

SERVING ALL AGES AND ALL STAGES OF VISION LOSS



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2018: JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018



The Carroll Center
FOR THE BLIND



“The freedom of attacking a challenge and problem solving my way through it invigorated me and helped me to feel less trapped by blindness.”

ERIK WEIHENMAYER

Our Message



change AND growth

Dear Friends,

With the aim of “helping the blind and visually impaired to help themselves,” The Carroll Center for the Blind (CCB) has been providing diversified rehabilitation services to help those with vision loss attain enhanced skill acquisition, regain self-confidence, integrate into the community, and become self-reliant.

We are humbled and blessed to lead our committed team of talented and dedicated staff to bring our innovative programs to new heights – serving all ages and all stages of vision loss. The miracles and milestones created and witnessed on our campus, in schools, in the work environment, and in the community could not have been achieved without your outstanding support. The collective efforts of CCB, our referring agencies and partners, our clients, and supporters helped make FY2018 a year to remember.

This past year also came with new government reimbursement and funding challenges. As you will read in this year’s annual report, we faced these challenges with resolve and we were still able to successfully expand our esteemed training programs – from educational services for school-aged children, to new job sites and internship opportunities for employment success, new computer and assistive technology training offerings, and flexible scheduling. Our determined and collaborative advocacy efforts were successful in gaining needed support from the

city of Newton, the Massachusetts Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

As we embark on our 83rd year of service, now is the time to ensure our organization’s longevity for many years to come. The watchwords for this year are change and growth. Society is ever-changing and so are the needs and demands of our visually impaired clients. To meet with the changing client profiles and their different service expectations and needs, The Carroll Center is positioned for further change and growth. We stand committed to doing our part to serve those with blindness, by pursuing solutions to issues of academic advancement, employment success, safe travel, and independent living.

Thank you to our philanthropic partners and generous donors who have supported our great work and the quality of life impact we have made for clients of all ages and all stages of vision loss. With your help, we will continue to create opportunities, inspire greater advocacy, and support all of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Donnelly
President and CEO

Carol A. Covell
Board Chairman

ON THE COVER: HANNAH, AGE 7 WORKING ON HER ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SKILLS

Services and Programs

SERVICES



VISION REHABILITATION SERVICES

Vision rehabilitation programs are designed for newly-blinded adults or for those who have had a significant vision loss. These intensive programs provide training and support to encourage the physical and emotional adjustments needed to live with blindness and low vision as well as to provide the skills to live and work independently.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community-based instructors teach safe travel skills to individuals of all ages in their home, local business areas, job sites, on public transportation, and on college campuses.



EDUCATION SERVICES

Vision professionals support students with visual impairments between the ages of 3 and 21 years in their public schools by providing direct instruction, ordering materials, and providing consultation to the schools/staff. Summer camps and weekend programs are also offered on our campus in Newton.



TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The technology programs include a full spectrum of instruction from novice to expert to help prepare a blind or visually impaired person, including children, working age adults, and seniors, to use technology proficiently.



LOW VISION SERVICES

Low Vision Therapists provide outpatient assessments and training to support the use of remaining vision with magnification, lighting, and distance viewing devices. These services take place at the individual's home, in their community, schools, and work places.

PROGRAMS

- Independent Living Program
- Vocational Transition Program
- Job Market Preparation Program
- Real World of Work
- Youth-in-Transition

- Community Orientation & Mobility
- Diabetes Education
- Community Essential Skills

- CarrollKids/CarrollTeens
- Direct Instruction, Consultation
- Assessments
- Tutoring
- Accessible Instructional Materials Library (AIM)

- Computing for College
- Computing for Employment
- Technical Training (Basic, Intensive, and Advanced)
- Assistive Technology Training
- Distance Learning
- Personal Device Technology Training (Apple, iPhone, iPad, Chrome)
- Digital and Web Accessibility

- Senior Vision Assessment
- Assistive Technology Assessment
- Vocational Vision Assessments
- Low Vision Clinic
- Carroll Store



CARROLL STORE — ON SITE!

