

SERVING ALL AGES AND ALL STAGES OF VISION LOSS



The Carroll Center
FOR THE BLIND



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024: JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

A LETTER FROM

Board Chair and President

Dear Dedicated Partners, Supporters and Friends,

As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2024, the Carroll Center for the Blind is filled with pride for a year marked by collaboration, partnership and continued growth. Together, we've reached significant milestones that strengthen our commitment to empowering individuals of all ages who are blind or visually impaired.

The greatest joy of being part of this community is witnessing the resilience and grace of everyone involved—our dedicated staff, Board of Directors, donors, ambassadors, volunteers, corporate and non-profit partners, legislative policymakers, and the individuals and families we serve. This vibrant network of support creates an environment where people of all ages and stages of vision loss can lead independent and fulfilling lives.

Here are some of our key accomplishments from this past year:

- **Completion of The John and Elaine Cataldo Orientation, Mobility and Wellness Trail:** This state-of-the-art trail enhances our Orientation & Mobility programs, providing a safe space for clients to develop vital navigation skills. This project reflects our commitment to fostering independence, confidence and wellness.
- **Age with Independence program launch:** Thanks to a multi-year grant from the Point32Health Foundation, we are launching this important initiative in FY25 to support aging adults in Massachusetts experiencing vision loss. This funding allows us to offer comprehensive resources, empowering individuals to advance their quality of life and independence.
- **Carroll Families and Carroll Alumni program rollout:** These two programs are designed to provide ongoing resources for families and alumni as they navigate their journey with vision loss. Through year-round educational webinars and in-person events, we're fostering a supportive, growing community where individuals can share experiences and build meaningful relationships. By addressing social isolation and expanding opportunities for connection, we aim to enhance engagement and support for all involved.



- **Generations Campaign public launch:** The organization's first-ever comprehensive campaign, *Generations, A Campaign for the Carroll Center for the Blind*, entered its public phase in FY24. True vision transcends sight and this bold Generations Campaign will raise more than \$20 million to support all areas of our organization - people, program, place, and endowment - to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Center's services.
- **Inaugural Stargardt Summit:** Sponsored by Alkeus Pharmaceuticals, this event brought together more than 1,500 individuals living with or connected to Stargardt Disease to connect, educate, and share important information about this inherited retinal condition.

As we celebrate these achievements, we are energized for the future and invite you to continue supporting our mission. Together, we can invest in brighter futures for all our clients, young and old, ensuring that they have the opportunities to thrive.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and helping us achieve new heights.

Warmest regards,

GREGORY J. DONNELLY
President and Chief Executive Officer

CAROL A. COVELL
Chair, Board of Directors

Our Programs

Community-Based Mobility Training

Orientation and Mobility (O&M) training enables a person to know where they are, where they want to go, and how to get there safely and efficiently. We pair individuals who are blind or visually impaired with certified O&M instructors to deliver navigational skills for safe, independent travel in the home, workplace, college, and community.



School-Based Training

The Carroll Center's Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists work with children and teens who are blind or visually impaired in their public or private school to ensure they have the appropriate accommodations and make progress in the expanded core curriculum.



Youth Summer Programs

The Carroll Center serves children and teens through residential and day summer programs. Participants learn safe travel and assistive technology skills, develop their independence, gain valuable work experience, and participate in adaptive recreational activities, all while building self-confidence, self-advocacy, and meaningful relationships with peers.



Employment and Essential Skills Programs

The Carroll Center's residential and day programs provide training that helps clients achieve or maintain personal independence and employment. Instruction includes orientation & mobility, assistive technology, home management and self care, adjustment counseling, employment training, and experiential work internships.



Assistive Technology Training

The Center offers assistive technology programs that help blind and visually impaired individuals use technology proficiently for work, school, and leisure. In-person and remote programs are available in the use of speech output, screen magnification, braille, tablets, software applications, and smartphones.



Low Vision Services

As part of our low vision services, Certified Low Vision Therapists work with clients to identify assistive devices that can help them use their remaining vision and teach them how to use these devices and other techniques that will enable them to enjoy an enhanced quality of life.



CLIENT STORY

Kevin Trainor

Resilience, adaptability and triumph over adversity describe the personal and professional journey of Kevin Trainor, the Founder and President of Bay State Property Management. Based in Quincy, Massachusetts, Kevin's company is a full service property management company that offers comprehensive services for residential and commercial properties.

