

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023 LACKAWANNA COUNTY

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Lackawanna Blind Association is to support and promote the interests of the blind and visually impaired, and the prevention of avoidable blindness. On behalf of the Lackawanna Blind Association we are pleased to share our annual report. The programs, services and accomplishments highlighted would not be possible without the support of our donors, volunteers, Board of Directors and staff.

### 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.

### VOLUNTEERS

1500 Volunteer Hours were logged at the Lackawanna Blind Association

thank you

# CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES/ LIFE ENRICHMENT

243 unduplicated individuals received services from the Lackawanna Blind Association.

- ◆ 1466 hours of **Life Enrichment Instruction** in their homes or in a community setting to maintain or improve their activities of daily living.
- ◆ 1555 hours of **client support services** including assistance with grocery and personal needs shopping.
- ◆ 69 individuals were assisted for **1040 hours** of Transportation/Escort Services to grocery/personal needs shopping and medical appointments.
- ◆ 95 individuals received **157.5** hours of support in Access Technology.



## SOCIAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

39 clients participated in 763.5 hours Social Club events including:

- ◆ Book Club
- ◆ Descriptive Movie Day
- ◆ Bowling
- ◆ Bingo



## RADIO READING PROGRAM

- ◆ 1,228 hours of service were logged by 16 volunteers
- ◆ 498 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



## EYEGASSES



57 Individuals received low-cost eyeglasses

# PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS



- ◆ 1640 children at 67 sites were screened for vision problems
- ◆ 1260 children at 45 sites were educated about eye care and safety
- ◆ 231 children were referred for follow-up care

Pictured are the winning posters from this years Magic World of Vision Poster Contest. Our program teaches the children about eye safety, wearing goggles when playing sports, never playing with fireworks, limiting time on electronic devices and good nutrition and health!

*\*All statistics represent unduplicated numbers of persons served.*

## FUNDRAISING INCOME

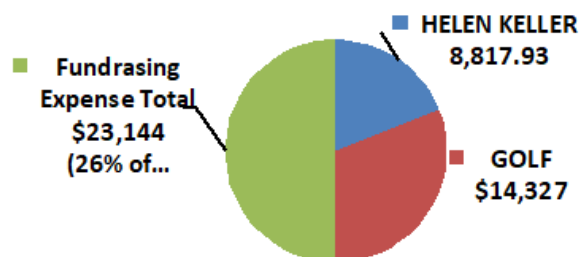
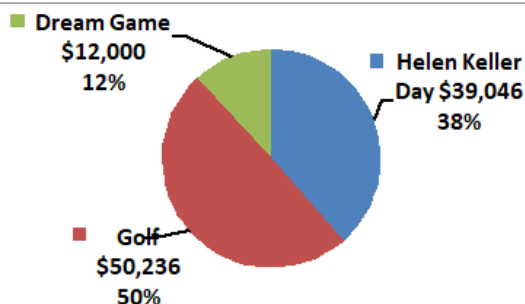
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

\$101,282 (including Dream Game)

## FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

\$23,144 (Excluding Dream Game)



*\*Fundraising Income and Expenses estimated, pending FY22/23*

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## BOARD OFFICERS

Paula DePeters, Chair | Judy Pronko: Vice Chair  
Ellen Rudis: Secretary | Joe Barrasse: Treasurer

## BOARD MEMBERS (2022-2023)

Tracy Bannon | Elaine Blondek | Sharon Borgia | Gerard Champi | Thomas Donohue  
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## HONORARY BOARD

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Marylyn Preven | Ted Reap | Scott Thorpe

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**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY**

**CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES/ LIFE ENRICHMENT**

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



- ◆ 32 clients received 97 hours of support services including home visits and assistance with such tasks as paying bills and handling correspondence
- ◆ 33 clients participated in 45.50 hours of Life Skills, Support Group and Access Technology
- ◆ 3 clients received a total of 55.50 hours of Transportation and Escort Services to Medical Appointments and Grocery / Personal Needs Shopping

**PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS**

- ◆ 231 children at 7 sites were screened for vision problems
- ◆ 135 children at 6 sites were educated about eye care and safety
- ◆ 16 children were referred for follow-up care

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**LACKAWANNA BLIND ASSOCIATION STAFF**

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Mary Ann Iezzi: Executive Director  
Kelly Mariani: Case Work Coordinator/POB  
Elaine Augelli: Caseworker/Aid  
Rich Patchcoski: Mini Bus Transportation Driver

Janet May: Office Assistant/Case Worker  
Mary Claire Boylan: Case Worker (PT)  
Paul Trama: Radio Program Manager  
Mary Lou Wascavich, (Executive Director...retired)

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