Visit us at www.carroll.org/store or contact us at 617-969-6200 ext 240.

Alumni Profiles

“I can’t wait to see what happens next year!”

HANNAH GEVERS



PROGRAM: CarrollKids



AGE: 7

Hannah Gevers attended the CarrollKids Program at The Carroll Center for the Blind the summer before entering third grade to stay current on the Extended Core Curriculum taught by Teachers of the Visually Impaired in the classroom, gain some independent living skills and, most importantly, have fun with her peers. She has a genetic eye disease that allows her to detect a degree of light and direction but has no functional vision. This has never held Hannah back as she was excited for the adventures she would have at CarrollKids making new friends, staying away from home for the first time, and going on field trips. Her favorite part was a field trip to a ropes course and she loved it so much that she’s having her birthday party at the ropes course.

Hannah may only be 7-going-on-8 years-old, but she’s already a national champion. As a third grader with no functional vision, she has the regional and national title for the Braille Challenge in the Apprentice category, as well as the Excellent Speller Award which spanned across different ages. To those who know Hannah, however, this is not a surprise. Her teachers note her diligence in completing her school work and her enthusiasm for learning anything and everything she can. She loves finding braille in her

community because she’s determined to figure things out by herself and works with tactile maps created by her Orientation and Mobility Instructor.

Hannah had a few weeks left after she finished her CarrollKids session to enjoy the rest of the summer before school started up again, but her parents said she was so sad it was over that it took her a while to adjust. Hannah continues to complete all of her schoolwork in braille, practice songs on the piano, and create and tell stories from her own imagination. The CarrollKids program was the perfect mix of fun and instruction for a creative and tenacious kid like Hannah, who also happens to be blind.



Alumni Profiles

“The Carroll Center gave me back my confidence”

ARLENE ANDERSON



PROGRAM: Two-Week Essential Living Skills Program



AGE: 79

As Arlene Anderson approached her 80th birthday, she decided to try something new. Arlene is a mother of two and a grandmother of one who worked as a secretary in the corporate world for many years. She was diagnosed with a severe case of myopia at a young age and her eyes had progressively deteriorated to the point where she had no vision left in her left eye. She wasn't able to accomplish her daily tasks or use her remaining vision in the ways she had been able to before. Arlene was determined to use her remaining sight to the best of her ability and decided to attend The Carroll Center's two-week Essential Living Skills program. From the first time she stepped on campus, Arlene believed that The Carroll Center “emanated hope.”

Armed with a bulleted list of exactly what she wanted to accomplish, Arlene made sure that her short time at The Carroll Center would be productive. Her instructors spoke highly of her positive attitude while approaching new skills and her openness to learning. With the help of her instructors, Arlene learned a myriad of low vision skills to enhance her daily routines and make tasks more efficient and safer. Arlene learned how to continue to cook french toast for her grandchild and pork tenderloin for her family

on the weekend, using adaptive cooking tools and techniques safely. She learned how to iron, measure spices in the kitchen, and put on makeup and nail polish. According to Arlene, her greatest accomplishment was mastering the assistive features on her iPhone, “There was so much information to absorb, but I knew I could do it and I did.” These tasks may seem small or insignificant to some, but they are essential to maintaining an independent and fulfilling life.

At the end of her two-week stay, Arlene Anderson left The Carroll Center with another list: a list of what her kids could get her for her birthday – directly culled from what she had learned during the Essential Living Skills program. During the course, Arlene said she felt inspired by the other clients and her instructors and extremely privileged to have attended. Arlene is motivated for her future through the kindness and acceptance she experienced at The Carroll Center, along with many new adaptive skills.

“Take these broken wings and learn to fly”

RUSSELL ROLAND



PROGRAM: Vocational Transition Program



AGE: 27

According to Russell Roland, each blind or visually impaired person defines their own success. Russell had powered through his university's undergraduate program with little help from the university yet, even after accomplishing such a great milestone, Russell was jaded and had little confidence in his abilities to be independent and successful. He began to pursue a master's degree in counseling but knew that he needed to work on himself before he could effectively help others. This brought him to The Carroll Center for the Blind.