When Kevin began Bay State Property Management 20 years ago, he only worked at it part-time while maintaining a full-time job in the financial industry. After his experience at the Carroll Center for the Blind, Kevin has taken on his business full-time and has hired a team of seven employees. Today, Bay State Property Management oversees 47 buildings with over 1,000 units, a remarkable achievement that Kevin attributes to his dedicated team and his guide dog, Jason, who has earned the affectionate nickname "The Closer" for his ability to charm clients during meetings.

Diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa at the age of five and later with Usher's Syndrome 2A, Kevin faced significant challenges as his vision and hearing progressively deteriorated. Despite these obstacles, he continued to live an active life, participating in basketball and hockey, and learning to drive as a teenager. In his twenties, however, his vision loss progressed, which forced him to stop driving and seek help from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

"I am proud of the life I have built—a life made possible by determination to see obstacles not as barriers but as challenges to overcome."

— Kevin Trainor

Kevin shares that his turning point came when he enrolled in training at the Carroll Center for the Blind. After he attended training at the Center, his world opened up. He learned assistive technology such as Zoom, VoiceOver, JAWS, and other audio devices. He received comprehensive orientation & mobility and was taught daily living skills and adaptations to enhance his independence. He now utilizes a laptop with Fusion and JAWS and an iPhone with VoiceOver daily for all his work and personal tasks.

Kevin's story is not just one of professional success; it's also a testament to personal determination and the support of a loving family. Married to Laura, they reside in Weymouth with their two sons, Gavin and Nathan. Together, they enjoy traveling across the country and supporting each other through life's challenges.



Reflecting on his journey, Kevin expresses deep gratitude to the Carroll Center for the Blind and those who have supported him along the way. Kevin believes that anyone with limitations can do everything anyone else can do, they simply need to find a different way of doing it. Kevin tells us, "I am proud of the life I have built—a life made possible by determination to see obstacles not as barriers but as challenges to overcome."



DONOR STORY

Evan Haberman

The Carroll Center for the Blind is unwavering in its commitment to ensure that no one is turned away from our transformative services, an undertaking made possible by the generosity of private donations. Each year, over 1,100 donors contribute to the Carroll Center's annual fund and among these remarkable supporters is Evan Haberman.

For more than 35 years, Evan has served as a Wealth Management Advisor for Merrill Lynch. Emulating Merrill's tradition of community involvement, Evan is constantly seeking out opportunities to be involved with his community and has actively supported numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Carroll Center.

Evan's support of the Carroll Center's annual fund is deeply personal. Living with no vision in his right eye and low vision in his left, he understands firsthand the challenges faced by those who are blind or visually impaired. This personal connection fuels his passion for our mission. *"The Carroll Center's incredible reach and the profound impact they have on people of all ages and stages of vision loss truly inspire me,"* Evan shares.

After years of "getting by" with a CCTV, an adaptive device that enlarges print, Evan decided it was time for a low vision assessment at the Carroll Center, a decision that transformed his daily life. During the assessment, a Certified Low Vision Therapist introduced him to cutting-edge assistive technology designed to maximize his remaining vision and equipped him with valuable techniques for fully utilizing both portable and at-home devices. *"I had no idea there were so many accessible features on my computer,"* Evan reflects. *"I only wish I had taken advantage of these life-changing services sooner."*

Last year, the Carroll Center publicly launched our first-ever comprehensive campaign, the Generations Campaign, which aims to raise more than \$20 million to meet the growing demand for our services. Inspired by the campaign's vision, Evan sought additional ways to support and advocate for the Carroll Center.

Eager to amplify the impact of his generosity, Evan became a member of the Philanthropy Circle of Independence, the Carroll Center's



Evan and his colleague, Robin, at the Multisensory Flower Arranging event, where members of the Philanthropy Circle of Independence and White Cane Legacy Circle designed their own flower arrangement while learning about Sensory Training.

leadership giving program for donors contributing \$2,500 or more annually. Additionally, Evan served as a team captain for the Walk for Independence, rallying his network to support the cause. 'Team Evan Haberman Team Merrill Lynch,' composed of Evan's friends and colleagues from Merrill Lynch, raised \$4,000 for the Carroll Center!

As a seasoned financial planner, Evan understands the impact of planned giving. He knows that a planned gift allows him to make a personally significant contribution to the Carroll Center without affecting his current income, while also establishing a legacy that will benefit future generations. This understanding led Evan to join the White Cane Legacy Circle, which recognizes donors who have included the Carroll Center in their estate plans. He named the Carroll Center as a beneficiary of his charitable trust and, upon learning that documenting his planned gift could contribute to the Generations Campaign's fundraising total, he immediately agreed.

