



# SUPPORT. ENCOURAGE. EMPOWER.

In 2013-2014, we celebrated 85 years of service to the community! Much has happened since the Allentown and Bethlehem Lions Clubs founded the original blind associations in Lehigh and Northampton Counties in 1928. Then their members were enthusiastically following Helen Keller's exhortation that all Lions Club members become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness." Now, as the Center for Vision Loss, we enthusiastically acknowledge all of the Lions, Lionesses and Leos in Districts 14-K (Lehigh and Northampton Counties) and 14-U (Monroe County) whose continued contributions have enabled us to support, encourage, and empower people dealing with severe vision loss.

Just how do we help our Vision Rehabilitation customers progress along the vision loss continuum to independence? For individuals newly-coping with low vision, especially if they have lost their sight later in life, we provide support through in-home visits with appropriate assistance, education, an introduction to our agency's services and programs and referrals to the PA Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services. Our Low Vision Program supports customers as they explore the many kinds of tools and assistive technology available to enhance their visual functioning. Our caseworkers encourage all of our customers to attend as many support group meetings, lifeskills education sessions and socialization activities as they find useful and to take advantage of our unique Escorted Transportation with a sighted guide to access medical and other essential appointments. Finally, we empower our customers by giving them the confidence to embrace their newly-learned blindness and low vision skills, adaptations and technologies to improve their quality of life and allow them to continue living independently.

Finally, our volunteers, board members, sponsors, donors and friends in the community also support, encourage and empower us with their gifts of time, materials and financial support. They, too, deserve our thanks for their continued commitment over the past 85 years.



Douglas A. Yingling, Executive Director

## VISION REHABILITATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 737 CUSTOMERS

97 CUSTOMERS PARTICIPATED IN 48 LIFESKILLS EDUCATION SESSIONS

52 CUSTOMERS PARTICIPATED IN 33 SOCIALIZATION ACTIVITIES

71 CUSTOMERS PARTICIPATED IN 29 SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

159 CUSTOMERS RECEIVED LOW VISION SERVICES

269 CUSTOMERS ACCESSED THE ESCORTED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

2,185 ROUND TRIP ESCORTED TRANSPORTATION RIDES PROVIDED

67,746 ESCORTED TRANSPORTATION MILES DRIVEN

4,266 HOURS SPENT PROVIDING ESCORTED TRANSPORTATION

3,134 HOURS SPENT PROVIDING CASEWORK SERVICES

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

5,714 CHILDREN AND 629 ADULTS SCREENED

386 CHILDREN AND 59 ADULTS REFERRED TO EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS

7,488 ADULTS AND CHILDREN EDUCATED

180 CUSTOMERS SERVED IN THE EYE CARE CLINIC

77 INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED BY THE VISION HELP PROGRAM



# OUR FRIENDS

OUR FRIENDS MAKE THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OF THE CENTER FOR VISION LOSS POSSIBLE. BECAUSE THEIR GENEROSITY BRINGS LIGHT INTO THE WORK OF OUR AGENCY, WE HONOR THEM WITH THE COLORS OF THE VISIBLE LIGHT SPECTRUM-THE LIGHT WE SEE WITH OUR EYES. THE CENTER FOR VISION LOSS HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE OUR FRIENDS LIST ACCURATE. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, PLEASE CONTACT US AT 610-433-6018, X. 241.

