

Vision Mission Values

Vision

Building on the past and providing for the future, the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is dedicated to continuously expanding our capacity to serve the blind and visually impaired members of our community.

Mission

To enhance the quality of life of people who are blind or otherwise visually impaired, by providing a wide range of services aimed at:

- Promoting independence, dignity, and full participation in all spheres of life; at home, at work and in the community.
- Educating the general public regarding the capabilities and needs of individuals who are blind and visually impaired, while serving as a resource for information about all aspects of dealing with vision loss.
- Facilitating acceptance of individuals who are blind and visually impaired throughout society, while working toward equalization of opportunity.

Values

Service

Commitment

Teamwork

Professionalism

Empowerment

Innovation

Fast Facts

- **Over 90,000 individuals in Maricopa County** have been identified as legally blind or severely visually impaired and that number is **expected to double by 2025**.
- Currently Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides services to approximately **3,000 clients annually**.
- But that does not begin to meet the demand. As the population ages, many more older adults are experiencing vision loss. **Over 20 percent of the current population over 55 is experiencing vision loss or will experience vision loss in their lifetime.**
- In recent years increasing numbers of **younger adults** are losing, or have lost vision from diabetes. **Diabetes is the leading cause of total blindness.**

At the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired we seek to assist individuals with vision loss to regain their independence, dignity and full participation in all spheres of life.

YOU can help make that happen.

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Founded in 1947, the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides state-of-the-art, comprehensive rehabilitation instructional programs and social services for legally blind and severely visually impaired adults in Maricopa County.

Utilizing leading edge technologies, ACBVI's multi-disciplinary team of professionals assists clients in regaining the skills necessary to maintain their independence and to experience full participation in all spheres of life.

ACBVI Services Include:

- **Assistive Technology Training for Computer Use**
- **Orientation & Mobility Instruction (Travel Training)**
- **Rehabilitation Teaching**
- **(Adaptive Skills for Daily Living)**
- **Comprehensive Counseling Services**
- **Diabetes Self-Management Education**
- **Clinical Low Vision Services**
- **Social Work Services**
- **Social and Recreational Programs**
- **Information and Referral**

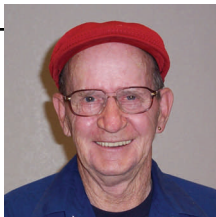
Special Programs and Projects

- **NIH and Private Sector Research**
- **Cross Disability Technology Training For State Employment Counselors**
- **Resource to Business, Healthcare and Human Service Providers**

Every 7 minutes, someone in America will permanently lose their eyesight.

making life easier

ALLEN'S STORY



A few short years ago I was a retired accountant doing volunteer work, when I began to lose my sight. Within three years I was diagnosed with cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. My world began to fall apart. When I failed to pass my driver's test, I fell into a deep depression. I lost my self confidence. I felt like my life was over. Then a friend introduced me to the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

At the Center I was amazed to see many people like myself, some with greater challenges, successfully gaining the skills needed to take back their lives. I began to believe that I could do it, too. The Center's extraordinary staff worked closely with me to find the best adaptive methods for me.

Everyone was totally supportive and committed to my success. With their help I regained my self confidence and self esteem. Today I live independently in my own home, travel independently wherever I want to go and am again fully employed with the Federal Government as an intake counselor with the EEOC.

ACBVI taught me that even with limited vision I could still be a productive member of society and successful in my personal life.

Your Support Provides...

- \$10,000 ~** 100 hours of clinical examinations by a low vision specialist
- \$5,000 ~** 1 month of comprehensive rehabilitation services for 1 client
- \$1,500 ~** 2 semesters of social recreation for 1 client
- \$1,000 ~** 20 hours of orientation & mobility instruction
- \$600 ~** 13 hours of assistive technology instruction
- \$250 ~** 5 hours of rehabilitative teaching
- \$100 ~** 2 hours of functional vision assessments

Donor Recognition

ACBVI has established a recognition program to honor the generosity of its donors. We invite you to join our efforts to enhance the quality of life of people who are blind or otherwise visually impaired.

Diamond Society	\$10,000 & above
Platinum Society	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Gold Society	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Silver Society	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Copper Society	\$500 - \$999
Bronze Society	\$250 - \$499
Gem Society	Up to \$249

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