

SERVING ALL AGES AND ALL STAGES OF VISION LOSS



The Carroll Center
FOR THE BLIND



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025: JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

A LETTER FROM Board Chair and President

Dear Dedicated Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

For nearly 90 years, the Carroll Center for the Blind has been a national leader in providing life-changing services for individuals of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. Every day, we empower people to live independently and with confidence—at home, in school, at work, and in their communities.

To ensure this impact continues for generations to come, we launched *Generations: A Campaign for the Carroll Center for the Blind*—our first-ever comprehensive fundraising effort. In the five-year campaign's first four years, we are proud to have raised nearly **\$22 million** towards our **\$24 million goal**.

Thanks to your generosity, this campaign is already transforming the Carroll Center—supporting our people, launching vital new programs, enhancing our campus, and significantly growing our endowment. Below are just a few highlights of the progress we've made so far across all areas of the campaign:

- **People:** Strengthened our team by enhancing employee benefits and competitive wages, launching a continuing education and licensure reimbursement program, and adding new positions to meet growing client needs.
- **Programs:** Introduced six new programs—many of which you'll read about in this report—designed to close critical service gaps, enhance vocational and academic success, and reach individuals of all ages.
- **Place:** Upgraded our campus, including the installation of the *John & Elaine Cataldo Orientation, Mobility and Wellness Trail*; dorm enhancements; technology upgrades; and a solar conversion to increase our green footprint.
- **Endowment:** Increased our endowment from \$800,000 to \$7.3 million—laying the foundation for long-term sustainability.



Now in our fifth and final year of this \$24 million campaign, we're asking for your help to finish strong and fuel our future success.

There are many meaningful ways to support the campaign—whether through a one-time gift, a multi-year pledge, or by including the Carroll Center in your estate plans as part of the White Cane Legacy Circle. By documenting your estate intentions, you'll create a lasting legacy of support that also helps us reach our campaign goal.

Together, we are building a stronger, more sustainable future for people with vision loss—and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you for being a part of this transformative moment in our history.

With gratitude,

GREGORY J. DONNELLY
President and Chief Executive Officer

CAROL A. COVELL
Chair, Board of Directors

CLIENT STORY

Tim Vernon:

Leading with Positivity and Purpose

Tim Vernon is more than just a Senior Customer Service Representative at Eversource Energy; he's a respected leader, role model, and passionate advocate for accessibility and inclusion. A lifelong resident of Mansfield, Massachusetts, Tim has been blind since birth and has never let that limit his ambition or outlook.

He joined Eversource's Westwood, MA call center in 2008 as a Customer Service Representative, handling inquiries ranging from billing issues to emergency gas or power outage calls. In 2017, after passing a rigorous written exam and delivering a standout presentation, Tim was promoted to Senior Customer Service Representative. Today, he mentors new hires, assists colleagues with complex calls, and manages escalated customer cases, including those routed through Boston 311. He also played a key role in training two additional blind customer service representatives now working at Eversource.

As a blind professional, Tim uses adaptive tools like the JAWS screen reader, a Braille Sense notetaker, and a sound-splitting headset to navigate his computer while speaking with customers. With this accessible setup and his deep system knowledge, he delivers top-tier service and consistently earns high marks from the quality assurance team.

Tim's positive attitude and good humor have made him a vital part of the Eversource team. One colleague shared, "Tim brings so much to everyone, his cheery disposition is inspirational, and prompts all of us to reflect on our daily manner."



EVERSOURCE ENERGY

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Tim Vernon, Senior Customer Service Representative at Eversource Energy



Tim's significant contribution to the workforce has earned him multiple Carroll Center recognition awards. In 2010, he received the Carroll Society Award, and in 2025, Tim was honored with the Blind Employee of the Year Award for his leadership and commitment to inclusion.

Tim's journey wasn't without challenges, but with support from the Carroll Center, Tim successfully transitioned from public school to Fitchburg State University, where he earned a degree in Communications Media and launched a disability awareness speaker series. Tim's father, Bill, recalls, "the Carroll Center provided Tim with essential mobility skills. Tim's ability to adapt, get around independently in the neighborhood, the downtown area, and from elementary to high school to college, were attributable to the Carroll Center's assistance and support."

After college, it took nearly two years to find a job, but he stayed optimistic. His advice to others who are blind: "Keep an open mind. Highlight the skills you bring. Don't focus solely on blindness, focus on why you're the best candidate."

