

SERVING ALL AGES AND ALL STAGES OF VISION LOSS



**The Carroll Center**  
FOR THE BLIND



# ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2022: JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM Our Leadership

Dear Friends,

It has been a pivotal year at the Carroll Center for the Blind, highlighted by organizational milestones that we have accomplished together.

- The Carroll Center broke down barriers in digital accessibility by developing and piloting the Screen Reader User Tester Training program.
- The service hours delivered totaled more than 20,000 hours and we saw a 20% increase in new clients.
- We renewed our dedication to the unique adjustment counseling services we offer via individual and group sessions led by certified professionals.
- Through the advocacy of so many within our community, we championed efforts to secure a \$450,000 government earmark that will allow for essential services and technology for social rehabilitation clients.
- Through a state grant, we assisted 30 clients with affordable housing applications and placement in collaboration with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

The Carroll Center has a rich history of innovation and success after helping individuals who are blind or visually impaired lead their best lives for eight decades. We have helped our clients retain current or acquire new jobs, advance to the next academic grade, transition to college, live independently, travel safely, and live fulfilled lives. While we are grateful for and celebrate all the progress we have made, we also know our programs and services must evolve as our clients' needs have become greater than ever before.



This continuous evolution will require audacious innovation. We have developed a bold strategic plan to strengthen our personnel, expand our programs, modernize our facilities, and bolster our endowment. We are excited to execute this plan that will improve all areas of our organization – the people, programs, and places that allow us to serve our clients more fully now and long into the future.

This growth will also require resources, and we know we can achieve unprecedented results with you, our philanthropic partners and key stakeholders, who have made so many milestones in our center's history possible through your support. As we embark on our 87th year of service, now is the time to ensure our organization's longevity for many years to come. The Carroll Center is positioned for further change and growth and we stand committed to serve people of all ages and all stages of vision loss. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregory J. Donnelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**GREGORY J. DONNELLY**  
President and CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carol A. Covell". The signature is elegant and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**CAROL A. COVELL**  
Chair, Board of Directors

## CLIENT/DONOR STORY

# Bill McCormack

When Bill McCormack talks about his life before the Carroll Center for the Blind, he speaks about the feelings that accompany changes in vision. “It’s amazing how much embarrassment goes along with vision loss,” Bill recounts. But the experience Bill had while at the Carroll Center made him comfortable with himself and explains “it was like walking through a door to a different life.”

Bill was born with Choroideremia, an inherited disease that causes progressive vision loss. As his vision declined over the years, Bill tripped and fell more often. By the time he was 26 years old and was declared legally blind, he was in a constant state of embarrassment. Two years later in 1978, Bill enrolled in a one-week assessment at the Carroll Center and he arrived with a lot of anxiety. Yet Bill’s first Orientation & Mobility instructor, Arthur O’Neill, changed his perception and his life in his very first class. All the stress and anxiety he had going into the assessment was suddenly gone. “At the Carroll Center you fit in and are accepted, regardless of your level of vision loss,” Bill explains. “For the first time, I wasn’t embarrassed for the mistakes I made. I felt normal.”

Bill returned shortly after for four weeks of residential training to continue building his

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skills and confidence. Now at age 77, Bill has been completely blind for about 25 years and lives independently. Most notably, he continues to possess the confidence he gained at the Carroll Center nearly 35 years ago and feels comfortable with who he is. Bill says, “I learned how to ask for help and remain calm regardless of how things are going – all things that can be traced back to the Carroll Center.”

Last year, Bill was in the position to make a gift to the Carroll Center to give back to an organization that has given so much to him. “There are plenty of skills I gained from my time at the Carroll Center. But for me it is all about the change in attitude. That is my motivation for giving.” Bill’s generous donation will allow the Carroll Center to continue our dedication to addressing

mental health and helping our clients adjust to vision loss.

Adjustment counseling is infused into every residential program we offer via individual and group therapy sessions. The Carroll Center is unique with three full-time staff members dedicated to our clients’ mental health. Our clinical psychologist, social worker, and nurse conduct evaluations and address mental health concerns including depression, anxiety, stress, relationship challenges, and substance abuse.