"Evan's belief in our work goes beyond words," says Greg Donnelly, President & CEO of the Carroll Center. *"To-date, we have raised nearly \$5,000,000 in documented planned gifts - a tremendous amount that will not only help us exceed our campaign goal, but will have a long-lasting impact on the clients we serve for years to come."*



Forging Partnerships, Empowering Lives

The Carroll Center for the Blind thrives on collaboration and our success would not be possible without the incredible support of our community partners. This year, new partnerships have fueled impactful initiatives that fostered organizational growth, innovation, and community engagement. From hosting transformative events to providing critical funding to launch new programs, these partnerships enable the Carroll Center to continue to serve as a beacon of hope, empowerment, and opportunity for individuals living with vision loss.

Point32Health: Launching Age with Independence

The Point32Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Point32Health and its family of companies including Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Tufts Health Plan and Care Partners of Connecticut, deepened its commitment to equity in aging and older adults by awarding the Carroll Center a three-year grant to launch *Age with Independence*, an initiative that focuses on aging adults across Massachusetts new to vision loss, particularly due to Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD). The program coordinates support, resources, and services to help seniors experiencing vision loss continue living active, fulfilling lives. Point32Health volunteers also contributed to campus beautification through their campus beautification during their annual employee volunteer day.



Liberty Mutual: Empowering Accessibility

Liberty Mutual Insurance, a steadfast supporter of the Carroll Center, demonstrated their commitment to accessibility through multiple initiatives. Volunteerism remains a hallmark of Liberty Mutual's ethos, particularly through its "Serve with Liberty" program. This year, volunteers visited the Carroll Center campus, contributing to beautification that enhanced the environment for clients and staff. Liberty Mutual's impact extends far beyond volunteerism. Liberty Mutual Foundation provided vital funding for the Carroll Center's Screen Reader User Tester Training (SRUTT) program, which addresses a growing need in the digital world. As companies struggle to create accessible web content and applications, the SRUTT program trains a new generation to meet the demand for user testing talent, ensuring that people with disabilities can navigate the digital landscape with ease.



Ascidian Therapeutics: Supporting the next generation

As a biotechnology company whose lead program specializes in rewriting RNA to treat retinal diseases, including Stargardt disease, Ascidian Therapeutics understands the importance of supporting the Carroll Center's work. In addition to sponsoring the Walk for Independence, Ascidian also underwrote a three-part educational series that builds on the success of the Stargardt Summit. The series includes two webinars and an in-person event on the Carroll Center's campus, all of which connect families and patients, build a sense of community, and provide additional resources to the Stargardt and low vision community. This summer, Ascidian also hosted an intern from our Summer Youth Program, providing her with valuable work experience in molecular research.



Alkeus Pharmaceuticals: Visionary Alliance

Known for their groundbreaking research on Stargardt disease, Alkeus Pharmaceuticals partnered with the Carroll Center to host the first-ever Stargardt Summit on Rare Disease Day, February 29, 2024. This hybrid event, attended by thousands of individuals, provided a unique platform for patients, researchers, and families to connect and share vital information and laid the groundwork for ongoing resources and community-building opportunities that continue to support those with rare retinal conditions. Alkeus also demonstrated their dedication to the



Center's mission by sponsoring the Walk for Independence and forming a corporate Walk team.

PLAN of MA & RI: A Lifeline for Financial Stability

For the past five years, PLAN of MA & RI has served as the Carroll Center's Exclusive Trust Partner. As a special needs trustee whose mission is to provide quality trustee/fiduciary services to individuals and their families, PLAN serves as a valuable resource to many of our clients and families. Their critical year-round partnership involves sponsoring our Walk for Independence, Technology Fair, and Carroll Alumni/Carroll Families program, and contributing to our annual Special Needs Trust webinar.



The Generations Campaign



The Carroll Center for the Blind is a beacon of hope for individuals with vision loss. We provide transformative services for children, teens, adults, and seniors, helping them build the skills needed to lead independent lives at home, in the workplace, at school, and in their communities. As the number of Americans who are blind or visually impaired continues to grow, so does the demand for the vital services offered by the Carroll Center.