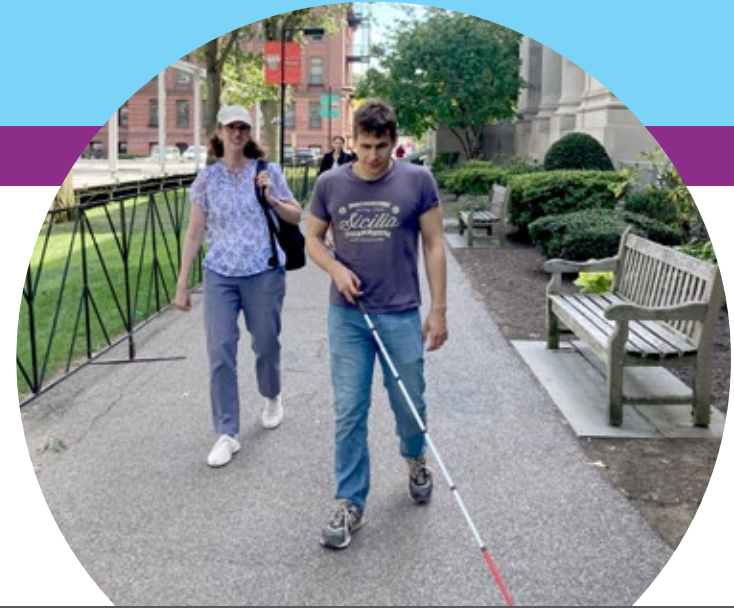
Outside of work, Tim sings in the Bristol Chorale, participates in the Carroll Center's SailBlind program, and speaks to school children about blindness. A former Braille Challenge champion, he's passionate about community engagement and self-advocacy.

Whether commuting by train, collaborating with colleagues, or catching wind on the Charles River, Tim approaches life with determination and heart. His story is a powerful reminder of the impact of perseverance, inclusion, and a positive outlook.

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. Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Jill Suarez, has found a home helping others gain independence. Jill tells us, “I’ve found meaning and purpose in helping people improve their safety, regain their confidence, and engage with the community – be it for academic, vocational, social, or practical reasons. I enjoy the wonderful diversity of people I meet and appreciate the opportunity to explore new neighborhoods and settings.”



School-Based Training

Our School-Based Services support students who are blind or visually impaired across Massachusetts and New Hampshire through specialized instruction from certified Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) and Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialists (COMS). TVIs ensure students can access the general education curriculum by adapting materials, integrating assistive technology, and teaching vital skills such as braille, low vision strategies, and self-advocacy. COMS provide students with individualized training that reinforces safe, independent travel skills within school settings and the routines of daily life. Katelyn Budreau, a TVI, shares, “My favorite part of the job is seeing my students gain confidence and independence when they are working on different skills or tools with me. Seeing their faces light up when they are able to master something brings me so much joy.”



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 and meaningful relationships with peers. Client Experience & Activities Coordinator, Amie Fields’ eyes sparkle when she shares her love for her work. Amie says, “Working with people who have disabilities doesn’t just build connections, it creates a second family rooted in understanding, resilience, and joy.”





Low Vision Services

The Carroll Center's Certified Low Vision Therapists work with clients to identify assistive devices that help them use their remaining vision and teach them how to use these devices and other techniques to achieve greater independence. Kritika Singh, Senior Low Vision and Vision Rehabilitation Therapist, speaks about the work of the Low Vision team. "Many of our clients don't realize the wide range of simple methods and powerful low vision technologies that are available. The happiness and fulfillment I feel from helping clients discover and learn to use these tools and then seeing them regain their independence and achieve their goals is what drives me and keeps me motivated to advance this important work."

Assistive Technology Training

The Center offers innovative assistive technology programs that empower individuals who are blind and visually impaired to use technology proficiently for work, school, and leisure. Through ongoing research, we develop and refine cutting-edge solutions in assistive technology, ensuring our programs reflect the latest advancements. By incorporating artificial intelligence into our lessons, we equip students with a leading-edge toolkit that enhances independence, productivity, and digital fluency. As a person with lived experience, Brian Switzer, the Program Manager of Accessibility Technology, Training, and Research, is an expert in the assistive technology space. Brian shares, "I am passionate about assistive technology, because it empowers people who are blind and visually impaired to gain greater independence. Instead of being recipients of help, they are equipped with a powerful toolkit to access education, employment, and the greater community."

