

Service for Sight Grant Recipients

56 Service for Sight grants totaling \$925,000 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:

Alpha Omicron Chapter Service for Sight Fund Beta Eta Chapter Service for Sight Fund Betty Lee McFeely Carlson Memorial Fund Delta Gamma 2022 Fund Dorothy See Sommers Fund Dorothy V. Manock Memorial Fund Edna Quest Adams Fund Elisabeth Ford Siebert Memorial Fund Elizabeth Ernst Fosbinder Memorial Fund Epsilon Beta Chapter Service for Sight Fund Evelyn R. Erickson Memorial Fund Gertrude Knorr MacGregor Fund Helen Elizabeth Dunbar Lucas Memorial Fund Joseph L. Huber Memorial Fund Lynne Raschke Simpson Fund Mary Ann Lummis Bowver Memorial Fund Mary Ellen Pigott Hughes Memorial Service for Sight Fund Mildred Wells Ludlum Trust for Service for Sight Sarah Wentzel Hubler Memorial Fund Virginia Shewalter Roberts Memorial Fund

Adaptive Design Association | \$5,000

To support Adaptive Design Association's (ADA) Tactile Communication Program by hosting a national annual event for Teachers of the Visually Impaired.

Adaptive Sports Center | \$7,000

To provide funding for three one-week programs for eight Operation BASH (Blind Adaptive Sports Heroes) veterans, each offering exceptional outdoor advantures, camaraderie and support.

American Action Fund for Blind Children & Adults | \$5,000

To support Free Braille Book Program, distributing braille books for children living with blindness to keep and to build personal collections. Titles chosen each year are popular books not readily available in braille, prioritizing books written by authors of color and featuring diverse characters.

American Council of the Blind | \$7.500

To help fund the continued publication of the ten monthly issues per year of The Braille Forum in braille and large print.

American Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

\$17500

To support the dissemination of research on AI and blindness to AI developers and researchers through two conferences: an AI industry conference and a computing accessibility conference.

American Printing House for the Blind | \$10,000

To help fund the Delta Gamma Braille Bug Trail with the Dot Experience Museum, which demonstrates ways individuals living with blindness or low vision can achieve the same things as people with sight.

Anchor Center for Blind Children | \$100,000

To expand the Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Program, reaching more children and families in need.

Angel Flight East | \$5,000

To provide Flight for Sight funding to improve fee-free access for individuals with visual impairments who require specialized vision care at medical facilities away from their local areas.

Blind Children's Center | \$100,000

To help fund the Zero to Three program, which charters the path towards educational success and independence for children living with blindness.

Braille Institute of America | \$5,000

To support the 25th Anniversary of the Braille Challenge, which motivates students in grades 1-12 across the US and Canada to excel in braille literacy, adding this year a category for pre-braille learners and a Spanish Braille Challenge.

Braille Library and Transcribing Services

\$5,000

To purchase tactile braille embossers and materials to keep up with requests for a free lending library including equipment, software, and materials to provide higher quality tactiles.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

\$12,000

To help underwrite CNIB's Learning Academy, designed to break down barriers for youths ages 9-21 who are living with blindness or low vision to help them prepare for educational transitions and meaningful employment.

Children's Center for the Visually Impaired

To support therapeutic and specialized services for children with blindness or visual impairments. This funding will help cover a portion of the salaries and benefits for therapists, specialists, and teachers.

Children's Eye Foundation (of AAPOS) | \$5,000

To provide funding for musical instruments and five scholarships for children living with visual impairments to attend training through Children's Eye Foundation's Vision Through Music program.

Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired | \$11,700

To support tactile literacy for children by funding the purchase of two Index Everest-D printers, and two copies of Braille 2000 software, providing 5,000 families annually with storybooks to which they might not otherwise have access.

Computers for the Blind | \$7,500

To cover refurbishment and customization of highly-discounted computers for indiviuals living with blindness and low vision in the US.

Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments | \$100,000

To cover part of the annual cost to send Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments to family homes within 50-miles of DGC.

Dogs Inc | \$5,000

To help fund the Veteran Guide Dog On-Campus Training Program, which provides highly-trained guide dogs and comprehensive support (accommodations, meals, travel, training, one-on-one instruction) for clients living with blindness.

Envision Foundation | \$5,000

To help cover costs for two volunteer training sessions, supplies, and scholarships for ten campers and volunteer counselors at Heather's Camp, during which 70-100 children and youth living with blindness or low vision participate annually.

Envisioning Youth Empowerment | \$5,000

To sponsor the week-long 2025 EYE Retreat, which assists students living with visual impairments by providing college and career readiness workshops, independent living skills training, recreational activities and mentoring opportunities.

Fighting Blindness Canada | \$5,000

To help expand Fighting Blindness Canada's Health Information Line, which offers tailored, one-on-one guidance for those needing personal assistance in dealing with inherited retinal diseases and age-related macular degeneration.

Foundation Fighting Blindness | \$25,000

To cover costs of My Retina Tracker registry and free genetic testing and counseling for 30 individuals living with low vision and blindness across the US.

Foundation for Blind Children | \$100,000

To support the New Horizons Program, which serves any adult age 55 and older in Maricopa County who is losing or has lost their sight. Services are provided at no cost.

Freedom Guide Dogs | \$5,000

To support the training and placement of a guide dog with a waiting applicant, using Freedom Guide Dogs' at-home service delivery model, HomeTown Training.

Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center | \$5,000

To fund equipment and supplies to "Get the Job Done," which places nine guide dogs with new handlers and eight pupples in training with puppy raisers.

Glaucoma Research Foundation | \$8,500

To underwrite the printing of one issue of GLEAMS patient newsletter, which provides research updates and treatment options and tips for individuals living with glaucoma, mailed to 100,000 subscribers and clinician partners in the US and emailed to 52,000 individuals worldwide.