Recognizing the need to expand and strengthen its programs, the Center has launched its first comprehensive fundraising campaign: **Generations, A Campaign for The Carroll Center for the Blind.**

The Generations Campaign, with a goal of raising more than \$20 million over five years, is a visionary initiative designed to ensure the Center's ability to serve its clients today, tomorrow, and long into the future. Now more than three years into the campaign, the Center has raised an impressive \$17 million and has already implemented several initiatives in four critical areas: People, Programs, Place (capital), and Endowment.

People: At the heart of the Carroll Center's success are the dedicated vision professionals and staff who work tirelessly to meet the needs of our clients. The campaign has focused on investing in this dynamic team by undertaking an organization-wide assessment of salaries, making market adjustments to ensure competitive and equitable compensation, enhancing employee benefit packages, and creating new full-time positions, including Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists.

Programs: The Center is also launching new programs to meet the evolving needs of our clients and address gaps in service, particularly in Workforce Development and Low Vision Services for seniors. The Enter Employment program is a cornerstone of this effort, providing clients with critical job-seeking skills and career counseling

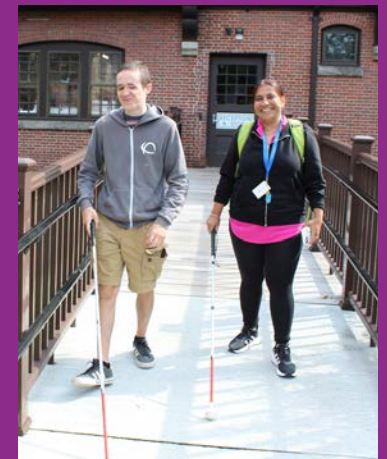


to help clients retain or regain employment. For seniors, the Age with Independence program will focus on helping older adults adapt to vision loss, providing tools and strategies to maintain personal safety, health, independence and quality of life.

Place: One of the most exciting projects funded by the campaign is the construction of the The John and Elaine Cataldo Orientation, Mobility and Wellness Trail that will serve as an essential tool for teaching clients how to navigate with a white cane or guide dog while also promoting physical and mental wellness. We also converted the Technology Center to solar energy that will reduce long-term operational expenses, enhance our green initiatives, and allow us to reinvest savings into our programs.

Endowment: When we launched the campaign, the Carroll Center's endowment was significantly underfunded at less than \$1 million. To-date, we have raised more than \$4.5 million that will add systemic strength to our institution and ensure the Carroll Center is prepared to help future generations of people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired.

As the Generations Campaign advances, the Carroll Center for the Blind is excited to partner with our incredible community to surpass our ambitious goal of raising over \$20 million. Together, we will strengthen our legacy as a leader in vision rehabilitation and education, transforming lives today and far into the future.



Navigating a Brighter Future: The Carroll Center for the Blind's Orientation and Mobility Training

At the Carroll Center for the Blind, the journey toward independence begins with a single step. Orientation and Mobility (O&M) services form the cornerstone of our mission, empowering blind and visually impaired individuals to navigate their environments confidently and safely. Since launching the world's first Community Mobility Program in 1952, the Carroll Center for the Blind has been at the forefront of O&M training.

Imagine a child standing at the entrance of a bustling school, feeling overwhelmed by the noise and movement. Through our O&M training, that child transforms from feeling lost to mastering their surroundings, equipped with essential skills for safe, independent travel. O&M training involves two key components: orientation, which teaches individuals to recognize their current location and intended destination, and mobility, which focuses on safely reaching that destination, whether it's crossing streets, using public transportation, or simply walking with a cane.

Our Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists provide O&M training on our campus in Newton, at clients' homes, schools, and work, in local neighborhoods, and on public transportation. We work closely with clients to assess their goals and abilities to create personalized training plans that vary in duration to allow individuals to progress at their own pace.

A recent client encapsulated the life-changing impact of our O&M services: "I was amazed at how little I really knew. Thanks to the instruction I received, I am much more confident about traveling alone. I learned quite a few things to make my life much easier and less stressful. Thank you." Her experience reflects the essence of our program—instilling confidence and independence in individuals as they learn to navigate the world around them.



The John and Elaine Cataldo Orientation, Mobility and Wellness Trail: A Pathway for Independence

In the summer of 2023, the Carroll Center broke ground on a new training trail that allows clients to learn O&M skills in a safe environment on our campus. The John and Elaine Cataldo Orientation, Mobility and Wellness Trail is a state-of-the-art project that was made possible through funds raised from the Generations Campaign.