Employment and Essential Skills Programs

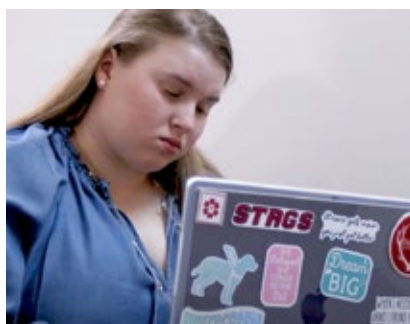
The Carroll Center's residential and day programs provide training that helps clients achieve or maintain personal independence and employment. Instruction includes orientation & mobility, assistive technology, home management and self care, adjustment counseling, employment training, and experiential work internships. As a former client and now Program Manager of Rehabilitation Services, Nick Corbett takes pride in his work. "Our team helps people experiencing blindness gain independence with essential skills so they can achieve their employment goals. I believe financial success leads to personal freedom, and I want every person to have choice and flexibility in how they live their life—blindness should not hold anyone back."



Madeleine's Journey

“The Carroll Center introduced me to the blind community. It gave me blind adult role models to follow, people who showed me what’s possible.”

Madeleine Babcock



At first glance, Madeleine Babcock’s summer looks like a juggling act: mentoring students, interning in disability policy, and studying for the LSAT—all before her senior year of college even begins. But behind the packed schedule is something deeper: a mission forged by lived experience, resilience, and an unshakable drive to create change.

Madeleine was born with Aniridia, a rare eye condition that causes a complete or partial absence of the iris. She also lives with glaucoma and a cataract in her right eye—challenges that would shape not only how she sees the world but how she would one day help change it.

Now in her senior year at Fairfield University, Madeleine is majoring in Sociology with dual minors in Special Education and Educational Studies. But a full course load is just the beginning. Last summer, she balanced a whirlwind of responsibility and ambition. As a Resident Assistant at the Carroll Center for the Blind, she supported blind and visually impaired students gaining vital skills for independence. At the same time, she interned with the Disability Policy Consortium, where she learned

firsthand how policy and advocacy can create systemic change. And in between it all, Madeleine is studying for the LSAT, moving closer to her dream of becoming a lawyer.

Madeleine’s goal is to study special education law, using her lived experience and growing expertise to advocate for students and families navigating the complex education system. She’s determined to help others receive the support and accommodations they need to thrive—because she knows how much that support can mean.

When Madeleine reflects on her journey, she points to the Carroll Center for the Blind as a pivotal part of it. “The Carroll Center introduced me to the blind community,” she says. “It gave me blind adult role models to follow, people who showed me what’s possible.”

With compassion, clarity, and drive, Madeleine Babcock is building a future where all students, regardless of ability, have someone in their corner. And she’s just getting started.



Martha Steele & Bob Stymeist

When vision and hearing faded from Martha Steele's world, she didn't retreat—she adapted and thrived. Living with Usher syndrome, a genetic condition that causes both hearing and vision loss, Martha embodies resilience and a deep commitment to living fully and giving back. Today, though blind, she continues to lead with purpose, ensuring the path is brighter for those who follow.

Reflecting on her journey, Martha shares: "We all have challenges; mine just happen to be hearing and vision loss. There is no room for self-pity, only self-improvement. I covet inclusion, not isolation; determination, not defeat; hope, not despair; and looking forward to what I might gain in the future—not what I may have lost in the past."

Martha maintained a full and successful life despite her vision loss, building a 30-year career at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Now in retirement, Martha serves on several nonprofit boards, including the Carroll Center for the Blind and the Foundation Fighting Blindness, and birds



by ear with her husband, Bob Stymeist, by identifying bird species by their songs alone.

During the height of her career, Martha began losing her central vision—the last of her remaining sight—which interfered with both her work and daily life. That's when she turned to the Carroll Center for the Blind.

"The Carroll Center changed my life," Martha says. "They taught me how to maximize the vision I had and how to replace lost skills with new ones. They introduced me to assistive technologies that enabled me to read. They taught me white cane skills that increased my mobility. In short, the Carroll Center gave me the chance to live my life to the fullest again."

Because of the impact the Carroll Center has had on her journey, Martha and Bob became early supporters of *The Generations Campaign*. They have made generous outright gifts and included the Carroll Center in their estate plan by naming us a beneficiary of a retirement account and a deferred annuity.

"This place has been transformational for me and Bob," Martha shares. "It's important to us that the Carroll Center has the resources to provide others with the same kind of life-changing experiences we've had. My hope is that our support helps individuals of all ages gain the tools they need to live full and successful lives."

In celebration of Martha and Bob's lasting impact, the Carroll Center is naming our new wellness area in their honor. The *Swinging with*



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Martha Steele, Carroll Center client and donor

Alvin area—named after Martha's beloved guide dog—offers a peaceful outdoor space featuring a hexagonal swing system, water source, and sculpture garden. We are proud to dedicate this special place designed to support the emotional and social well-being of clients as a lasting tribute to Martha and Bob's unwavering commitment to the Carroll Center.