The Carroll Center has renamed the counseling room located in the Lulie Gund Center for Vision Rehabilitation to the William V. McCormack Jr. Adjustment Counseling Room to thank Bill for the impact he will make on our clients’ mental health.



# Our Programs

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Orientation and Mobility training enables a person to know exactly where they are, where they want to go and how to get there safely, efficiently, and effectively. As part of our Community Services, we pair individuals who are blind or visually impaired with Certified Orientation and Mobility Instructors to deliver skills for safe, independent travel in the home, workplace, college, community and public transportation.

## This year, we:

- Served **590** individuals
- Provided **4,882** hours of instruction



**EDUCATION SERVICES:** The Carroll Center for the Blind offers a multitude of direct and consultative services for children and teens who are blind or have low vision that attend public or private school. Working in collaboration with 98 school districts, a variety of special programs are offered throughout the year to enhance students' school experiences in skill areas of the Expanded Core Curriculum.

## This year, we:

- Served **486** children and teens
- Provided **15,940** service hours

**LOW VISION SERVICES:** Learning to live with low vision requires an adjustment to the loss and a knowledge of the devices that could help you use your remaining vision. As part of our low vision services, Certified Low Vision Therapists work with clients to find assistive devices and teach techniques that will enable clients to use any remaining vision and enjoy an enhanced quality of life.

## This year, we:

- Served **47** individuals
- Offered four Assistive Technology workshops



**TECHNOLOGY TRAINING:** The Carroll Center teaches a variety of access technology instructional programs that help blind and visually impaired individuals use technology proficiently for work, school and leisure. Programs are available for individuals as well as teachers and rehabilitation professionals in the use of speech output, screen magnification, braille technology, tablets, Microsoft Office applications, and smartphones.

## This year, we:

- Served **77** individual clients
- Piloted our Screen Reader User Tester Training Program with two cohorts of clients

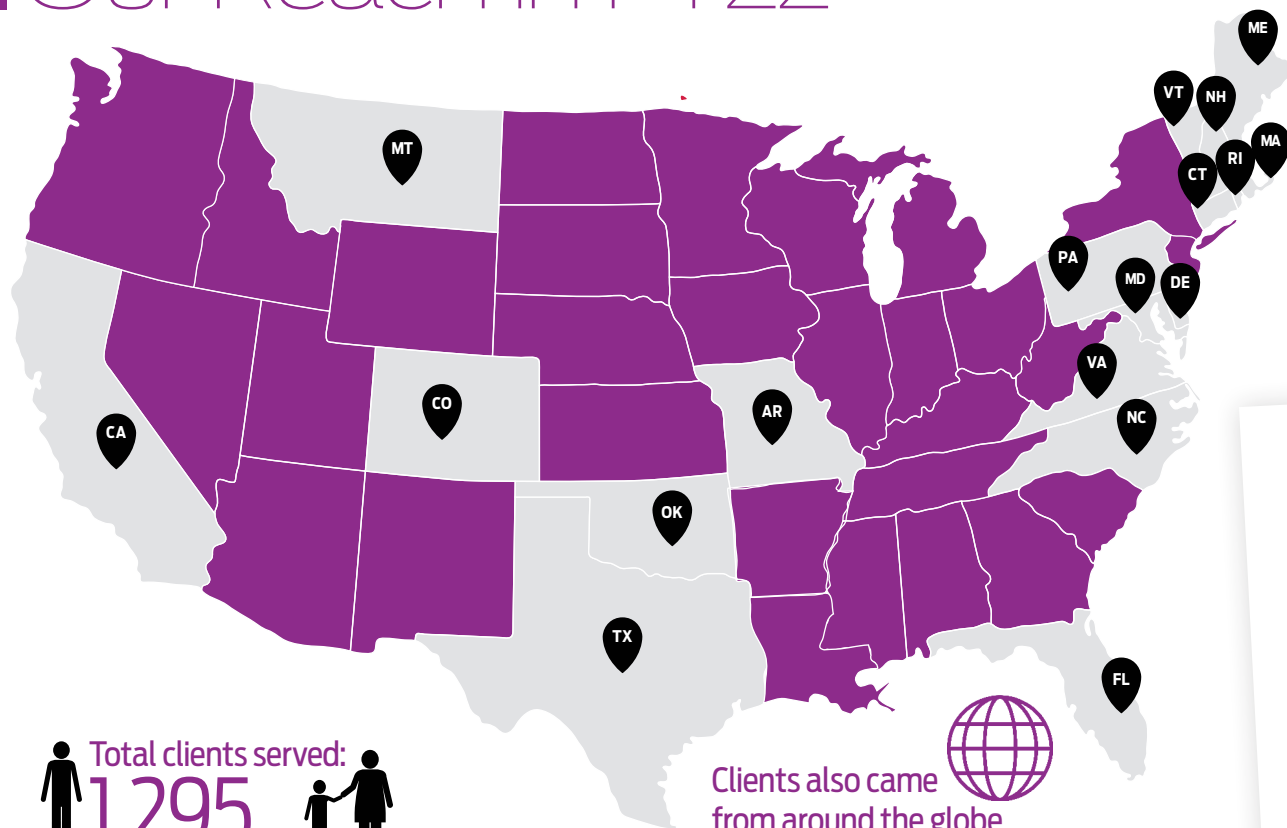
**VISION REHABILITATION SERVICES:** The Carroll Center programs go beyond braille, white canes, and computer skills by providing classes and experiences that build self-confidence, emotional adjustment, and work skill readiness for employment. Our range of residential, intensive programming provides crucial blindness skills and promotes adjustment to vision loss through classes in safe travel (orientation and mobility), technology, adaptive home management and self-care, health and information management, counseling, and employment training/internships.