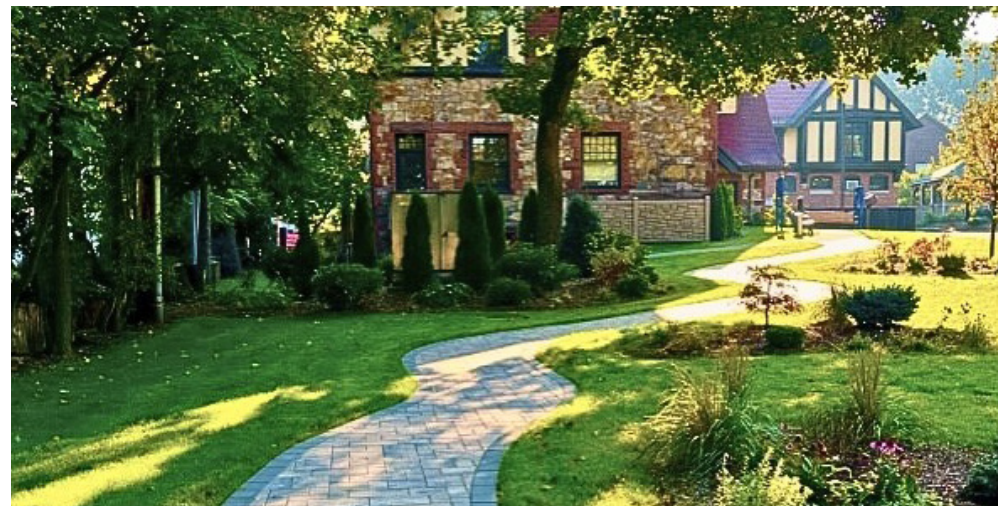
The trail project began with the construction of a safe walkway connecting the Center's main entrance to its primary building and dormitory. This new route is crucial not only for safety—segregating pedestrian traffic from vehicles—but also serves as a practical training ground for mobility instruction.

The next phase of the work focused on renovating two accessible pedestrian footbridges leading into our main building. These structures are integral to our trail, offering diverse ground surface experiences. One bridge features a steeper ramp, simulating different accessibility challenges, reinforcing our commitment to meeting the highest safety and functionality standards.

The final phase was the creation of an O&M trail designed with realistic training scenarios. With accessibility features such as bump dots, color contrast, and lighting as well as varied grades, turns, and surfaces, it provides an ideal environment for O&M instructors to teach essential navigation skills. Our aim is to bring a piece of the real world to the safety of our campus, ultimately preparing individuals for the complexities they will encounter in their daily lives and travel adventure.

The new trail enhances our existing programs but also honors the legacy of independence we've cultivated for over 88 years. One recent client shared, "I felt indescribably free after completing my O&M instruction since it had been over a year since I had been able to walk alone." It's this liberating experience that we aim to replicate for many more individuals through our trail.

The development of the John and Elaine Cataldo Orientation, Mobility and Wellness Trail is a testament to our commitment to advancing the quality of life for our clients. The Trail is playing a vital role in equipping blind and visually impaired individuals with the tools they need to lead independent, fulfilling lives paving the way for a future where independence and empowerment are within reach for all individuals with vision loss.



Carroll Families and Carroll Alumni Illuminate New Horizons

This year, the Carroll Center for the Blind embarked on a transformative journey with the launch of the Carroll Families and Carroll Alumni initiatives. These groundbreaking programs have not only expanded our community but have also redefined our commitment to empowering those navigating vision loss.



Carroll Families: A Beacon of Support

Debuting this year, Carroll Families has rapidly established itself as an indispensable resource for parents and caregivers of children with vision loss. This initiative is dedicated to offering crucial support and education tailored to the unique experiences of raising a blind or visually impaired child.

Our regular *Conversation and Connections Zoom* meetings have become a cornerstone of this initiative, creating a valuable forum for parents to explore challenges such as school transitions and fostering independence. Our Educational Webinars further elevate the impact of Carroll Families. By partnering with specialists in education, technology, and vision rehabilitation, we provide customized insights that address the immediate needs of our members, ensuring that the information is both pertinent and practical. Our events have significantly strengthened community bonds like family fun days and seasonal activities, where families can connect, exchange experiences, and build enduring friendships.



Carroll Alumni: Bridging the Gap

The Carroll Alumni initiative is committed to nurturing lasting connections with our alumni, offering support, and celebrating their successes. Our in-person and virtual events serve as vibrant

platforms to empower our alumni in their personal and professional journeys and encourage alumni engagement. From webinars to face-to-face gatherings, these events are crafted to resonate with alumni's diverse needs and interests, fostering both relevance and support.