After his initial intake and assessment, Russell was – in his own words – defiant and reclusive. He had been hurt by the lack of assistance from his university and expected a similar experience at The Carroll Center. He struggled with some of the independent living skills, such as cooking and doing his own laundry. He slowly began opening up to his fellow students, “We’re all traveling on a similar road. We didn’t know what our goals are or where we were headed. But we were all trying to find our wings and learn to fly.”

He also began to make progress in the program. He learned how to safely cut his own food, which is significant because he has cerebral palsy and had been unable to do that previously. He successfully was able to do his laundry

independently because he had learned how to use tools that could help, such as the flip and fold board and the Be My Eyes mobile app. His mobility skills were also improving and he began applying to guide dog programs. All of these small but significant steps made Russell's confidence in himself soar. Russell believes that he's had a successful stay at The Carroll Center for the Blind. He held an internship at Lasell Village, made life-long friends, and learned the skills necessary to live an independent and productive life.

Freedom is something many people take for granted. Russell credits The Carroll Center for the Blind for giving him his freedom and his classmate's freedom back, “Because of The Carroll Center, we now have the freedom to do our own shopping, go to restaurants with friends. Things sighted people take for granted.”



Fast Facts

EDUCATION SERVICES

83 IN FY18 THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SERVED 83 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MASSACHUSETTS

IN **FY18** WE PROVIDED OVER **5,000** SERVICES

HUMAN RESOURCES

21%
BLIND/VISUALLY
IMPAIRED EMPLOYEES

% of blind/visually impaired in each category:

Staff	Management Team	Senior Management	Board
15%	25%	33.3%	11%

LIFE SKILLS

TOP LIFE SKILLS LEARNED IN REHAB



Safe travel skills for navigating the home, the community, the workplace, public transportation, or wherever there are travel concerns and needs.



Technology skills using screen enlargement, speech output, voice input, personal note-taker or a combination of devices to help clients live independently.



Social interaction skills to explore positive relationships and self-advocacy.



Organization and daily living skills such as managing a schedule and calendar, self-care, kitchen organization, adaptive independent living skills, and medication management.

PRESS CLIPPINGS

in the news...



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SOCIAL MEDIA



Instagram
155 Followers



Facebook
3,602 Followers



YouTube
209 Subscribers



LinkedIn
682 Connections

ORGANIZATIONAL STATISTICS

627

SENIORS
(55+)



364

ADULTS
(22-54)



2,147

YOUTH
(0-21)



TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED = 3,138



Community
Services
556



Technology
Training
62



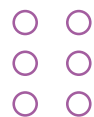
Education
Services
579



Low Vision
Services
333



Vision Rehab
Services
135



Accessible
Instructional
Materials Library
1,473

THE CARROLL STORE

1. Did you know that the Carroll Store was visited **3,700** times by **1,300** customers?
2. The Carroll Store focuses on **low vision products, adaptive devices, and technology** for the visually impaired.
3. The Store Manager is a **Registered Dispensing Optician** and can fill any type of eyeglass prescription, including low vision.

WWW.CARROLL.ORG/STORE OR CONTACT 617-969-6200 X240

Technology and Digital & Web Accessibility



TECHNOLOGY FAIR

On November 21, 2017 The Carroll Center for the Blind welcomed over 100 people to our technology fair. This was an opportunity that allowed anyone to test out the latest products for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Sponsored by Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc., this event is free and open to consumers, families, friends, and professionals each fall.