## This year, we:

- Served **95** individual clients
- Provided a total of **735** weeks of instruction
- Increased the number of service hours by **60%**



# Our Reach in FY22



Total clients served:  
**1,295**

Clients also came from around the globe

ARGENTINA JORDAN PANAMA

MANAGEMENT TEAM

**17%**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**6%**

EMPLOYEES

**16%**

Percent of blind/visually impaired professionals at the Carroll Center.





CLIENT STORY

Lirianni  
German

**Her smile is infectious, lighting up the entire campus as she enjoys the Carroll Center's summer programming for young adults. Watching Lirianni German beam with those eyes that dance, you do not see one ounce of sadness despite being born with Optic Nerve Atrophy, which has robbed her of her vision. A senior at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, Lirianni talks with such enthusiasm about her future.**

Lirianni came to the Carroll Center for the Blind as a middle schooler looking to connect with other blind and visually impaired teens. With the encouragement of her Teacher of the Visually Impaired,

Lirianni enrolled in Carroll Teens, a two-week summer residential program. Lirianni remembers how scared she was when her mom dropped her off on that very first day. It was Lirianni's first time away from home and she was really nervous. However, she talks about the Carroll Center staff as "family" who made her feel so at home. She quickly forged friendships with other blind and visually impaired teens while also participating in unique summer programming including recreation, education and social networking.


This summer, Lirianni was an enthusiastic participant in the Carroll Center's Real World of Work Experience program. For seven weeks, Lirianni lived on campus at Lasell University, participated in an array of field trips, and worked a part-time job. Lirianni believes that it was this summer's Real

World of Work Experience program that helped her find her career direction while also feeling confident about being a college student. Lirianni shares with us, "I knew that I wanted to go to college, but I was not sure what I wanted to study and wondered how I would do on a college campus. When we went on our field trip to Olin College of Engineering, I learned about the field of robotics and know that is what I want to do with my life!" We know that with her energy, can-do attitude, and determination that Lirianni German will succeed in all she does.

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A photograph of three men standing in front of a large, multi-story building with a red roof and dark wood trim. The man on the left is older, wearing a dark suit, blue shirt, and yellow tie, and is holding a white cane. The man in the middle is wearing a dark blue sweater over a light blue shirt. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue sweater and dark trousers. A sign in the background reads "The Lulie Gund Center for Vision Rehabilitation".

