



# CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services

(Chautauqua Blind Association)

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

CBA serves individuals who have been declared legally blind. Referrals come from many sources, eye care professional, family, friend, community agencies, NYS Commission for the Blind, or themselves. CBA's Rehabilitation staff travels throughout Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties providing services in their home, at their job site, school/college, or in their community.

CBA services include:

- Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT) - A Vision Rehabilitation Therapist gives instruction on adaptive equipment and provides vision rehabilitation techniques to meet the individual's goals. and reach maximum independence for personal and household tasks at home or in the community.
- Orientation & Mobility. An Orientation & Mobility Specialist provides instruction with a white cane on efficient indoor and/or outdoor travel. This may include routes for bus stops, access shopping, jobs, recreation, etc. Individual must demonstrate efficient and confident travel to successfully complete instruction.
- Social Casework. This may include networking with agencies, i.e., Office for the Aging, State Senior Assistance Programs; Meals on Wheels, Veteran's Services, HEAP, Social Security. The individual may also want to discuss their concerns regarding their vision loss, living independently and staying positive.

CBA individuals are treated with a holistic approach when providing services.

CBA's compassionate staff always reminds them at the close of their case that they can contact us if their vision has worsened, living circumstances change, health needs arise or if they have questions or concerns.

**716-664-6660**

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## A Message from the Executive Director

Chautauqua Blind Association has been a provider of quality vision rehabilitation services for individuals who are blind or legally blind since 1921. We have also been providing Free Vision Screening to the young children in the community since 1978.

Through Vision Rehabilitation we provide comprehensive programs and services to help maximize independence in the home, work site or school setting. By teaching Orientation and Mobility we can help clients travel effectively through their community both indoors and outdoors and through Social Casework we can connect clients to other great organizations in our community to assure that everyone is getting the best services available. In 2018 we provided direct vision rehabilitation to 214 individuals in the community and assistance to over 100 people who phoned or walked-in for assistance.

Our Youth Vision Screening Program provided a valuable service to 3,163 children at 72 sites. These resulted in 474 children being referred to partner eye care professionals for further evaluation and treatment.

The CBA staff also provided presentations and in-service trainings to 576 community members at 22 different locations, spreading the word about our services and the importance of healthy vision.

Reflecting on our 97 years of providing vision rehabilitation and the 40 years of offering vision screening services in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties, we are struck by the countless number of individuals whose lives have been improved by the talented and dedicated staff of CBA. Blindness and visual impairment happen to people of all ages, from birth to adult, and CBA is there to provide the needed services to everyone.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Dining in the Dark was held in the south county at Moon Brook Country Club that brought in much needed funds for our Youth Vision Screening Program. The evening brought many new attendees to experience eating under blindfold as well as many people who have supported us in the past. Thank you to the staff, volunteer committee members and volunteer board members for your time, energy and dedication to this event. Our 4th annual *Intrigue Your Senses Through Wine and Art* Event took place on Thursday August 10, at 21 Brix Winery in Portland. This much anticipated event has become a great fund raiser and is also becoming known for a place to get beautiful art.

We wish to thank our many contributors for your continued loyalty and support. Our contributors include individuals, foundations, organizations, and businesses. Your help makes it possible for us to continue making a difference in the lives of many people in our community living with a visual impairment. We couldn't continue to provide our vision focused services in the community without the incredible support from the people that we call "neighbors and friends". Thank You!

*Lisa Goodell, MPA*

Executive Director



## **ACTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **OFFICERS**

**Robert Dahlin, President**  
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### **STAFF**

**Lisa Goodell, MPA, Executive Director**

**Sally Minchener Barrile, Client Services Director,  
Vision Rehabilitation Therapist, Orientation & Mobility Specialist**

**Debra Liddell, COTA, Vision Rehabilitation Therapist,  
Orientation & Mobility Specialist**

**Priscilla Shoup, Administrative Assistant,  
Blindness Prevention Coordinator**



## **2018 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES CONTRACT (NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND)**

### **ALP—Adaptive Living Program—207 successful**

Assessments are made on individuals 55 years and older in seven areas:

Personal Care	Communication Skills	Mobility Indoor/Outdoor
Meal Management	Home Management	Financial Management
Family Care		

Training is provided in-home and continue until goals outlined in their Assessment are achieved independently.

### **VR-Vision Rehabilitation Program—96 successful**

Individuals needing services to maintain current employment, obtain employment, attend college, or receive technology training enabling them to be prosperous and independent. Services include an Assessment in each of the three areas:

Vision Rehabilitation	Orientation & Mobility	Social Casework
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Training is provided in-home, at their job or school and continues until goals are met.

### **Non-Contract—Independent Living Vouchers—22 successful**

Individuals who are not eligible to be served in an ALP or VR Program but requires Vision Rehabilitation, Orientation & Mobility and/or Social Casework services.