Age with Independence



For many older adults experiencing vision loss, the world begins to fade over time. A loved one's face becomes harder to see clearly. The words in a favorite book blur into shadows. Street signs lose their clarity. Simple daily tasks—reading a label, preparing a meal, recognizing a friend—become increasingly difficult. This slow but life-altering change is the reality for thousands of older adults in Massachusetts experiencing vision loss and can lead to increased isolation, frustration, and a loss of independence.

At the Carroll Center for the Blind, we believe that vision loss shouldn't mean the end of independence. That's why we've launched *Age with Independence*; a bold and compassionate initiative that supports seniors impacted by vision loss including Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of vision loss in adults over 50.

Backed by a multi-year grant from Point32Health Foundation and generous funding from the Sidney and Deanna Wolk Family Foundation, Theodore Edson Parker Foundation and a special appropriation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Social Rehabilitation, *Age with Independence* brings life-changing services directly to older adults throughout Massachusetts. This program serves as a vital access point allowing seniors, caregivers, and professionals to better understand vision loss, available supports, and how to take the next steps toward living safely and independently.

Over the past year, *Age With Independence* has:

- Provided tailored guidance, resources, and support to approximately 200 seniors.
- Conducted 22 educational presentations at senior centers and councils on aging, reaching nearly 100 attendees at each.
- Met seniors where they are with in-home assessments, orientation and mobility training, assistive technology instruction, daily living skills development, and emotional support.

Our work is strengthened by meaningful collaborations with mission-aligned partners.



All are critical allies in advancing this program. These partners help us extend our reach, share resources, and ensure that seniors across the Commonwealth receive the support they need. Our partners include:

1. Councils on Aging
2. Assisted living facilities
3. Senior housing communities
4. The Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
5. Perkins Talking Book Library

As the population ages and the prevalence of age-related vision conditions like AMD increases, the demand for support through our *Age with Independence* program continues to grow. At the Carroll Center, we are dedicated to ensuring that no senior faces the challenges of vision loss alone. This program goes beyond restoring function—it restores hope. By addressing the physical, emotional, and social impacts of vision loss, *Age with Independence* empowers older adults across Massachusetts to maintain their independence, dignity, and quality of life, even as their vision changes.



Barbara Love is one of many community members already benefiting from this new initiative. Recently diagnosed as legally blind due to age-related macular degeneration with geographic atrophy, she turned to the Carroll Center for guidance. Through the *Age with Independence* program, Barbara received a Low Vision Assessment and training with a Certified Low Vision Therapist and Rehabilitation Therapist who provided tools for daily living including setting her up with a CCTV. Barbara's daughter shares, *"Mom receiving the CCTV was a 'WOW' moment for all of us— listening to her read from a magazine and knowing that she would be able to see more clearly the faces of her great grandchildren in pictures, perhaps for the first time!"* Barbara's story embodies the mission of this program: empowering individuals to face vision loss with strength, resilience, and renewed purpose.



"I had no idea that this wonderful neighborhood resource served more than those who are completely blind. They came to my house. They want to ensure that all of the adaptive equipment that I have is maximizing my deteriorating vision. It has been life-changing for me!"

Barbara Love, *Age with Independence* community member

Turning Vision Loss into Career Readiness

Through innovative and inclusive workforce development programs, the Carroll Center sets individuals on a path toward greater independence and purpose. From high school students exploring their first jobs to adults advancing their careers, participants gain the skills, confidence, and real-world experience to thrive in today's workforce.

What sets the Carroll Center apart is not only the training itself, but the belief that every individual brings unique strengths and potential to the table. By partnering with employers, providing exceptional and comprehensive training, and opening doors to new opportunities, The Carroll Center empowers people who are blind or visually impaired to lead, to innovate, and to shape the future of work with confidence.



Real World of Work Experience



For students ages 16-21 looking to take their first steps toward employment, *Real World of Work Experience* builds a strong foundation for just that! Participants live on a local university campus at Lasell University, commuting to work each day and learning the rhythms and responsibilities of adult life. Each week combines part-time employment, corporate site visits, and outings in Boston. This balance of professional and personal growth helps students not only practice workplace skills, but also discover the joy of building community and navigating the world with confidence. Partnerships with organizations such as Moody Street Group, a financial investment firm; Ascidian Therapeutics, a biotech company; and Cradles to Crayons, a nonprofit serving children in need, give students valuable exposure to inclusive workplaces and diverse career paths.