The  
Lulie Gund  
Center for  
Vision  
Rehabilitation

DONOR STORY

Gordon  
Gund

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Gordon Gund is best known for his successful business endeavors as the Chairman and CEO of Gund Investment Corporation, the former lead director of the Kellogg Company and Corning boards, the former majority owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers who drafted LeBron James, and much more.

But perhaps even more importantly, Gordon is recognized as a prominent philanthropist. During the 1960's, Gordon Gund gradually began losing his vision due to retinitis pigmentosa. Just ten years later, Gordon was completely blind, however, his vision loss did not prevent him from being active and successful in all aspects of his life. In 1971, Gordon, along with his wife, Lulie “Lulie” Gund, co-founded the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) to find treatments and cures for inherited retinal diseases. Today, the FFB is the world's leading private funder of retinal disease research.

Gordon's dedication to the blind and visually impaired community continues today through his ongoing involvement with the FFB as Chairman Emeritus along with his generous support of organizations like the Carroll Center for the Blind that provide vital services for the blind and visually impaired community.

Gordon cemented his commitment to and strong advocacy for the world-renowned vision rehabilitation instruction at the Carroll Center by making a \$1.5 million gift to support services provided in the main building on the Carroll Center's campus in Newton, MA. This transformational gift is the largest outright gift in the Center's 86-year history and aligns with the Gund family's ongoing support of the blindness community for the past five decades.

As someone with vision loss himself, Gordon has a profound understanding of the critical need for vision rehabilitation services like those offered at the Carroll Center. “The values and the qualities of the services provided by the Carroll Center are extraordinarily helpful to people who are dealing with blindness or visual impairment. I know my wife, Lulie, would be proud to have her name attached to this vision rehabilitation center,” said Gordon. “I also know she would join me and the rest of our family in wishing the Carroll Center continued success in their efforts to assist the thousands of visually impaired and blind people who will come through these doors to achieve independence, self-confidence and a fulfilling life.”

The services offered in the Lulie Gund Center for Vision Rehabilitation are key to producing successful

outcomes for clients to live independently, whether it be obtaining or retaining employment, school advancement and college transition, community engagement, essential skill development, or emotional adjustment to vision loss. The building houses programs like braille instruction, assistive technology and device training, personal management and essential skills training, low vision services, manual and sensory arts instruction, vocational training, adjustment counseling, fencing, recreational activities, and more.

The Carroll Center for the Blind officially renamed the main building during an intimate ceremony on December 5, 2021. The Lulie Gund Center for Vision Rehabilitation will carry the namesake of Gordon's late wife, Lulie, who was instrumental in supporting him throughout his personal journey with vision loss.

“The Lulie Gund Center for Vision Rehabilitation is the heart of our campus, both programmatically and in its location,” said Greg Donnelly, Carroll Center President and CEO. “We are honored to pay tribute to Lulie's tremendous legacy of advocating for research into blinding diseases and providing the same opportunities that she had to those who were less fortunate.



## CLIENT STORY

# Holly Polgreen



**Turning 50 years old on Christmas day, Holly Polgreen was excited about this magical time of year with her husband and two children, and as a speech pathologist in the Brookline Public Schools, the holidays also brought a well-deserved vacation.**

Yet, Holly noticed changes in her vision. Thinking that it was an age-related condition, Holly made an appointment with an eye doctor. After a series of tests, Holly was diagnosed with Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy, a mitochondrial disease and an inherited form of vision loss. Holly was devastated by the news and felt that the future she had built with her career and family was in jeopardy.

Holly took a medical leave for her work and wondered if she would ever return. At that time, Holly turned to a colleague who knew Dr. Jennifer Harnish, the Director of Rehabilitation Services at the Carroll Center. Through that connection, Holly was put in touch with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind who encouraged her to enroll in the Carroll Center in August of 2021. What began as a two week diagnostic assessment transitioned into a 12-week residential program.

Holly's biggest concerns before she arrived at the Carroll Center were getting back on her computer so she could return to work and understanding how to safely travel with her changing eyesight. The Center enrolled Holly in four different computer classes to ensure she gained the skills and exposure to technology, and she worked

with her Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist on navigating her work and home communities.

