

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

SENSORY DEVELOPMENT



These weekly craft projects engage clients' multiple senses to strengthen their Motor, Sensory, Cognitive and Social Skills



Above, Fran Stepkovitch, Board Member, and Kelly Mariani, caseworker, preparing for class.

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CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES/ LIFE ENRICHMENT

226 individuals received **1,316 hours** of **Life Enrichment Instruction** in their homes or in a community setting to maintain or improve their activities of daily living



Left, LBA clients in the Exercise/Stress Management Program which is held every Monday during the year.

242 individuals received **1,826 hours** of client support services including assistance with grocery and personal needs shopping

61 individuals were assisted for **819 hours** of Transportation/Escort Services to grocery/personal needs shopping and medical appointments

72 individuals received **103** hours of support in Access Technology

PELL RADIO READING SERVICES

1,211 hours of service were logged by **15** volunteers

496 hours of news, health tips, and agency and community events were broadcast on WUSR-FM 99.5 FM, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 10 am



*All statistics represent unduplicated numbers of persons served.

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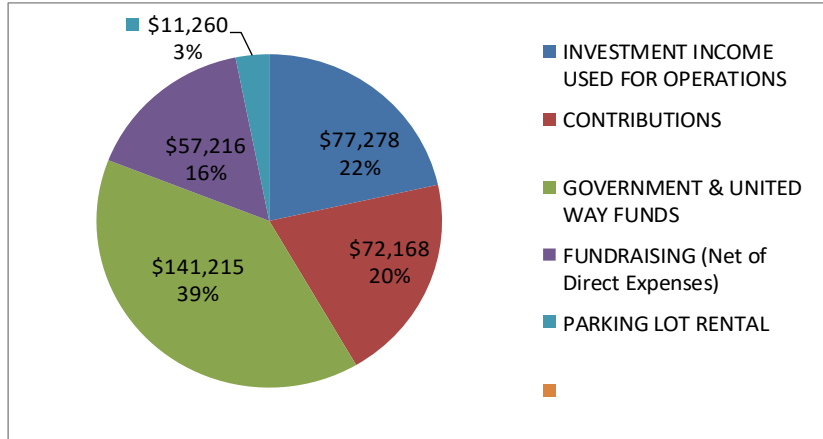
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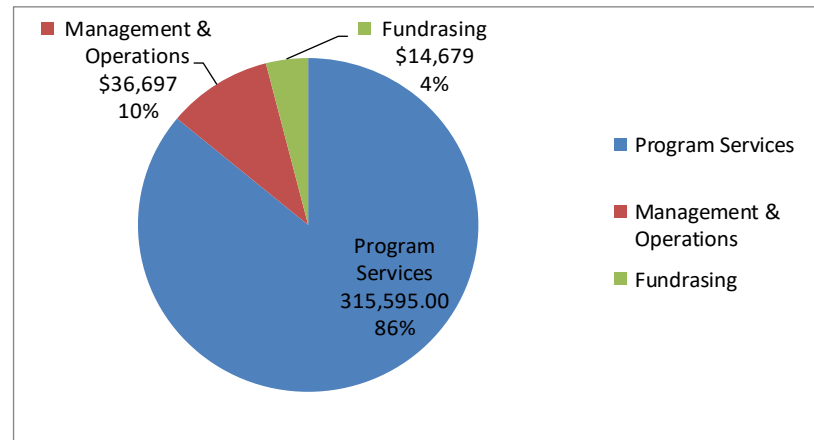
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**OPERATING INCOME
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
\$359,138**



**OPERATING EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
\$366,971**



*Income and Expenses estimated, pending FY21/22



Light the Way Legacy Society

The *Light the Way* Legacy Society was formed in 2012 as a way to invite our community members to include the Lackawanna Blind Association in their estate planning and to honor those who notify us that they have done so. Members of the *Light the Way* Legacy Society can have the special satisfaction of knowing that their life's efforts will continue to make a difference. Legacy gifts become a permanent part of LBA's endowment, ensuring that LBA can continue to provide compassionate care for its blind and visually impaired family. Legacy gifts also may be designated for a specific purpose or as a memorial or tribute to loved ones.



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Lackawanna Blind Association provided the following services to our clients who reside in Susquehanna County:



- ◆ **31** clients received **115.67** hours of support services including home visits and assistance with such tasks as paying bills and handling correspondence
- ◆ **31** clients participated in **31** hours of Life Skills, Support Group and Access Technology
- ◆ **2** clients received a total of **36** hours of Transportation and Escort Services to Medical Appointments and Grocery/ Personal Needs Shopping


PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

184 children at **5** sites were screened for vision problems
67 children at **4** sites were educated about eye care and safety
58 children were referred for follow-up care

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