Job Readiness

For adults adjusting to vision loss or seeking new opportunities, *Job Readiness* provides more than skills; it offers a pathway to confidence, independence, and competitive employment. Each participant receives individualized support tailored to their goals, whether that means re-entering the workforce in a familiar setting or launching a new career.

Through comprehensive training, participants strengthen the essential skills needed in orientation and mobility, assistive technology, and career exploration while also building practical vocational strategies as they navigate the emotional and social adjustments that come with vision loss. By the time they graduate, participants leave not only with new skills, but with the confidence and self-determination needed to thrive professionally.

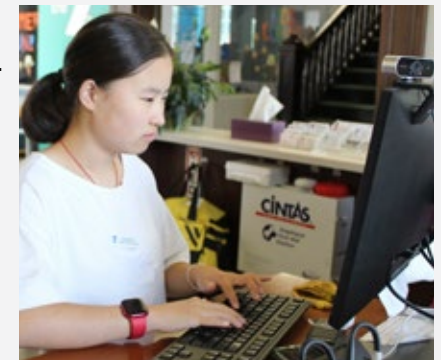
Screen Reader User Tester Training

As digital spaces expand, so does the demand for accessibility. *The Screen Reader User Tester Training* program meets this need head-on, equipping participants to step into leadership roles in a rapidly growing field.

Over five intensive weeks, participants learn to evaluate websites, mobile apps, and documents using screen readers, then apply the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines to create clear, professional reports that meet industry standards.

This blend of technical training and lived experience makes graduates uniquely qualified for employment as accessibility testers, offering employers not only an authentic perspective but also specialized expertise that drives real change in the tech industry.

Programs like this reflect the Carroll Center's vision: transforming vision loss from a barrier into a bridge. By equipping participants with in-demand skills, practical experience, and the confidence to lead, the Carroll Center ensures individuals are not just included in the workforce but are shaping its future.



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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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For the Year Ended	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
ASSETS:		
Current assets	\$ 6,073,928	\$ 3,875,200
Investments	7,441,558	6,907,600
Long-term contributions receivable	56,582	259,200
Property, plant, and equipment	4,606,829	4,332,100
Other Assets	73,622	87,200
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,252,519</u>	<u>\$ 15,461,300</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	579,908	531,100
Operating lease obligations	2,481	4,500
Annuity obligation	46,186	59,800
Total Liabilities	<u>628,575</u>	<u>595,400</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	585,557	1,121,800
Net investment in plant	4,606,829	4,332,100
Designated by the Board for operating reserves	1,640,000	1,550,000
Comprehensive campaign	2,100,923	2,100,900
Designated by the Board for endowment	5,146,357	2,284,700
	<u>14,079,666</u>	<u>11,389,500</u>
With donor restrictions:		
Perpetual in nature	2,234,949	2,234,900
Purpose restricted	1,036,513	767,900
Time restricted	272,815	473,600
	<u>3,544,277</u>	<u>3,476,400</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>17,623,924</u>	<u>14,865,900</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,252,519</u>	<u>\$ 15,461,300</u>



STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
REVENUES:		
Program services	\$ 6,857,2204	\$ 4,586,500
Contributions, events, and bequests	2,658,528	6,219,900
Investment and other	422,556	398,200
Total Revenues	<u>9,938,188</u>	<u>11,203,700</u>
EXPENSES:		
Program services	5,903,966	5,416,800
General and administrative	1,990,757	2,040,900
Fundraising	896,312	896,000
Total Expenses	<u>8,793,035</u>	<u>8,353,700</u>
Change in Net Assets	2,758,024	2,850,000
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	14,865,900	12,015,900
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 17,623,924</u>	<u>\$ 14,865,900</u>

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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 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 Center's leadership giving circle. Members receive exclusive communications from leadership, gain private access to Carroll Center programs, and are invited to members-only events that provide an opportunity to interact with program staff and clients.

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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.

Walk for Independence

On May 31, 2025, 800 community members walked to show their support of the Carroll Center's mission at the *Walk for Independence*, collectively raising more than \$300,000 for our organization. Join us for next year's Walk on Saturday, May 30, 2026 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.

Ready to make a gift?

Donations can be made online at www.carroll.org/donate, via the QR code above or by check using the enclosed envelope. We also accept gifts made through your Donor-Advised Fund or gifts of appreciated investments such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds. Please contact development@carroll.org or 617-969-6200 x259 for questions or more information about how to get involved at the Carroll Center.





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