DIGITAL & WEB ACCESSIBILITY

According to the World Health Organization, 285 million people have vision impairments. As web applications have grown rich and creative, they have become less accessible to these users. Our Web Accessibility Services team believes they are making the Internet a better place, one webpage at a time. We are passionate about making the Internet and its resources available to every person of every ability level. We specialize in partnering directly with companies, colleges/universities, healthcare, retail, banking, and others to foster understanding about the importance of accessibility on the Web. Through expert analysis of websites and webpages, we provide guidance for remediation of accessibility issues and offer customized accessibility learning sessions, giving you the necessary know-how and resources you'll need going forward as your website evolves. For more information, please visit <http://carroll.org/accessibility-services/web-accessibility-faq/> or contact Bruce Howell, Accessibility Services Manager at 617-969-6200 x210.

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DIFFERENT WEB
ACCESSIBILITY
BUSINESS CLIENTS

Primary Industries:

- Financial
- Online Retail
- Marketing and PR
- Health
- Major League Sports
- Nonprofits
- Colleges
- Education



Vocational Services



JOB FAIR

The 7th Annual Job Fair for Individuals with Visual Impairments took place on October 25, 2017. The Carroll Center for the Blind collaborated with Perkins School for the Blind, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, National Braille Press, and Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University to bring qualified candidates face-to-face with recruiters and representatives from dozens of respected nonprofits and businesses.

This event connects employers to an untapped pool of candidates and prepares them to employ workers who are visually impaired. People who are blind or visually impaired are often as qualified for the world of work as their sighted peers, yet many adults who are blind find themselves out of work and unable to secure an interview – despite their capabilities. The result was an afternoon of proactive networking and conversation where candidates were judged by their knowledge and experience, not their disability.



INTERNSHIPS
TAKE PLACE AT
40+
BUSINESSES

IN FY18
30+
CLIENTS HAD
INTERNSHIPS

40+

INTERNSHIPS AND JOB
PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE
THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES

- Financial
- Technology
- Health Care
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Military
- Nonprofits
- Education
- Government

MANY THANKS TO OUR FY18 INTERSHIP PARTNERS:

Boston Center for Independent Living
Boston Museum of Science
Boston Sports Club
Cambridge Health Alliance
Charles Webster Potter Place Clubhouse
Community Servings
Community Work Services
Cradles to Crayons
CVS
Disability Law Center
Disability Policy Consortium
Gore Place
Harvard Divinity School
Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Harvard University Assistive Technology Center
Historic Newton
IB Express/IbSupply.com
IBM
Institute for Human Centered Design
Kronos
Lasell Village
Macy's
Marshalls
Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong
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The Carroll Society Awards

Each year, The Carroll Center for the Blind and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind recognize outstanding employees who are visually impaired through the annual Carroll Society Awards. Through a nomination process, individuals are chosen because of their exemplary work as employees and their contributions to the overall culture of both their business and community despite their vision loss.

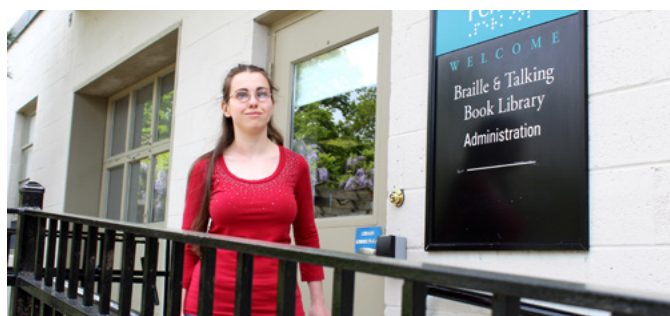
IN 2018, WE HONORED FIVE STELLAR INDIVIDUALS



2018 Blind Employee of the Year Award Winner
Jay Blake, President and Crew Chief of Follow a Dream Racing



Erich Manser
Accessibility Evangelist,
IBM



Tanja Milojevic
Braille Production Specialist,
Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library



Kathy Taylor
Principal Information Developer,
Vertica (a company of Micro Focus)



Tyler Terrasi
Transportation Coordinator,
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority

Lions Club

We value all our partnerships with all the Lions Club — thank you to our FY18 Lions Club supporters.

