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Please join us on August 17, 4pm - 6pm at the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired for our **Building Renovation Kick-Off Celebration**. Thanks to a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, we will be renovating our building at 3903 Taft Drive. Celebrating 40 years of service to Alaskans, we will be having a barbecue/kick off celebration for our donors, clients and friends of the Center. For information please call 907-771-4311.

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TO GIVE

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Upcoming Events
August /September 2017

Anchorage Low Vision Clinics

Please join us for

Dining in the Dark
A culinary sensory experience

In Support of the 40th Anniversary of
The Alaska Center for the Blind and
Visually Impaired

Hotel Captain Cook
Saturday October 21, 2017

Cocktail Hour begins at 6pm

Special Guest
Ryan Knighton, international author
and speaker
[About Ryan](#)

Silent auction and other surprises
Tickets are \$125 per person

**Regular dining experience will be
available *Please make special dietary
requests in advance

Please rsvp by October 10 to Caren
Ailleo at 907-771-4311 or
cailleo@alaskabvi.org

Sponsorships available

Welcome Elijah Haines!

August 14th and 15th and
September 25th and 26th at 10am
at the Center

**Building Renovation Kick-Off
Celebration** August 27 at 4pm at
the Center

**Kenai Peninsula Assistive
Technology Fair and Low
Vision Clinic**, August 29th and
30th, Kenai Senior Center at 9am

**Anchorage Living Well With
Vision Loss**
September 7 at the Center 12pm

Center Tour Anchorage
September 21 at 10am

Come and tour the Center and
learn about us!
For information and to arrange a
private tour for you or your group,
please call 907-771-4311.



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We would like to give a big welcome to
our new Orientation and Mobility
Specialist and Rural Outreach
Coordinator, Elijah Haines. Elijah hails
from Escanaba Michigan. He graduated
from Michigan Tech and Western
Michigan University. Elijah spent 2 years
serving in the Peace Corps in Cameroon.
He decided to move to Alaska because
of his love of the outdoors and the
"Alaskan Lifestyle" and his desire to work
with diverse rural and urban clients. He
has a love of teaching skills to help
visually impaired and blind Alaskans
have more independence in their lives.
We are very happy to have Elijah as a
member of our staff at the Center.

Elijah will be in attendance at

Janice Weiss

Assistive Technology (AT): any product, device, or equipment, that is used to maintain, increase, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

**Kenai Peninsula
Assistive Technology Fair
and Low Vision Clinic
Kenai Senior Center
August 29 and 30**

Tuesday August 29th

AT Fair 9am - 4pm

Presentations:

9am: Low Vision AT

10am: Hearing, Speech and
Communications AT

11am: Independent Living AT

Wednesday August 30th

**Low Vision Clinic and
Individual AT Instruction**

By appointment

Please contact the
Independent Living Center to
schedule an appointment:
907-262-6333



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ATLA assistive technology
of alaska

"For People without disabilities, technology makes things easier.

For People with disabilities, technology makes things possible."

IBM Training Manual 1991

Our New Board Member



Please welcome our new board member, **Janice Weiss**. Janice has a history of service to Alaskans, including having served as the Executive Director of YWCA Anchorage, Career Services Director for Alaska Job Corps, and currently works as the Education Coordinator for Hiland Mountain Correctional Center in Eagle River. Janice lives in Palmer and is a great addition to our board of directors. We are happy to have her be a part of the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired family.

Good Luck Jacque!

A goodbye and thank you to



Jacque Olson, our valley rep who is moving to Arizona. We will miss you and thank you for your great work for the Center.

We are currently looking for Jacque's replacement:

OUTREACH ASSOCIATE

Location: Mat-Su Valley

Part-time with flexible schedule averaging 15 - 20 hours per week; \$15-18 per hour DOE

The Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ACBVI) is looking for an Outreach Associate to identify Mat-Su residents with uncorrectable vision loss and provide them access to vision rehabilitation services to improve their overall health, well-being, and quality of life. The outreach associate will work from home and/or the ACBVI's Mat-Su location and travel throughout the Mat-Su Borough making presentations to community groups, as well as developing and maintaining relationships with eye doctors, senior providers, local businesses, organizations and others in a position to refer prospective clients to the ACBVI or providing support for ACBVI's programs. In addition, the outreach associate will provide intake and referral support to clients, schedule and coordinate services, and provide for peer networking and social opportunities.

Professional liability insurance provided. Necessary computer and office equipment provided. Mileage reimbursement and monthly contribution to cell phone. Option for pre-tax employee 403(b) retirement savings.

Required Education and Work Experience

A satisfactory report from a criminal background check is required. Bachelor's degree in vision rehabilitation, health care, human services, or a related field preferred. Proven successful experience in health care, senior services, or client services for people with disabilities required. A valid Alaska driver's license and SOA vehicle insurance preferred.

Working Conditions:

* Work is conducted from the outreach associate's home and/or from the

ACBVI's Mat-Su location, as well as in medical or agency offices and various venues throughout the Mat-Su Valley. Work may sometimes be conducted in clients' homes.

*** The work schedule is variable depending on planned activities and will include occasional evenings and weekends (estimated two times per quarter).**

*** Regular travel throughout the Mat-Su Valley is required, using a personal vehicle or an alternate pre-approved arrangement.**

Please send a cover letter and resume (email preferred) to:

Robert Tasso, MPA, Program Manager rtasso@AlaskaBVI.org

3903 Taft Drive, Anchorage, AK 99517

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Thank you for joining us this month to view the goings on at the Center. We welcome anyone wishing to know more about the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and our mission to equip Alaskans who are blind and visually impaired for success in life and work. Please visit our website at www.alaskabvi.org and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Regan Mattingly
Executive Director
Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired