



Alaska Center
FOR THE BLIND AND
VISUALLY IMPAIRED

ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2014 *Equipping Alaskans for Success*

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

With over 37 years of experience providing vision rehabilitation services in Alaska, the Center continues to expand the reach of our programs to help Alaskans across the state retain or regain their independence and achieve their goals in life and work. The Center offers a suite of services to help Alaskans who are blind or have reduced vision including training in personal and household management, safe travel and navigation, adaptive communications using computers and other electronic devices, manual skills and reading and writing Braille. The Low Vision Clinic is offered in Anchorage twice per month and in the Mat-Su area quarterly

A residential program is maintained at the Anchorage facility for people to come and stay while they receive training. As the only resource in Alaska that provides comprehensive adaptive services for those with decreased or no sight, we are excited to continue to offer programs statewide and to expand our capability to deliver services to more communities.

After three years, the Mat-Su expansion project has increased the ability of the Center to provide rehabilitation and low vision services to the area. Thanks to the help from the Mat-Su Health Foundation, the Gottstein Family Foundation, Mat-Su United Way and Wolf Eye Center, we are offering Low Vision Clinics, home visits and peer support social groups to Mat-Su residents on a regular basis. We hope to continue to expand our services due to a higher level of demand than originally anticipated. Since this project has been successful at establishing a greater presence in the area, I hope to use this model and lessons learned from this project to create similar regional expansion projects in other parts of the state.

The facility in Anchorage has several deferred maintenance projects that need to be addressed including replacing the original roof from the late 1970's. Thanks to the Foraker Group and the Rasmuson Foundation, the Center is participating in the Pre-Development Program to identify the facility needs and develop a plan to address them. We are also working to inform policy makers and other stakeholders of the maintenance needs which will help preserve the investment of the 14th Alaska State Legislature who provided the funding to purchase the facility in 1986.

The Center will continue to provide quality vision rehabilitation services to all Alaskans who need them. I am excited to continue to work with the excellent staff and board of directors who work hard to ensure that these important services are available. We are developing a new program to launch this upcoming year called the Blindness Sensitivity Training Program to help educate public service and tourism employees about how to appropriately interact with a blind person in public. This will help to further the mission of the Center and will help educate the public of the work that the Center does by teaching people how to be respectful and helpful to visually impaired Alaskans.

Regards,

Regan Mattingly

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE CENTER IN 2014

The Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired celebrated its 37th year of service to blind and visually impaired Alaskans by directly serving 540 people in Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley and 36 communities across Alaska.

Our low vision clinics in rural Alaskan communities given by our rural outreach specialist Beth Jurco continue to be in demand. We have had the opportunity to reach Alaskans in remote areas on snow machine or by small plane and in larger communities with the help of local physicians or Lions Clubs throughout Alaska.

A grant from the Mat-Su Health Foundation has made possible the work of our outreach specialist Jackie Olsen in the Mat-Su valley. She has established “Living Well With Vision Loss” peer support groups meeting once a month at the Wasilla and Palmer Senior Centers. The demand continues to grow for home visits and the appointments for low vision clinics given at the Wolf Eye Care Center are often full.

In Anchorage our low vision clinic appointments are fully booked with clients seeking low vision aids, thanks to the work of Dr. Christine Tasso and occupational therapist Barbara Wiggans. Many low vision clients who are seniors go on to work with Bonnie Lucas, our Visually Impaired Senior Alaskans coordinator and become a member of our VISA support group which meets at the center. Our commitment to provide \$100 worth of magnifying and other equipment designed to aid people with low vision issues is made possible by the continued generosity of the Gottstein Family Foundation.

The Alaska State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and our donors continue to fund clients who come to the Center to enter our residential or day program for individualized rehabilitation. Classes include Assistive Computer Technology with instructor Jasen Youngs, Orientation and Mobility with Beth Jurco, Manual Skills with Paul Mahoney, Learning Braille with Bonnie Lucas and Activities of Daily Living with Al Waldron.

In 2014 we have seen growth in the demand for our technical and support services in the State of Alaska. As our population ages the number of senior visually impaired Alaskans is expected to double by 2020. The Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is the only organization of its kind in the state. As the demand for our services grows, so does the need for the generous and kind support from our private donors; funding from government agencies; and the support from foundations such as Rasmuson Foundation, Gottstein Family Foundation and the Atwood Foundation. We are especially thankful for the unwavering generosity and strong support we receive from the Lions Clubs of Alaska.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and our clients a heartfelt thank you.

NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED:

CLIENTS ATTENDING LOW VISION CLINICS

- In Anchorage: 59
- In the Mat-Su Valley: 28

CLIENTS RECEIVING VOCATIONAL AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS TRAINING

- 337

NUMBER OF CLIENTS RECEIVING \$100 WORTH OF LOW VISION MAGNIFIERS AND/OR DEVICES

- 290

SERVICES WERE DELIVERED IN 36 ALASKA COMMUNITIES INCLUDING:

Anchorage, Alakanuk, Big Lake, Chugiak, Copper Center, Cordova, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Gambell, Glennallen, Haines, Homer, Hooper Bay, Houston, Juneau, Kaseguluk, Kenai, Kenny Lake, Ketchikan, Kipnuck, Klawock, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Kwig, Merkoryuk, Noatak, Nome, Palmer, Selawick, Sitka, Skagway, Soldotna, Sutton, Wasilla, Willow and Valdez.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	606,942
Accounts Receivable	40,804
Grants Receivable	30,484
Pledges Receivable, Current	25,238
Inventory	851
Prepaid Items	5,651
CURRENT ASSETS	709,970

Non-Current Assets:

Property & Equipment net	136,068
Pledges Receivable, non-current	35,056
Beneficial Interest in assets held by AK Com Found	26,146
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	197,270

TOTAL ASSETS	907,240
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

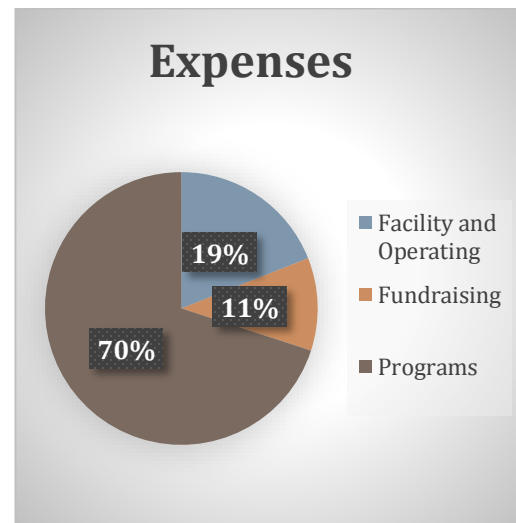
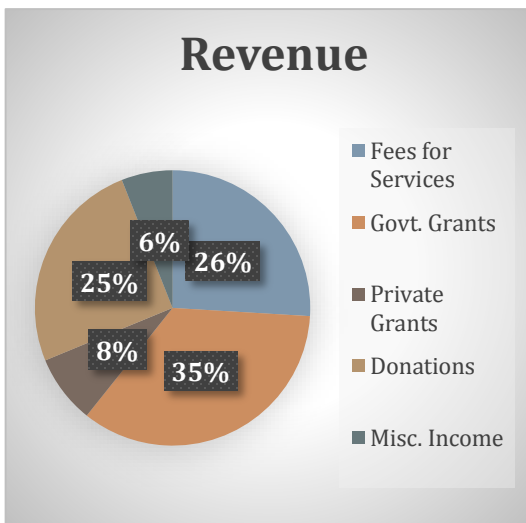
Accounts Payable	7,130
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	15,242
Accrued Leave	19,697
TOTAL LIABILITIES	42,069

Net Assets:

Unrestricted:

Designated for Property & Equipment	136,068
Undesignated	644,963
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	781,031
Temporarily Restricted:	57,994
Permanently Restricted, ACBVI Endow Fund	26,146
TOTAL NET ASSETS	865,171
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	907,240

FY14 Revenue:	Amount	Percent
Fees for Training & Service	\$216,334	25.95%
Government Grants	\$289,800	34.77%
Private Grants	\$67,140	8.06%
Donations	\$210,153	25.21%
Misc. Earned Income	\$50,083	6.01%
Totals	\$833,510	100%



DONORS

July 1, 2013 –June 30, 2014

Funding Partners

- Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Alaska Department of Education @ Early Development
- Alaska Community Share
- Lynn’s Pulltabs (via the Center’s charitable gaming permit)
- Mat-Su Health Foundation

The following denotes:

* Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired Board Member

+ Circle of Visionaries Member (\$ 5,000 donation per year for 5 years or longer)

Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired Staff Member

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#17

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