WOBURN HOST LIONS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE

On Sunday, October 29, 2017 The Carroll Center for the Blind was once again honored to march in the Woburn Host Lions Club Halloween Parade. Clients, staff, board members, friends, and family joined together to march 2.2 miles in front of 80,000 spectators to promote the Center and its important work.

WALTHAM LIONS CLUB CARNIVAL

On May 21, 2018, clients from The Carroll Center for the Blind were invited to attend the Waltham Lions Club Carnival prior to its opening to the public. This was a unique opportunity for our clients, as many had never gone to a carnival or had the opportunity to experience the rides with friends. It was also the perfect opportunity to practice orientation and mobility skills in a chaotic and ever-changing environment.



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Lions Club of Belmont

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Lions Club of
Bridgewater Academy

Lions Club of Canton

Lions Club of
Chatham-Nauset

Lions Club of District 33K

Lions Club of Dighton

Lions Club of Framingham

Lions Club of Grafton

Lions Club of Harvard

Lions Club of Holliston

Lions Club of Lexington

Lions Club of Marlboro

Lions Club of Medfield

Lions Club of Medway

Lions Club of Millis

Lions Club of Norfolk

Lions Club of Randolph

Lions Club of Reading

Lions Club of Salem

Lions Club of Sharon

Lions Club of Stow

Lions Club of Sturbridge

Lions Club of Walpole

Lions Club of Waltham

Lions Club of Westminster

Lions Club of Weymouth

Lions Club of Winchendon

Woburn Host Lions Club

TOGETHER
THE LIONS CLUB
DONATED **\$17,260** AND **240**
VOLUNTEER HOURS

Walk for INDEPENDENCE

Our 6th Annual Walk for INDEPENDENCE, presented by Adaptive Sports New England, was a great success and raised over \$152,000 – a 12% increase over last year's Walk! Emceed by Channel 5 Chronicle Anchor and Reporter Shayna Seymour, the day's activities included a 1-mile or 3-mile walk with families, friends, guide dogs, and family pets. The Walk culminated in a cookout with music, games and activities, k9 demonstrations, a silent auction, and diamond raffle.

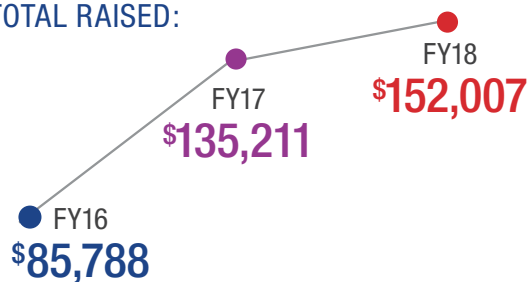
The event brought awareness of how active and independent blind and visually impaired people can be, despite their vision loss. We hope to see you next year on **Sunday, April 28, 2019 for our 7th Annual Walk!**



REGISTERED WALKERS:



TOTAL RAISED:



TOP PARTICIPANTS

Jack McCarthy	\$4,300
Scott Faust	\$3,000
Carol Covell	\$2,975
Greg Donnelly	\$2,400
Martha Steele	\$2,050
Ed Christopher	\$1,025
Francis McCarthy	\$1,000
Paul R. McCarthy	\$1,000
Stephen Neyman	\$1,000
Ryck Lent	\$1,000
Paul J. Donahue	\$1,000
Alan Spiro	\$1,000
Evan Kushner	\$1,000

TOP TEAMS

Jack and Joanne McCarthy and Family	\$7,450
Alvin's Allies	\$6,780
Covell's Canines	\$6,600
Donnelly's Dynamos	\$6,245
Perry's Pooches	\$4,650
Barrile Family	\$2,650
Dillion and Leo Golshan	\$2,090
The Old Dogs	\$1,708
Worker Bees	\$1,554
Lacy's Team	\$1,520





From left to right: Shayna Seymour (Co-Anchor, WCVB's Chronicle), Gregory J. Donnelly (President & CEO, The Carroll Center for the Blind), Dave McGillivray (Race Director for the Boston Marathon, DSME Sports)



