



2006 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Mission

Equipping Alaskans who are blind and visually impaired with skills for success in life and work

Vision

Eliminating visual disability as the barrier to Alaskans achieving their vocational goals or enjoying a quality life in their later years

Values

- People are accepted for who they are and not judged by their lack of eyesight
- People come first -- respect and caring for everyone
- Personal self-determination
- Passion for the highest quality of life for each client
- Outstanding services provided by highly qualified, ethical professionals
- Integrity and accountability

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A RESOURCE FOR ALASKA

Here are some of the ways the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired contributed to the well-being of our community during the 2006 fiscal year in partnership with funders, referral sources, donors, volunteers, and friends.

Hope for Families

Vito & Arn Salao



“My brother Vito going blind meant seeing his life slip away little by little each day. The hands-on training at the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired was the manual he would need to navigate his new world. The Center has been the friend and resource that my family was able to lean on for help and guidance. It has been comforting to know that we are not alone and that there are dedicated people and resources like those at the Center available to help others and us walk through the world of vision loss together.”

Successful Youth

Crystal Dewey



Crystal Dewey (left) at graduation from Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

“The Center helped me with my mobility and being able to get around Anchorage now that I’m at UAA. At the Center, I made friends to laugh with and I got encouragement to go to college and work to reach my goals. I want to be successful in college. I haven’t decided on my major yet, but I’m taking liberal arts classes.”

Contribution to the Economy

Bill Packee



Bill Packee and guide dog Rio take a little time off from technology training.

Students Able to Learn



“Visually impaired students in rural and remote Alaska are getting to learn top-of-the-line equipment rather than having to make do. This allows them to become independent in their regular education classrooms. They’re learning and succeeding.”

Brenda Jager, Education Specialist in the program for visual impairment at the Special Education Service Agency

“Through training at the Center and the enormous support of the staff, I am able to start my own assistive technology consulting business in Fairbanks. The skills and knowledge of the staff and the state of the art devices and software were a huge boost for me. The services of the Center extend out into communities throughout Alaska when people go back home and put their skills to use.”

Services FY 06

- 58 Clients receiving vocational and independent living training and services
- 115 Visually Impaired Senior Alaskans served
- 78 Low vision assessments at the Center clinic
- 25 Low vision assessments outside Anchorage

Statewide Reach

In addition to Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley, the Center provided services on-site in these 17 communities:

Akiachak
Bethel
Copper Center-
Glennallen
Fairbanks
Haines
Healy
Homer
Juneau
Kenai-Soldotna
Manakotak
Napaskiak
Nome
Seward
Sitka
Valdez
Wainwright
Wrangell

The Need

- 18,000 Alaskans have a visual disability (3.5%)
- 4,100 have a severe disability (unable to read newsprint)
- 19% of those 70 & older have a visual impairment

Active Later Years

Margie Kayouktuk



“When I first moved into assisted living, I was lonely. When I come to the Center for support group, I know I belong. I like talking to the other ladies who can’t see too well. I always learn something at the Center.”

Margie Kayouktuk enjoys getting out to the Center for the Visually Impaired Senior Alaskans support group.

Helping Neighbors Live Well With Low Vision



Lions community volunteers learn what it’s like to depend on someone else to guide you when you lose your vision.

“The Lions Low Vision Project puts magnifiers in the hands of people who thought they would never read again or see well enough to take care of themselves. Once they realize they can do so much they thought was impossible, they want to help others get the same help. We are reaching people we couldn’t reach before through volunteer community action.”

*Robin Bumgardner,
Palmer Lions Club*

Adaptive Skill Training Daily Living · Safe Travel · Manual Skills · Braille · Computer Technology

Job Placement On-the-job Coaching · Worksite Assessments

In-Home Services Helping clients adjust surroundings for success

Low Vision Assessments Matching people with magnifiers to get the most from remaining vision

Programs Summer Youth Program · Visually Impaired Senior Alaskans · Braille Learning Materials for Public Schools · Lions Low Vision Community Project

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Audited Statement of Activities for Fiscal Year Ended (June 30, 2006)

Support & Revenues	
Federal sources	\$ 377,400
Lions 49A Private Grant	6,746
Fees for service	169,761
Aids & appliances	2,720
Donations	62,396
Donation of goods & services	4,675
Interest income	5,790
Other	2,318
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 631,806
Expenses	
Program services	\$ 480,675
Management & general	86,953
Total Expenses	\$ 567,628
Change in net assets	\$ 64,178

Statement of Financial Position (June 30, 2006)

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 257,688
Accounts Receivable	30,078
Grants Receivable	25,530
Pledges Receivable	30,249
Inventory	5,455
Prepaid Items	5,190
Property and Equipment	180,516
TOTAL	\$ 534,706
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,244
Accrued Payroll and Liabilities	1,616
Accrued Leave	12,113
Net Assets (unrestricted)	488,137
Net Assets (temp restricted)	20,596
TOTAL	\$ 534,706

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