover their potential. Participants discover and explore their potential through educational and empowering activities while connecting with like-minded peers.



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### **CARROLL CENTER FOR THE BLIND** | \$2,500

To provide comprehensive services for individuals who are blind or dealing with vision loss in five program areas — community, education, low vision, technology and vision rehabilitation.

### **CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED** | \$28,000

To support delivery of therapeutic and specialized services to children with blindness or low vision in the Kansas City area, ensuring each child served receives a course of intervention that is unique to their needs.

### **CLOVERNOOK CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED** | \$6,000

To help expand the Arts and Accessibility Program with the purchase of a state-of-the-art handheld infrared scanner. This tool will enable production of highly customized 3D models of sculptures, fine art pieces and other objects, providing art patrons who are blind or visually impaired with highly realistic scaled-down replications of original pieces, creating experiences that are engaging and welcoming to all.

### **COMPUTERS FOR THE BLIND** | \$3,000

To cover refurbishing costs for accessible, highly-discounted computers to those who are blind or have reduced vision and live within the United States.

### **DARING SISTERS** | \$2,500

To help defray costs for Daring to Own Your Story™ virtual and in-person retreats for women who are living with blindness or low vision. Retreats are facilitated by therapists in private practice who are blind or have low vision. Grant will help cover tuition cost of virtual retreats as well as activities and transportation at in-person events.

### **DELTA GAMMA CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS** | \$28,000

To support the Early Intervention Program, providing highly specialized health, educational, developmental and support services for infants and toddlers with low vision and their families.

### **ENVISION FOUNDATION** | \$6,500

\$2,500 | To help fund software, supplies and equipment for the College Success Program, an all-virtual program offering a holistic support system that helps guide students age 18+ with low vision or blindness as they transition from high school to college.

\$4,000 | To support Heather's Camp, a national summer camp that provides a safe and fun camping experience in an inclusive environment for children and youth who are living with blindness or low vision. Specifically, the grant will cover the costs of two volunteer training sessions, supplies, and scholarships for approximately 10 campers & volunteer counselors.

### **ENVISIONING YOUTH EMPOWERMENT RETREAT** | \$2,000

To sponsor the 2023 EYE Retreat, a week-long summer camp for teens with low vision to experience and learn about college success and career planning. This year's grant will cover the cost of several new iPads, allowing participants to practice technology skills and advocate for accessibility in their education and future careers.

### **EXTREME MOBILITY CAMPS** | \$5,000

To support the Winter XMOGames for individuals who are living with blindness or low vision, offering guided sports, motivational sessions and vocational training for participants to live more fulfilled lives.

### **FIDELCO GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION** | \$4,000

To support the Life-Changing Guide Dog Partnership Program, providing support services and follow-up visits to four clients and their Fidelco guide dogs, including annual follow-up visits, veterinary medical consults, team wellness check-ins via phone and email throughout the year and problem resolution.

### **FOUNDATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN** | \$28,000

To help with expenses for the Early Intervention Program, supporting children ages birth to five years (and their families), including supplies and staff training/development.

### **FREEDOM GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND** | \$4,000

To support the organization's distinctive at-home training program called Hometown Training, including placement expenses and placement supplies for new clients and their dogs.

### **GALLANT HEARTS GUIDE DOG CENTER** | \$4,000

To help fund a "Training the Trainers" program, offering in-class and one-on-one training to approximately 20 puppy raisers. Participants must housebreak, teach good manners and monitor impulse control.

### **GLAUCOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION** | \$5,500

To underwrite printing one issue of the GLEAMS newsletter, which provides information for glaucoma patients regarding developments in the treatment and diagnosis of glaucoma and highlighting research developments on novel therapies. The printed newsletter is mailed to 100,000 subscribers three times per year.

### **GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND** | \$4,000

To cover costs associated with raising and training guide dogs, including creating new handler/guide dog teams.

### **GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND** | \$4,000

To support the In-Home Training Program for clients and their new guide dogs with special circumstances that prohibit them from traveling and being away from home for the two-week class training period.