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Walk for INDEPENDENCE



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New England Aquarium

New England Patriots
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New Repertory Theatre

Newton's Nectar

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On the Hill Tavern

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Steamers

Swan Boats

The Boston Celtics Foundation

The Discovery Museums

The Freedom Trail Foundation

The Hall at Patriot Place

The Paint Bar

The Preservation Society
of Newport County

The Steamship Authority

The Verve-Crowne Plaza Natick

Thomas Fallon Photography

Treat Cupcake Bar

Wachusett Mountain

Warrior Ice Arena

West Suburban YMCA

Zoo New England

VOLUNTEERS

Events like this are not possible without incredible volunteer support. A special thank you goes out to the Waltham Lions Club, Newton Country Day, Mount Alvernia, Delta Gamma, and our dedicated Staff, Board Members, Trustees and Volunteers.

Volunteers

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

Last year volunteers spent 6,341 hours supporting The Carroll Center for the Blind.

Volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and skill sets ranging from students to young professionals to corporations to retirees. Volunteers support our fundraising events, assist with our store, improve our facilities, provide clients with inspirational keynote presentations, and aid with a variety of programs, including sailing, fishing, and rock climbing.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to our volunteers from Allergan, Belmont Hill School, Biogen, Boston College, Boy Scouts, Deloitte, Jay Blake & Team, Lasell College, Liberty Mutual, Woburn Host Lions Club, Ursuline Academy, and Xaverian Brothers High School.

Honoring the Ones You Love

BRUCE WONG

Honored Through a Fundraiser



Just because the music stopped, does not mean that it is the end of the dance. That is what Bruce Wong taught us and left as his mark on the world. Bruce had a love and passion for family, the Red Sox, and, most importantly, for his wife. Some say he was happiest when he led her on the dance floor. The Arthur Murray Dance Centers, where Bruce and his wife often attended classes, wanted to honor his memory the best way they knew how. As part of their annual Teach-A-Thon, Arthur Murray Dance Centers chose The Carroll Center to donate the proceeds of the event totaling at \$4,000 in memory of Bruce. This impact has given individuals of all ages and all stages of vision loss the chance the chance to find what they are passionate about and to find their version of his love to dance.

LARRY PEARLMAN

Honored Through a Family Trust



Larry loved nothing more than being outside, walking his dog Emma, and the feeling of fresh air on his face. But somewhere along the way, Larry lost his sunshine. He was faced with an unexpected tragedy – the loss of his parents. He forgot how to enjoy the sunshine as he once had known and became withdrawn. Being outside helped Larry open back up and be himself again. It gave him a newfound hope and the courage to begin walking once more. When Larry passed away his cousins, David and Marilyn Stern and Alan Puzame, looked for the best way to honor Larry's memory through the Larry Pearlman Trust. They decided to support The Carroll Center's Vocational Training Program so that Larry's life would leave a legacy and help others with vision loss secure work. A small part of the donation was set aside to build a gazebo on The Carroll Center's campus. The gazebo is a peaceful outdoor space where clients socialize, relax, and take time to find their peace, sunshine, and strength. Larry's spirit is felt by the many clients who sit out in the gazebo and enjoy the fresh air and the company of peers.

MICHELE ALDRICH

Honored Through a Charitable Gift Annuity



Michele Aldrich's greatest joy was being able to provide a helping hand to younger professional women. Despite her vision challenges (Michele was blind since birth in her left eye), she lived an active, accomplished, and fulfilling life. In 2008, she needed some help with her vision and came to The Carroll Center for the Blind for Low Vision Services. Whether it was in her career working at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Otis Elevator, the Smithsonian, or at her many speaking engagements, she always spoke for and supported the careers of women who she thought were being marginalized. This past year, her husband Mark wanted to truly honor Michele in a way that would help others. He realized he could do this through a Charitable Gift Annuity: this would allow him to help clients at The Carroll Center for the Blind. Michele will continue to live on through all the people she helped, but, in particular, all the young and visually impaired women working to achieve their independence through gainful employment.