The lessons Holly learned while at the Carroll Center are invaluable to her, but they also benefit the students she supports as a speech pathologist, a career that she has now returned to. "Many of my students are unable to speak due to challenges they face. I remind them that just because you cannot speak, does not mean that you have nothing to say. I have transferred that to my own journey and tell my students, my family, and others, just because I cannot see, does not mean that I don't have vision."

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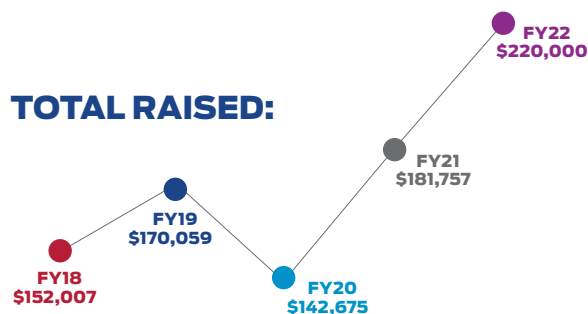
# 5K & Walk for Independence



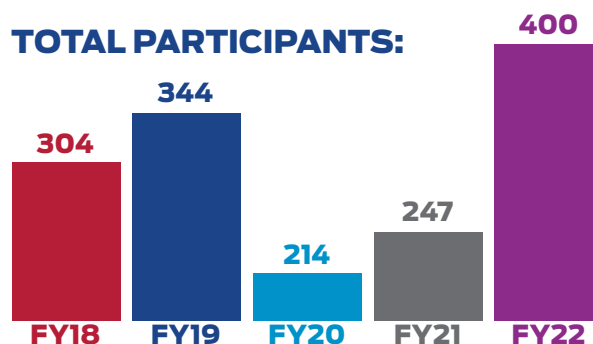
The 10th anniversary of the 5K & Walk for Independence was held on the UMass Amherst, Mt. Ida campus in Newton, MA on Saturday, May 14, 2022. It was a celebration for the Carroll Center community on a beautiful warm and sunny day. Spirits were high with upwards of 400 in attendance, including close to 60 outstanding volunteers and 57 walk teams. 'Together we raised nearly \$220,000 - historic for the Carroll Center! Our first officially timed 5K race was won by previous Carroll Center client and talented runner Chris Kimball, pictured above on the right. We were honored the New England Patriots Foundation joined us with VIP guest player Cody Davis in the center pictured above. WCVB Channel 5's Antoinette Antonio returned as MC and XLO 104.5 provided upbeat music, both contributing to the high energy and fun atmosphere.

**5K & Walk for  
INDEPENDENCE**

## TOTAL RAISED:



## TOTAL PARTICIPANTS:



## FAST FACTS

**40**  
WALK  
SPONSORS

**57**  
WALK  
TEAMS

# Honor Roll of Donors

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# SRUTT

## Screen Reader User Tester Training Program

In a world that has increasingly become dependent on technology for all aspects of life, companies are faced with the challenge of ensuring every aspect of their digital presence is accessible to people of all abilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that websites, mobile apps, and documents be accessible to all users. With rapidly evolving technologies, the ability for persons who are blind/low vision to fully participate in community, educational, or employment opportunities demands that they can independently navigate and interact with increasingly complex digital content. Yet those who design and create the wide array of digital products struggle to find the accessibility talent resources they need to guide their inclusive efforts.

With a planning grant from the Gibney Family Foundation, our talented and diverse leadership team began to develop a highly innovative solution designed to ensure the accessibility of web content and



applications to the blind and visually impaired. The Carroll Center's Screen Reader User Tester Training (SRUTT) program was developed to address the lack of talent shortfall by producing professionally trained, accessibility user tester employees. It is the lived experience of a visual impairment or blindness that makes participants in this program better qualified to understand and communicate where accessibility and usability barriers exist.

In the fall of 2021, the Carroll Center welcomed our first cohort of blind and visually impaired individuals into this new initiative. The seven-week program worked in partnership with many companies including My Blind Spot, EBSCO Information Systems, Fable, Quality Logic, Staples and the Ultimate Kronos Group. The program measures success based upon program completion, the integration of findings by partnering companies as it relates to accessibility applications and the improvement for the disabled or blind in utilization, and the employment of our screen reader testers at partnering companies. We are thrilled that 10 participants graduated from the SRUTT Program in our pilot year and look forward to the possibilities this program will open up for our clients in the future.



# Financials

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### For the Year Ended

#### ASSETS:

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Current assets	\$ 4,620,200	\$ 3,921,000
Investments	3,960,400	3,937,700
Long-term contributions receivable	98,200	0
Property, plant, and equipment	3,480,400	3,450,500
Other Assets	114,300	127,900
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,273,500</b>	<b>\$ 11,437,100</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:

##### Liabilities:

Current liabilities	\$ 626,300	\$ 409,500
Operating lease obligations	11,400	0
Annuity obligation	86,900	100,400
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>724,600</b>	<b>509,900</b>

##### Net assets:

##### Without donor restrictions:

Undesignated	1,285,100	1,133,800
Net investment in plant	3,480,400	3,450,500
Designated by the Board for operating reserves	1,395,000	1,395,000
Comprehensive campaign	2,095,900	500,000
Designated by the Board for endowment	1,841,700	1,810,800
	<b>10,098,100</b>	<b>8,290,100</b>

##### With donor restrictions:

Perpetual in nature	732,900	731,900
Purpose restricted	500,400	1,754,100
Time restricted	217,500	151,100
	<b>1,450,800</b>	<b>2,637,100</b>

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>11,548,900</b>	<b>10,927,200</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,273,500</b>	<b>\$ 11,437,100</b>

## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

### For the Year Ended

#### REVENUES:

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Program services	\$ 4,993,100	\$ 4,219,800
Contributions, events, and bequests	2,901,000	5,193,500
Investment and other	19,100	145,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,913,200</b>	<b>9,558,800</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Program services	5,132,300	4,617,600
General and administrative	1,354,600	1,165,800
Fundraising	804,600	535,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,291,500</b>	<b>6,318,900</b>

#### Change in Net Assets

Net Assets - Beginning of Year	10,927,200	7,687,300
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#### Net Assets - End of Year

<b>\$ 11,548,900</b>	<b>\$ 10,927,200</b>
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# Get Involved

## Support



The Carroll Center for the Blind provides over 3,500 services a year to people of ALL ages and ALL stages of vision loss. With your continued support, the Carroll Center for the Blind can positively impact thousands of children, teens, and adults with vision loss every year. We are humbled to accept your generous donation of any size and offer a variety of ways to donate.



## Ways to Give

**OUTRIGHT GIFTS:** Donations can be made via the QR code to the left, online at [www.carroll.org/donate](http://www.carroll.org/donate), or by check using the enclosed envelope mailed to The Carroll Center for the Blind, 770 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458.

**MATCHING GIFTS:** Many companies will provide a cash match for employee donations of money or volunteer time. Please check with your employer to learn more about the policy.

**DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS:** A gift through your Donor-Advised Fund or “DAF” is a wonderful way to make a transformative impact in the lives of our blind and visually impaired clients.

**INVESTMENT:** One method of supporting the Carroll Center for the Blind is to give the gift of appreciated investments such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds.

**LEGACY GIVING, ESTATE AND CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING:** Deciding to include the Carroll Center for the Blind in your estate plans will make a significant impact in the lives of so many, ensuring funding for the future.

**For questions about your personal philanthropy, please contact Dara Dalmata, Chief Development and Communications Officer, at (617) 969-6200 x 259 or [dara.dalmata@carroll.org](mailto:dara.dalmata@carroll.org).**

# Volunteering

Volunteers play a critical role at the Carroll Center for the Blind. We welcome volunteers who would like to work directly with clients as well as those who prefer to help with administrative or facilities work. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, agree to a CORI check, and attend an orientation session before participating in Carroll Center activities.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Angelina Todaro at [angelina.todaro@carroll.org](mailto:angelina.todaro@carroll.org).



**A special thank you to this year's corporate and community groups who volunteered on the Carroll Center campus: Biogen, Boston College, Cognex, Deloitte, Glaukos, Liberty Mutual, and Point32Health!**

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