



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017

**Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

3903 Taft Drive Anchorage, AK 99517



# ORGANIZATION

The Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a training and resource center now in its 41<sup>st</sup> year, with the mission to equip Alaskans who are blind or visually impaired with the skills for success in life and work.

The Center is a resource that is available to the 14,000-recorded Alaskans or about 2% of the state's population who are blind or have low vision.

As the only vision rehabilitation agency in Alaska, we collaborate with government agencies, independent living centers, senior centers, school districts, medical professionals and other non-profit organizations to meet the needs of those blind and visually impaired Alaskans to live independently.

The entire state is served through the Rural Outreach Program, where our outreach specialist travels to villages and towns throughout the state and the Residential Program which provides housing for clients outside of Anchorage.



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# A LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REGAN MATTINGLY

After reflecting on a pivotal 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for the Center, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and thankfulness for all of the community support from donors, volunteers, clients and partner agencies. Without your support, we would not be able to continue to expand vision rehabilitation services to more Alaskans each year.

Over the past year, we have started a new program for youth intended to help them successfully transition from high school into early adulthood with a focus on employment and post-secondary education training. Our staff have worked very hard to implement this new program, while expanding the umbrella of services to younger clients has brought great energy and excitement to the Center.

Last year, we were awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to renovate our facility. The Rasmuson grant included a \$100,000 challenge grant, which we have now met due to the generosity of our donors and the Richard L and Diane M Block Foundation, who donated \$52,000 to the project.

Construction began in early 2018 and we are excited to re-start regular tours of our building when construction is finished later this year.

We know there is still much unmet need across Alaska as we continue to grow our programs and services. This year we visited Utqiagvik, Nome, Skagway, Haines, Fairbanks, Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla and Kenai.

We appreciate all of our generous supporters and look forward to the next 40 years of equipping blind and visually impaired Alaskans with the skills to be successful in life and work.

# OUR SERVICES

## Assisted Daily Living

- Training in personal and household management to insure independent living.

## Orientation and Mobility

- Safe travel in business and residential areas.

## Assistive Technology

- Adaptive communications involving the use of computers and related electronic devices and reading and writing Braille.

## Manual Skills

- The use of tools and the development of household problem solving skills.

## Vocational Services and Worksite Evaluations

- Recommendations for reasonable modifications to increase productivity.

## Visually Impaired Senior Alaskans (VISA)

- Providing services to seniors to increase their home and community safety.
- Support groups and home visits.

## The Youth in Transition Program

- Vision rehabilitation and vocational training for youth.

## Low Vision Clinic

- Offered across the state of Alaska to identify those with sight issues and provide information, vision aid devices and training.

## NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED IN 2017

### Clients receiving Vocational and Independent Living Skills Training

- 34

### Participants in the Bright Path Youth Program

- 8

### Rural Low Vision Clinic Clients

- 197

### Anchorage and Mat-Su Valley Low Vision Clients

- 129

### Number of Clients receiving up to \$100 dollars of low vision devices

- 326

### VISA Clients

- 146

# FINANCIAL REPORT

**As of 06/30/17**

## ASSETS

### Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	510,030
Accounts Receivable	78,625
Grants Receivable	30,323
Pledges Receivable,	
Current	13,862
Inventory	1,488
Prepaid Items	<u>2,147</u>
CURRENT ASSETS	636,475

### Non-Current Assets:

Property & Equipment	
net	110,266
Pledges Receivable, non-current	1,266
Beneficial Interest in assets held by AK Com	
Found	<u>27,313</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	138,845

TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>775,320</u></u>
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## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	3,663
Accrued Payroll	
Liabilities	4,766
Accrued Leave	<u>18,803</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,232

### Net Assets:

Unrestricted:

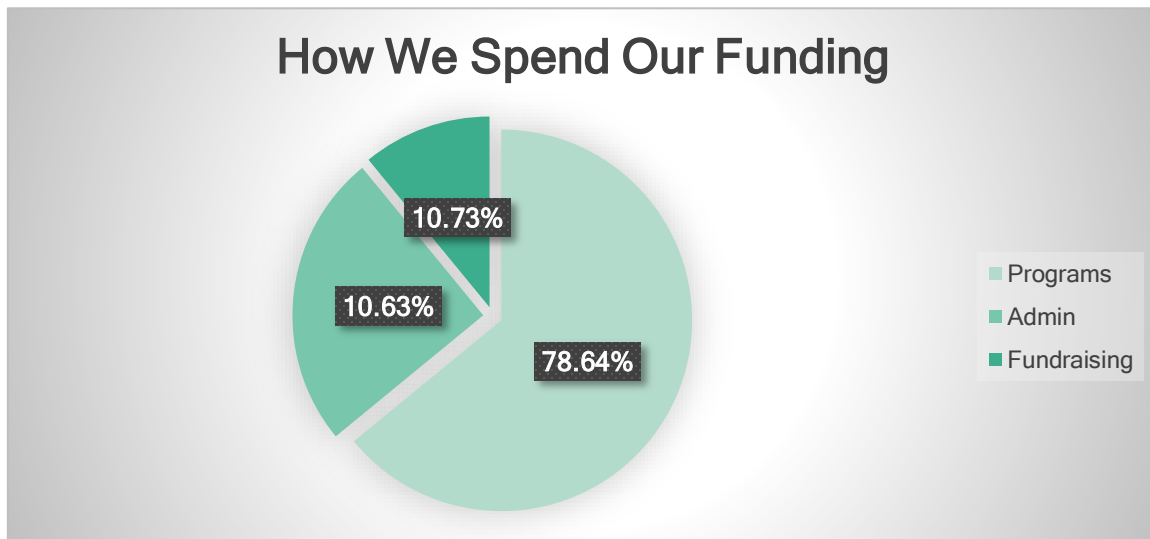
Designated for Property & Equipment	110,266
Undesignated	581,838
Designated for endowment	<u>27,313</u>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>719,417</b>

Temporarily Restricted: 28,671

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** **748,088**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** **775,320**

FY17 Revenue:	Amount	Percent
Fees for Training & Service	\$293,130	19.78%
Government Grants	\$289,980	37.82%
Private Grants	\$74,000	9.65%
Donations	\$186,005	24.26%
Misc. Earned Income	\$65,178	8.50%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$908,293</b>	<b>100%</b>



# A HISTORY OF GIVING

**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

You generous donations allow us to provide services and programs to all blind and visually impaired Alaskans.

## **Our Funding Partners**

Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Lynn's Pulltabs – via the Center's Charitable Gaming Permit

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## **Thank You to Our Donors**

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