Legacy

OUR LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

The Carroll Center for the Blind gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for including the organization in their estate plans.

Including The Carroll Center for the Blind in your will is a wonderful way to provide for future generations of blind and visually impaired children, adults, and seniors. Your lasting gift provides The Carroll Center for the Blind with hope for the future and enables you to satisfy your personal and philanthropic goals.

Members of Carroll Legacy Society honor the memory of Father Thomas Carroll, and strengthen the future of The Carroll Center for the Blind, enabling us to build a strong endowment for generations to come.

To include The Carroll Center for the Blind in your will, simply ask your attorney or financial planner to include the following language in your will:

“I bequeath \$ _____ or _____ % of my estate to
The Carroll Center for the Blind, 770 Centre Street,
Newton, MA 02458.”

If you have already named The Carroll Center for the Blind in your estate plan, please let us know so that we can properly thank you and enroll you in the Carroll Legacy Society.

If you would like more information on including The Carroll Center for the Blind in your will, or another type of planned gift, please contact Angela Haynes Director of Development at 617-969-6200 x213.



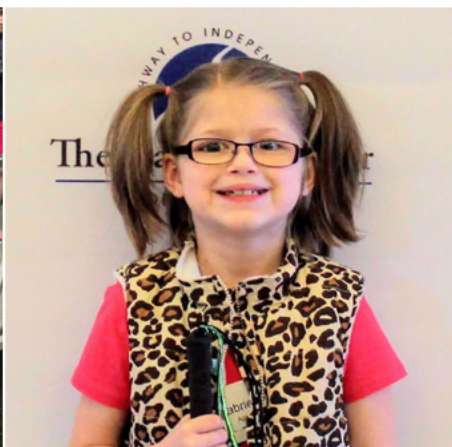
2018

Estate of Norman Dorian
Estate of Katharine Viets Loewe
Estate of Laura A Piasecki
Gordon D. Ivester Trust
Henry Brooks, Sr. Trust
Progin Foundation
Americo Francisco Fund

2017

Estate of Andreana Simonetti
Estate of Ilze Zagarins
Estate of Katharine Viets Loewe
Estate of Margaret Ryder
Estate of Norman Dorian

*This list includes planned gifts received in the past two years.



Tributes

“The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.” HELEN KELLER

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

So many choose to honor their loved ones with gifts to The Carroll Center for the Blind. A special thank you to the friends & families of the following individuals. Together you raised nearly \$25,000, and had a significant impact on the programs for people of all ages and all stages of vision loss. We are grateful.

Samuel Adams
Charles Aronson
Albert Arsenian
Beatrice Attardo
Richard Badders
Alice Capistran
Margaret Cassidy
Dominic Contardo
Ronald Copeland
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	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 2,183,200	\$ 2,274,200
Investments	2,015,100	1,850,700
Property, plant, and equipment	3,577,900	3,485,900
Other assets	45,000	10,000
Total Assets	7,821,200	7,620,800
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities	516,900	362,400
Other liabilities	141,100	—
Total Liabilities	658,000	362,400
Unrestricted	6,150,600	6,371,800
Temporarily restricted	426,300	300,300
Permanently restricted	586,300	586,300
Total Net Assets	7,163,200	7,258,400
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 7,821,200	\$ 7,620,800

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	Year End June 30, 2018	Year End June 30, 2017
Revenues		
Program services	\$ 4,720,400	\$ 5,472,600
Contributions, events, and bequests	1,774,000	1,827,000
Investment and other	119,600	139,100
Total Revenues	6,614,000	7,438,700
Expenses		
Program services	5,025,600	5,286,600
General and administrative	1,173,200	1,037,700
Fundraising	510,400	435,400
Total Expenses	6,709,200	6,759,700
Change in Net Assets	\$ (95,200)	\$ 679,000



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