Guide Dogs for the Blind | \$25,000

To help fund the Orientation and Mobility Immersion (OMI) program, which provides those living with blindness or visual impairment with skills to improve their mobility and independence, plus make them eligible to receive a guide dog if they choose.

Guide Dogs of the Desert | \$5,000

To support the two-year, \$100,000 cost of nurturing and training a custom guide dog.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind | \$5,000

To support Guiding Eyes for the Blind's Specialized Training Program equipment and travel expenses for white-cane proficient individuals who have health challenges in addition to vision loss.

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired | \$25,000

To help fund social and emotional support for people affected by vision impairment in four program areas: peer-to-peer phone connections, Insights and Sound Bites podcasts, Adjusting and Coping Together series, and Help Desk specialists staffing and equipment.

Hull Foundation and Learning Center for the Blind | \$5,000

To support the Living with Sight Loss seminar series, which includes six immersive multi-day in-person and Zoom seminars. These seminars cover skills for daily living and adaptive technology and mental well-being through the funding of in-person seminar scholarships, translation services and program supplies.

International Guiding Eyes, Inc (Guide Dogs of America) | \$5,000

To help fund the Audible Safety Alert System, a campus-wide paging system to ensure safety of students, volunteers and staff living with blindness or low vision during emergencies, crises, and general announcements.

Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) Education and Research Foundation | \$5.000

To provide a one-hour educational program in Health Coaching: A New Paradigm Applicable for Assisting the Low-Vision Patient that addresses patient advocacy and the ophthalmic technician's role in assisting patients with visual impairments.

LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired | \$5,000

To cover costs of supplies for water sports (two pedal-powered paddle boats, life vests, fishing gear and storage) at Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind, which has empowered individuals living with blindness and low vision since 1950.



Lighthouse Guild International | \$5,000

To help cover expenses related to Lighthouse Guild's National Telesupport Network, which serves as an emotional and social lifeline, connecting individuals of all ages to share advice on coping with vision loss, as well as resources and solutions for daily challenges.

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired | \$5,000

To help fund a virtual Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment expert panel to provide education and research insights to support children with cortical visual impairment, addressing effective learning strategies, and diagnostic tools for early detection and intervention

Mira Foundation USA | \$5,000

To help cover costs to provide guide dogs for eligible children ages 11-16.

Mississippi State University Foundation's National Research & Training Center on Blindness & Low Vision | \$5,000

To fund an advertising campaign for an app called "4 to 24," developed at NRTC to help parents understand activities a child should do on their own at appropriate ages.

National Beep Ball Association | \$12,000

To help cover travel and accommodation expenses for volunteer scorekeepers during the 2025 Beep Ball World Series.

National Braille Press | \$5,000

To help cover costs to produce and distribute "Read Books! Because Braille Matters" tote bags and materials including braille alphabet cards, number sheets, tactile maps, print/braille books and guides for parents.

National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation | \$6,000

To increase the affordability of NOAH's family summer camp for children with albinism and their families.

New Eyes for the Needy | \$10,000

To help cover costs for the 20/20 for 2025 eVoucher program, which provides new prescription eyewear to individuals who could not otherwise afford the cost of eyeglasses.

OccuPaws Guide Dog Association | \$5,000

To provide comprehensive "Starter Kits" for new guide dog recipients, ensuring clients and their dogs have the right equipment and tools for a successful partnership.

Prevent Blindness | \$5,000

To support the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness with funding for the revision of the entire Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification, scholarships for course attendance, follow-up of 2024 initiatives via surveys and social media, and the continuation of the Delta Gamma Reads for Sight program.

Resource | \$5,000

To help fund LEAP assistive technology service expansion through virtual and in-person programs for transition-aged youth who are living with blindness or low vision.

Retina Foundation of the Southwest | \$25,000

To fund testing and implementation of the second year of the two-year project "Machine-Learning-Aided Development" of a Questionnaire to Improve Availability and Accuracy of Early Vision Screening for amblyopia and strabismus.

Safe Toddles | \$10,000

To support the Safe Toddles Mobility for Blind Toddlers Program, which improves access, engagement, and functionality through curriculum enhancements, certification and platform improvements.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children | \$12,000

To subsidize the production of free and discounted braille books for children ages 0-21, resulting in literacy among children living with blindness or low vision.

Sight Savers America | \$17,000

To support Sight Savers America's National Low Vision and Blindness Program with desktop video magnifiers and case management for five individuals.

Ski for Light | \$8.000

To help underwrite Ski for Light's Learn to Ski program by funding the costs to recruit and train instructor guides and provide stipends for participants who would not otherwise afford to attend the annual one-week event.

The Carroll Center for the Blind | \$7,500

To help fund summer programs for children living with blindness across the United States, providing an immersive camp experience offering life skills, orientation, mobility, technology and social engagement.

The Glaucoma Foundation | \$5,000

To bring international speakers and participants to The Glaucoma Foundation's June 2025 Optic Nerve Rescue and Restoration Think Tank in New York and create videography and newsletter interviews.

United Mitrochondrial Disease Foundation

\$7,000

To support LHON family programming (faculty, speaker, A/V, and recording fees) for the Mitrochondrial Medicine 2025 LHON Family Meeting for recently-diagnosed individuals and their families.

US Space & Rocket Center Education Foundation | \$8,800

To fund partial or full scholarships to attend the one-week Space Camp for students ages 9-18, proven to promote higher education in science.

Vision-Forward Association | \$5,000 To support national screen reader training for teachers and students living with blindness or low vision.

Visually Impraired/Blind Athletes of Northern

Arizona | \$5,000

To cover costs for a new camp activity (a rafting trip) and Campabilities Four Corners Camp 2025.