#### **Past & Present CBA Clients Served and Cause of Vision Loss (Total Legally Blind Client Database—629)**

<b>Macular Degeneration</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>Cataracts</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Diabetic Retinopathy</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>Retinitis Pigmentosa</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Glaucoma</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Congenital</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Other Causes</b>	<b>140</b>

(Other Cause can be stroke, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, accident, etc.)



## **YOUTH VISION SCREENING**

**CBA** continues to provide free vision screening for young children throughout Chautauqua County and into Cattaraugus County using a Spot Vision Screener by Welch-Allyn. Our target population is 6 months to 6 years but when asked, we screen older children as well.

**CBA** provided free vision screening to a total of 3,163 children and from those, 474 were referred for a comprehensive eye exam. Children who participated in this free vision screening received the necessary correction to ensure a more successful learning experience. One of the critical conditions that can be identified is Amblyopia (Lazy Eye). Amblyopia is treatable if caught at a young age; left untreated it will lead to diminished vision or blindness in the affected eye. In 2018, two children were diagnosed with Amblyopia after being referred from our screenings.

**CBA** would like to thank all the locations that continue to support our Youth Vision Screening Program, especially the nurses who promote the importance of screening children early.

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## **HEALTHY VISION EDUCATION / PRESENTATIONS**

**CBA** provided Healthy Vision Education at three locations, 2 north county and 1 south for 48 individuals. CBA staff also conducted Presentations at 19 businesses and agencies throughout the County. Five Hundred Seventy-Six residents attended these presentations to learn more about CBA services.

**CBA** brochures were available as well as informational pamphlets on eye diseases. Those attending were able to have a hands-on use of adaptive equipment and observe a demonstration of some of the latest electronic technology .



## **FUNDING SOURCES**

**New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB)  
United Way of Northern Chautauqua County  
United Way of Southern Chautauqua County**

## **DONOR LIST**

**CBA is grateful to those who contribute to making our mission possible. Our sincere thanks is extended to the following groups and individuals:**

## **FOUNDATIONS/CLUBS, CHURCHES & CORPORATIONS**

- ◆ **Amazon Smiles**
- ◆ **Judith J. Anderson Family Foundation, Inc.**
- ◆ **William B. Anderson & Juliet J. Anderson Rosch Charitable Foundation**
- **Chautauqua County SEFA c/o United Way of Northern Chautauqua County**
- ◆ **Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**
  - Dr. Harold M. & Joyce S. Childress Fund**
  - Chautauqua Blind Association Fund**
  - Fred L. & Vanne D. Cohen James Prendergast Library Fund**
  - Help Your Neighbor**
  - Joanne E. Nelson**
- **Cummins—Charitable Contributions**
- ◆ **Cummins Employees Combined Charities**
  - Todd Barringer, Carl Jefferson, William Kelley, Jack Kujawa, and Carrie Spontaneo**
- ◆ **First Lutheran Church—Community Outreach Center**



## **DONOR LIST Continued**

- ♦ **Frank A. Farrell, Jr. Moon Brook Charity Classic**
- ♦ **Lions Clubs: Olean; Portville, Randolph**
- ♦ **Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation**
- ♦ **Pilgrim Memorial and First Congregational United Church of Christ**
- ♦ **Sheldon Foundation**
- ♦ **Verizon Foundation**  
**Volunteers Payroll Incentive Program—James Mckeever**

## **INDIVIDUALS**

**Donald & Karen Almgren  
Nancy Blears  
Lawrence Bourne  
Barbara Bukholder  
Dominic Colucci  
Edna Johnson  
Robert & Grace Kennelley  
Robert Kopin  
James & Katherine Scofield  
Barbara Terry  
Elizabeth Wile  
R.G. & Sharon Witchey, Jr.  
Kenneth Wyant**

**CBA gratefully appreciates everyone's  
continued support.**

*“Thank You Very Much”*

## 2018 NEWS AT CBA

### MARCH

**CBA** completed a webinar on March 7th required by NYS Commission for the Blind regarding the LGBTQ community.

### APRIL

**CBA** continues to learn more about technology for the visually impaired. On April 3rd our *“John A. & Oscar Johnson Technology Room”* was used to try ESight Glasses. Our client, her three daughters, Megan Greene an Optician at Spectrum Eyecare and a CBA Board Member, and CBA staff via webcam activated the ESight Glasses and she was instructed on how to use them. Unfortunately, they were not successful due to her age and current vision. However, they were successful for a younger client with a different eye condition enabling her to be more successful in her employment. For question on or to visit our Technology Room call and make an appointment.

**CBA** met on April 3rd, with Brandon Caruso, Guest Experience Researcher and Developer from the National Comedy Center. Brandon had questions on how to make someone’s visit to the Center more enjoyable who was blind or had a visual impairment. Brandon invited us on a tour of the unfinished Center on April 5th and we offered more suggestions.

**CBA’s** 8th annual Dining in the Dark was held April 20th, at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown and it was again a success.