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William Mosbach, Driver  
Carla Nemeroff, Caseworker  
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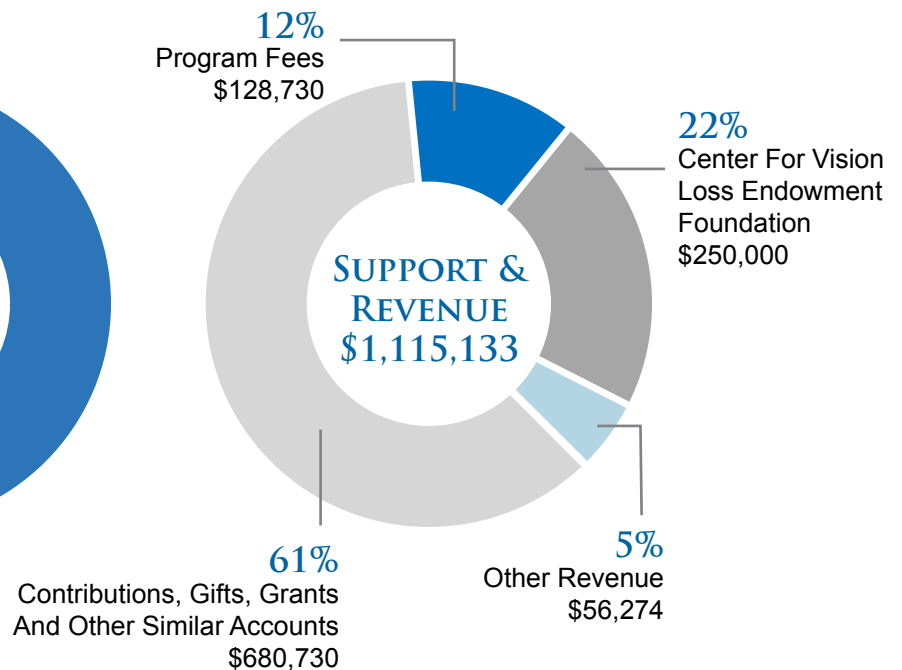
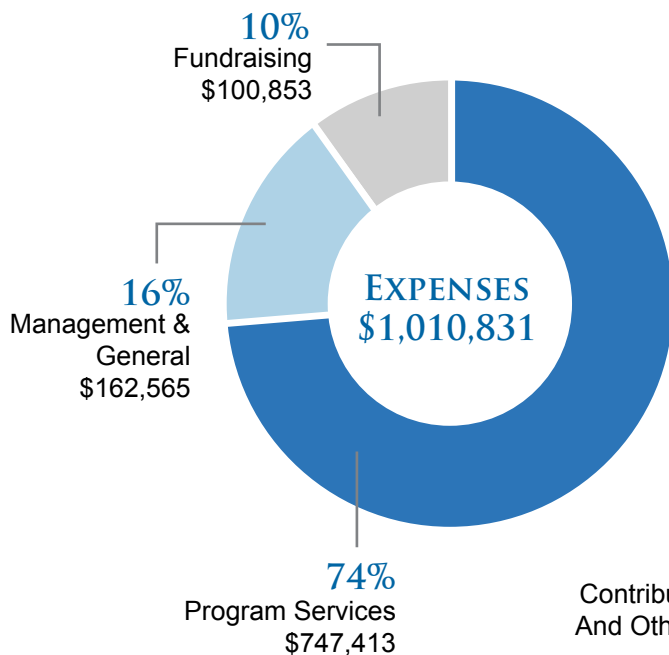
## INTERNS

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# REPORT ON OPERATIONS 2013-2014



## OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Center for Vision Loss relies on volunteers to help accomplish its work in the community. These untiring individuals support, encourage and empower our customers and staff. Our 86-member volunteer team shared their time and talents as Annie's Angels, vision screeners, office assistants, drivers and activity assistants and helped at special events. They also provided direction for programs and services as members of the Board of Directors, Endowment Foundation Board and various committees. On May 8, 2014, the following volunteers received awards for service: Bernie Wolensky, Helping Hands Community Outreach Award; Annette Gozzard, Louis Braille Communications Award; Carla Nemeroff, Anne Sullivan Spirit Award; Tim Fox, OD, Looking Beyond Vision Award and Barbara Dilliard, Helen Keller Award for Independence.



Center: Award Winners, from left to right, Annette Gozzard, Carla Nemeroff and Bernie Wolensky.

**OUR MISSION** *To provide a comprehensive set of preventative, rehabilitative, support and social services enabling blind and visually impaired clients to achieve their personal goals and restore quality of life consistent with those goals. Programs will provide a balance of independent living skills and social services to meet individual needs across a diverse client base and also help reduce the incidence of vision loss in the community through prevention of blindness and remedial eye care services.*

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