This year, our alumni had exclusive access to workshops like our "Cook and Connect" and "From Canes to Canines" webinars. We also offered networking opportunities through in-person events, including a sensory tour of the historic gardens at Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum, a jazz performance on the Carroll Center campus and an alumni breakfast at the Center's Annual Walk for Independence. This comprehensive approach of in-person and on-line forums ensures that our alumni remain connected, engaged, and supported long after their time at the Carroll Center.

Looking Forward

As we reflect on FY24, we are proud of the remarkable strides made by the Carroll Families and Carroll Alumni initiatives in enriching and uniting our network. Last year, we hosted 14 events that brought together more than 300 members, and we look forward to continuing to foster a vibrant and supportive community where every journey is cherished and celebrated.

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The White Cane Legacy Circle recognizes donors who have demonstrated a commitment to the future success of the Carroll Center through a gift in their estate plans. Planned gifts are an important source of financial support and sustainability for the Carroll Center, and this circle pays tribute to the white cane that provides support and independence to so many individuals living with vision loss.

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*Donors who have remembered the Carroll Center for the Blind in their personal estate plans.

Financials

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Year Ended	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
ASSETS:		
Current assets	\$ 3,875,200	\$ 3,321,900
Investments	6,907,600	5,133,700
Long-term contributions receivable	259,200	218,500
Property, plant, and equipment	4,332,100	3,775,200
Other Assets	87,200	100,800
Total Assets	\$ 15,461,300	\$ 12,550,100
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	531,100	452,800
Operating lease obligations	4,500	8,100
Annuity obligation	59,800	73,300
Total Liabilities	595,400	534,200
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	1,121,800	1,168,100
Net investment in plant	4,332,100	3,775,200
Designated by the Board for operating reserves	1,550,000	1,415,000
Comprehensive campaign	2,100,900	2,100,900
Designated by the Board for endowment	2,284,700	1,953,800
	11,389,500	10,413,000
With donor restrictions:		
Perpetual in nature	2,234,900	732,900
Purpose restricted	767,900	640,400
Time restricted	473,600	229,600
	3,476,400	1,602,900
Total Net Assets	14,865,900	12,015,900
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 15,461,300	\$ 12,550,100

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
REVENUES:		
Program services	\$ 4,586,500	\$ 4,796,600
Contributions, events, and bequests	6,219,900	2,860,000
Investment and other	398,200	231,500
Total Revenues	11,203,700	7,888,100
EXPENSES:		
Program services	5,416,800	5,236,600
General and administrative	2,040,900	1,356,000
Fundraising	896,000	828,500
Total Expenses	8,353,700	7,421,000
Change in Net Assets	2,850,000	467,000
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	12,015,900	11,548,900
Net Assets - End of Year	\$ 14,865,900	\$ 12,015,900



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Get Involved. Transform Lives.

No matter how you choose to support the Carroll Center for the Blind, you will have a direct impact on our clients and their families. There are a number of ways to give to the Carroll Center, depending on your philanthropic goals.

Annual Gifts

Support for the Carroll Center's annual fund powers critical programs across the organization and forms the solid foundation from which we can launch innovations that advance the field of vision rehabilitation. Making an annual gift of any size every year is a meaningful way you can have an ongoing impact on the clients and community we serve.

Leadership Gifts

With a gift of \$2,500 or more, you'll join a generous group of Carroll Center donors as a member of the **Philanthropy Circle of Independence**. The Carroll Center's leadership giving circle, the Philanthropy Circle of Independence, consists of six recognition levels honoring increasing degrees of philanthropic leadership at the Carroll Center.

Walk for Independence

On June 1, 2024, five-hundred community members walked to show their support of the Carroll Center's mission at the Walk for Independence, collectively raising more than \$280,000 for our organization. Join us for next year's Walk on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Mt. Ida campus of UMass Amherst in Newton.

Volunteer

Volunteers play a critical role at the Carroll Center working directly with clients, helping with administrative tasks or events, or supporting our facilities team to take care of our beautiful campus. Individuals, corporate groups and others are welcomed to spend a day, implement a short-term project, or have a recurring role where you can make a difference to our organization and the clients we serve.

Planned Gifts

The **White Cane Legacy Circle** recognizes donors who have expressed their loyalty and gratitude to the Carroll Center for the Blind in their estate plans. Planned gifts can be made with a bequest in your will or revocable trust, by beneficiary designation in a retirement account, life insurance policy or investment account, or through other types of planning arrangements.

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