### MAY

**CBA** attended a presentation by Guiding Eyes for the Blind at Brocton High School on May 12th; Mary Ann Oyer, VIT with BOCES invited the seeing eye dog service from Yorktown Heights NY. The application process and training was explained and individuals as young as 16 can apply. Nina, a senior from North Tonawanda told her story and that she has had her yellow retriever, “Veggo” for a year, Nina said, “He has made it possible for me to do even more.” Nina will be attending



## **2018 NEWS AT CBA - MAY Continued**

college in August with Veggo. Students from Brocton who are legally blind and visually impaired attended and were able to experience a guide dog as they walked the halls (it was a very rainy day which forced us to stay inside). A guide dog is not for everyone and not just anyone is able to have one. Having a guide dog is a huge responsibility and commitment.

**CBA** met on May 23rd with three staff from the NYS Commission for the Blind for our review on services that were provided in 2017. The report gave praise for our quality of services and our rating was, “Very Good”.

## **JUNE**

**CBA** was lucky to have volunteers from Cummins Engine come on June 20th to provided some needed service. They worked on the front landscaping, cleaning, weeding and putting down mulch; weeding the edge of the parking lot and along the alley side of the building; and washing out the garage.

## **JULY**

**CBA** met on July 17th with Mary Ann Oyer, VIT with BOCES, in Brocton regarding the intersection of RT 20 and RT 380 and to discuss how to make the intersection safer to cross for legally blind and visually impaired students in the Village.

**CBA** had a conference call July 19th with NYS Commission for the Blind to discuss changes on the CIS system. NYSCB will form a Committee to address all the suggestions.

## **AUGUST**

**CBA's** 4th annual Wine & Art Event took place on August 16th in Brocton at 21 Brix Winery.

## **2018 NEWS AT CBA - Continued**

**CBA** staff met on August 23rd with Kellie Nickerson, VIST Coordinator from Veteran's Services in Buffalo. She discussed programs available to Veterans. If a Veteran or CBA has any questions regarding VA services or eligibility to contact her. We also discussed the VA making referrals to CBA on Veterans who are legally blind.

**CBA** met in Brocton on August 30th with the Village Highway Supervisor regarding the intersection of RT 20 and RT 380. Since RT 20 is a State highway, the State DOT will need to be contacted.

**WHEN DID WE GET THE SECURITY CAMERAS???**

### **On-Going**

**CBA** and UPMC Chautauqua continue to work together to meet the needs of patients with low or no vision during their stay at the hospital. This collaboration began in 2016 after a past client who had moved out-of-state passed away. His family told us that he struggled during his hospital stay and wanted to provide some type of aide at our local hospital that would assist these individuals. CBA, his family, UPMC Chautauqua, and the Community Foundation are working to ensure that these aides remain in place for individuals who are hospitalized and have vision problems; making their stay less stressful.

**HANDYMAN THRU YWCA—FIXING SMALL REPAIRS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE BUILDING**

**Collin, Navy and Lisa, Guiding Eyes Instructor**  
**Keara, Navy and Lisa**  
**Collin, Nina and Veggo**



**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**ASSETS**

***Current Assets:***

• Cash & Cash Equivalents	37,620	
• Investments, at Fair Value	306,301	
• Property and Equipment, Net	208,717	
• Other Assets held by Others	<u>36,259</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$588,897</b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

***Current Liabilities:***

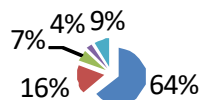
• Accounts Payable	407	
• Accrued Expenses	<u>32,575</u>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>82,982</b>

***Net Assets:***

• Unrestricted, including Property & Equipment	250,350	
• Board-Designated Endowment	215,598	
• Temporarily Restricted Funds Technology Room	<u>89,967</u>	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b><u>555,915</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		<b>\$588,897</b>

**FUNDING SOURCES - 2016  
ACTUAL**

- NYS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND
- FOUNDATIONS & OTHER FUNDING
- UNITED WAYS
- CONTRIBUTIONS





**2018**  
**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

**CBA** received memorial donations to honor the memory of the following:

**Josephine Dominico Borton**

**Marian T. Cala**

**Antonia L. Cardone**

**Patricia M. Cobb**

**Irene H. Grodecki**

**Patricia Leonard**

**Rowland B. "Rolly" Mahany**

**Isoline Patti**

**Anthony L. "Tony" Rainier**

**Mary L. SanFilippo**

**Emmett Shirey**

**"Thank you" to those who remembered their loved ones  
by way of a Memorial Gift to CBA.**

**Memorial contributions assist CBA in providing services and adaptive  
aides to the legally blind and visually impaired.**

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**CBA's Mission: Enable visually impaired people to be active members of their community and to provide education and services to prevent vision loss.**

**CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services would like to remind everyone,  
"Have an annual eye exam."  
Maintaining healthy vision is for all ages.**

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