

Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

2005 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Mission

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

Values

- 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

Hope for the Future

An Alaska where people are accepted for who they are ... not judged based on their eyesight

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Goal Achievement

Goal: Become the statewide resource for vision services.

- Expanded our Visually Impaired Senior Alaskans program (serving the 1 in 7 older Alaskans whose vision loss can affect their independence and safety).
- Initiated regular low vision assessment clinics at the Center. Added low vision demonstration equipment in partnership with ATLA and Anchorage Hillside Rotary.



- Partnered with District 49A Lions to win a \$90,000 Lions Clubs International Foundation Core 4 Low Vision grant.
- Launched a statewide two-week summer

institute for high school youth with visual impairments, so they can get the skills they need to thrive in college or work; partnered in Youth in Transition intermediary grants awarded statewide.

- Celebrated the achievements of rural visually impaired high school students in the Center's three-year Alaska Native Youth in Transition project.
- Provided access to Braille and large print materials to support learning for blind and visually impaired students in seven school districts: Buckland (Northwest Arctic), Dillingham, Fairbanks, Haines, Kenai, Kodiak, and Mat-Su.
- Hosted 163 people at "Through Our Eyes" tours of the Center's facility; delivered education programs to health care professionals, Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) counselors, Lions and Rotary Clubs, and others.

Services FY 05

- 63 Clients receiving vocational and independent living training and services
- 144 Visually Impaired Senior Alaskans served
- 79 Low vision assessments at the Center clinic
- 32 Low vision assessments outside Anchorage
- 163 Participants in “Through Our Eyes” community tours of the Center

Statewide Reach

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

Akiachak
Anchor Point
Bethel
Copper Center-
Glennallen
Dillingham
Haines
Healy
Homer
Kenai-Soldotna
Ketchikan
Kodiak
Napaskiak
Seward
Sitka
Tuntutuliak
Valdez
Wainwright

The Need

- 3,350 Estimated legally blind Alaskans
- 3,600 Estimated 1 in 7 Anchorage/Valley seniors 65+ with a visual impairment

Goal: Extend services to include vocational training, successful job placement, and on-the-job support.

- Developed a comprehensive customer service course for clients.
- Built a resource list of potential employers.
- Expanded our support of blind vendors in Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation’s Business Enterprise program.

Goal: Develop a diversified and sustainable funding base.

Held the first “Seeing With Our Hearts” fundraising event to kick off an individual donor program for the Center. Attracted four donors at the “Circle of Visionaries” level (\$1,000 per year or more for five years) and 12 other multiple year donors.



Goal: Ensure that our building and infrastructure are functional, secure, attractive, and welcoming.

- Completed a roof and entry remodeling project funded by Rasmuson Foundation, cash and in-kind donations through the Anchorage Homebuilders Association, and the donated expertise of USKH, Alaskan Homecrafters, Spinell Homes, and 04-05 District 49A Governor Lion Finis Shelden.
- Upgraded building security with funding from Rasmuson Foundation and the Anchorage East Rotary Club.

Goal: Set the standard for a professional level of vision rehabilitation and low vision services in Alaska. Develop, implement, and market new and upgraded curriculum for students and providers.

- Improved the assessment format for rehabilitation clients to provide more detailed information for goal-setting and individual instruction.
- Ensured that training curriculum is directed toward demonstrated outcomes and that the overall instructional program is cohesive.

Financial Report

Audited Statement of Activities for Fiscal Year Ended (June 30, 2005)

Support & Revenues	
Federal sources	\$ 263,606
State of Alaska	60,381
Rasmuson Foundation	25,000
Fees for service	181,390
Aids & appliances	6,997
Donations	56,881
Donation of goods & services	28,450
Interest income	2,542
Other	3,455
Net assets released from restrictions	4,748
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 633,450
Expenses	
Program services	\$ 495,894
Management & general	90,083
Total Expenses	\$ 585,977
Change in net assets	\$ 47,473

Statement of Financial Position (June 30, 2005)

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 213,335
Accounts Receivable	23,576
Grants Receivable	11,529
Pledges Receivable	19,057
Inventory	5,657
Other	189
Property and Equipment	188,457
TOTAL	\$ 461,800
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,089
Accrued Payroll and Liabilities	2,079
Accrued Leave	11,077
Net Assets (unrestricted)	439,895
Net Assets (temp restricted)	4,660
TOTAL	\$ 461,800

Board of Directors

Donna M. Dean, *President*
Northrim Bank

David L. Armstrong
Nine Star Enterprises

Dennis P. Cummings, *Vice President*
Past District 49A Lions Governor, Bethel

Eric A. Schach
Alaskan Homecrafters

Christina Y. Dobbins, *Treasurer*
Accenture

Management Staff

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Karen B. Coady, Program Manager
Arlee Cada, Finance Manager

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Anchorage School District

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Retired

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Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

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United Way



Former client Dianna Smith tries out the new audible traffic signal just dedicated by Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich, July 2005.

Thank You to Donors in FY 2005 (July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005)

\$25,000 or more
Rasmuson Foundation

\$5,000 or more
Ballyhoo Lions Club First National Bank Alaska

Circle of Visionaries
(\$1,000 a year or more for five years)

Kathy Benedetti
Maynard & Doris Falconer Family
Bobbi & Jim Olson
Bill Timme

\$1,000 or more

Anchorage East Rotary DuWayne R. Schnorr
Anchorage Hillside Rotary Spenard Lions Club
Benton Bay Athletic Lions Found. John & Kathy Trautner
Frances & David Rose Foundation Robert Walsh
Mt. McKinley Lions Club

Other Multiple Year Donors

Anonymous	Lynne Koral &
Barbara Kaleopaa	Sandy Sanderson
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Bob Morgan &	Stacy Oates
Karla Jutzi	Vera Paschke
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Major In-Kind Donors

A-1 Copy Systems, LLC	Alaskan Homecrafters
Action Security	Bootleg Coffee & Weigh Station
Alaska Eye Care Centers	Qualis Health
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Anchorage Homebuilders Assoc.	USKH, Inc.

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Alaska Chip Company	Dennis & Diana Cummings	James & Annie Laurie	Susan Rardin
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