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### GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA/INTERNATIONAL GUIDING EYES

\$4,000

To purchase a braille embosser and braille translation software. This equipment will be used to disseminate more accessible information to the organization's applicants, clients and graduates who are living with blindness or low vision.

### GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND | \$4,000

To help offset the travel expenses required to provide customized training to students at their residence, as part of the Specialized Training Program.

### HADLEY INSTITUTE FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

\$3,500

To purchase technology workshop equipment used to create personalized learning opportunities that empower adults with vision loss or blindness to thrive.

### JOINT COMMISSION FOR ALLIED HEALTH IN OPTHALMOLOGY | \$7,500

\$3,000 | To help create a brochure geared toward those transitioning out of the military and their spouses/partners about why they should - and how they can - begin a career as an ophthalmic technician.

\$4,500 | To help fund the Children's Eye Health and Safety Webinar Series, used for continuing education and training of ophthalmic technicians. The course will address important factors that cause vision loss from genetic conditions to trauma.

### LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

\$5,500

To support costs associated with development and implementation of camp and programming at Enchanted Hills Camp, a summer camp for youth who are living with blindness or low vision, ensuring that campers have the best experience possible, learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.

### LIGHTHOUSE GUILD INTERNATIONAL | \$2,000

To help expand the National Tele-Support Network, helping people of all ages cope with vision loss through programs and resources for parents, teens, young adults and adults. Grant will cover advertising and marketing costs, content development and equipment needed for remote connectivity and audio transcription.

### MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (MABVI) | \$5,000

To support the expansion of United In Stride (UIS), providing increased opportunities for individuals with visual disabilities to pursue the physical fitness activities they enjoy by pairing them with sighted guides.

### MIRA FOUNDATION | \$4,000

To help pay for guide dog school and guide dog placement.

### NATIONAL BEEP BASEBALL ASSOCIATION | \$7,000

To help cover accommodation costs for volunteer scorekeepers and umpires helping with the 2023 World Series of Beep Baseball tournament.

### NATIONAL BRAILLE PRESS | \$5,000

To offset costs of the ReadBooks! Because Braille Matters Program, distributing book bags to families with children who are living with blindness or low vision across the U.S. and Canada. Book bags are available for three age ranges (0-3, 4-5, and 6-7 years old) to cover every aspect of early literacy development.

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR ALBINISM AND HYPOPIGMENTATION (NOAH) | \$4,000

To help cover the costs of a camp room, board, and activities for participants with albinism at NOAH Family Summer Camp. Family Camp provides an opportunity for children with albinism and their families to share a fun-filled outdoor experience with others like them. The grant will help make camp more affordable for many families.

### NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY | \$6,000

To help underwrite the New Eyes E-voucher Eyeglasses Program, providing approximately 240 pairs of new prescription eyeglasses for children and adults in financial need.

### NEW VIEW OKLAHOMA | \$5,000

To help underwrite the Annual Veterans Day Luncheon as part of the VITAL (Veterans Independence Through Adaptive Living) program, honoring veterans who live with low vision and/or blindness.

### NEWSREEL | \$2,500

To help produce Newsreel, a monthly audio magazine that serves individuals who are living with blindness or low vision nationwide. The grant will also enable Newsreel to offer free subscriptions to subscribers who cannot otherwise afford one.

### NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND ATHLETES | \$2,500

To help purchase adaptive equipment used throughout the year by the Sports Outreach program. These items include tandem bicycles, tandem and single adult and child-sized kayaks, beep balls, helmets and goggles for use by athletes who are living with blindness or low vision in the Pacific Northwest.

### OCCUPAWS GUIDE DOG ASSOCIATION | \$4,000

To provide clients with a "starter kit" for their new dog partner, ensuring both have the right equipment for long-term success.

### OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND | \$3,000

To help fund the development of the CVI (Cortical Visual Impairment) Lab School at Overbrook School for the Blind, facilitating the development of a researched-based curriculum that will identify proven teaching strategies for the student with CVI.



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### **PREVENT BLINDNESS** | \$3,500

To support the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health and its "Sight for All Students in 2023" initiative with three key components: the Eclipse Education and Safety Project; the Eye Learn About Vision, Health, and Protection project; and Delta Gamma Reads.

### **RESOURCE** | \$3,000

To help expand the LEAP (Learn, Earn, and Prosper) Connect program, helping youth who are living with blindness or low vision learn and gain experience with problem-solving, self-advocacy, and confidence. The grant will help reduce tuition costs for participants in states with limited Pre-Employment Transition Services funding.

### **RESTORING VISION** | \$6,000

To offer expanded eye health services to low and extremely-low income people in the U.S., as well as indigenous populations. The program addresses near vision loss (presbyopia) for individuals living at 250% below the poverty line and those who are uninsured or under-insured and cannot afford the reading glasses they need to correct this vision impairment.

### **RETINA FOUNDATION OF THE SOUTHWEST** | \$4,000

To help purchase specialized equipment for the Stem Cell Lab, where researchers will pursue the development and translation of stem cell-based therapies for age-related macular degeneration.

### **SEEDLINGS BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN** | \$10,000

To subsidize the production of free and low-cost braille books for youth ages 0-21 with vision loss, increasing the opportunity for literacy.

### **SIGHT SAVERS AMERICA** | \$5,000

To support the Low Vision Program, utilizing state-of-the-art technology, such as electronic video magnifiers, and a thorough case management process to serve the unique vision needs of children across 16 states. Outcomes range from increased reading performance to improved school grades to improved independence.

### **SKI FOR LIGHT** | \$3,500

To fund recruiting and training instructor/guides and partial scholarships for participants and guides who could not otherwise afford to attend the 2024 Ski for Light annual cross-country ski event.

### **SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS** | \$4,000

To support the education, training, and room and board for a veteran who is visually impaired attending the 20-day On-Campus Guide Dog Training Program.

### **STRIVE4YOU** | \$4,000

\$1,500 | To help fund the Healthy Future Healthy Youth initiative, designed to give children living with blindness or low vision opportunities to participate in adaptive sports and recreational activities while educating their peers on the abilities of those with vision loss in a unique learning environment.

\$2,500 | To help fund the SEED program, a safety education and self-defense webinar program. STRIVE4You leverages a unique peer-to-peer approach. The SEED webinar series is produced for youth, veterans and seniors with low vision.

### **SUN SOUNDS FOUNDATION SUPPORTING SUN SOUNDS OF ARIZONA** | \$2,500

To help purchase closed-circuit radios and smart speakers for listeners with vision loss. Sun Sounds delivers audio programming 24/7, providing a vital lifeline to many.

### **SIGHT INTO SOUND** | \$2,500

To provide funding for the Radio Reading, Custom Reading, and Description for the Blind programs, which allow individuals with varying disabilities access to information. Listeners can access programming on a variety of platforms.

### **UNITED MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE FOUNDATION** | \$4,000

To underwrite a portion of the annual 2023 LHON (Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy) Family Meeting, which covers faculty and speaker expenses, audio-visual equipment and marketing/promotion of the event. Sessions will be recorded and posted to the website for all to access.

### **US ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ATHLETES** | \$8,000

To support core initiatives within the organization that focus on awareness and sports activities. These include the Athlete Ambassador Empowerment program, growing blind soccer nationwide, and Team Tethered Together (running program) benefiting youth, adults and veterans who are living with blindness or low vision.

### **US SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER EDUCATION FOUNDATION** | \$8,500

To support Space Camp for Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS), providing scholarship assistance for approximately 20 students who are blind or visually impaired to attend the 2023 SCIVIS program.

### **VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND FOUNDATION** | \$3,000

To help fund travel stipends for the US Blind Soccer Coaching Summit, helping each state's school for the blind representative as they train in a one-week onsite program at Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.

### **VISION OF CHILDREN FOUNDATION** | \$5,000

To help fund phase two of "When Vision Becomes Reality," a research project at UC San Diego Health using stem cell biology. This grant will be used to purchase gene-editing enzymes and reagents, growth mediums, and lab supplies, bringing the project to pre-clinical trials and, thus, closer to finding cures for hereditary childhood blindness and genetic vision disorders.