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NEWSLETTER OF THE

### **LACKAWANNA BLIND ASSOCIATION**

"SERVING THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED"



### January's National Glaucoma Awareness Month



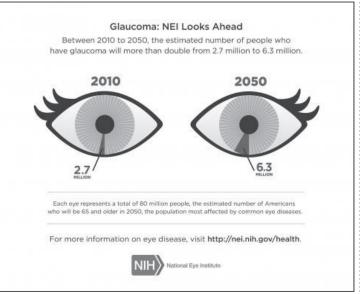


 Glaucoma can cause vision loss and blindness. Some people are at higher risk than others.

- There are no early symptoms. Don't wait for symptoms.
- In the United States, half the people who have glaucoma don't know they do.
   Nearly 3 million Americans have glaucoma
- A comprehensive dilated eye exam is the only way to find out if you have glaucoma.

#### SCHEDULE AN EYE EXAM TODAY!!

Information courtesy of National Eye Institute



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.

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### 93RD ANNUAL HELEN KELLER DAY



## PARTNERSHIP LEVELS FOR HELEN KELLER DAY

Special thanks to this year's Helen Keller Day Chair, Judy Pronko!

\$5000 Platinum Visionary Partner			
\$2500 Major Visionary Partner			
\$1000	Visionary Partner	\$100	Seer Partner
\$500	Luminary Partner	\$50	Guiding Light Partner
\$250	Sight Saver Partner	\$25	Eye Safety Partner

Please call (570) 342-7613 for more information or to purchase a dinner ticket visit our website at www.lackawannablind.org

All donations to Helen Keller Day 2022 is very much appreciated as our agency struggles financially during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and it will help us as we continue with the many programs we offer to our blind and visually impaired clients.

Please use the enclosed envelope if you wish to send in a gift. Your name or business will be listed on the Helen Keller Day flyer unless you choose to remain anonymous. Thank you!

### THANK YOU CHRIS!!!

Chris Tigue, owner of KJ Tigue Painting LLC, volunteered to paint the facade of our building. Thank you Chris for giving of your time and talent. It looks amazing!



### YOU GIVE LIGHT TO YOUR NEIGHBORS



LBA helps me lot. I can be active and get out of the house.

Marlene



I like the way the LBA helps me out with paperwork and applications, and I enjoy the socialization at the agency with the groups.

Frank

### Fundraising Events

Mary Regina Perry, jointly with Bob Harrington hosted a "Pasta Fiesta", Fine Food and Italian Cuisine to benefit the Lackawanna Blind Association. They are sincerely grateful to all the friends and family who attended and participated in their beautiful annual "Pasta Fiesta", an event in memory of John and Gerard Perry. The event was held at Wood Grille on November 16, 2021. \$6,400.00 was raised to assist in funding program services for the Blind and Visually Impaired people in Lackawanna County. Pictured left to right: Bob Harrington, Mary Regina Perry and Richard Green.





The Scranton Lions Club presented a check for \$13,500 from the 87th Annual Dream Game to the Lackawanna Blind Association. From left, seated: Dave Rudis; Mary Lou Wascavich, executive director, LBA; Allan Hetkowski; president, Scranton Lions Club, and Cathy Metschulat, Lions Club District 14 H governor. Standing: Mary Claire Boylan, Dan Loftus, Phil Mahasky, John Mesko, Joe Manley and Nick Rodio.

Lackawanna Blind Association does not share donor information with anyone, other than publishing a list thanking donors by name only.

Donors may also request that their gift remain entirely anonymous.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022





WILLIAM J. JORDAN, M.D.
MEMORIAL SWING FOR SIGHT
GOLF TOURNAMENT

GLEN OAK COUNTRY CLUB CLARKS SUMMIT, PA

TO NOTIFY US OF A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, OR IF YOU WISH TO BE REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AND PRESS 5 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE.

### To Our Clients, Volunteers, and Supporters:

2021 continued to be a challenging year since Covid-19 brought different variants that forced the Agency to limit group participation and eventually suspend all in-person activities for several months. We continued to meet our clients needs by providing group audio presentations and in-home services. We provided transportation and escorted guide services for clients that needed the vaccine. Our focus was to meet our clients' needs by providing essential services such as grocery shopping, assistance with correspondence and necessary medical appointments. We kept in touch with our clients by making friendly phone calls making sure our clients were safe and up to date with COVID-19 information.

Our Radio Reading Service program manager and volunteers continued to read the Scranton Times-Tribune, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. keeping our clients updated daily on local and world news.

Our Facebook page and website were consistently updated as new information became available. We endeavored to keep current on our latest agency news, posting new photos, and the current month's activities calendar. Please be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and visit us often at www.lackawannablind.org.

We are appreciative for all donations made to our Agency during this extraordinary time. Best wishes for a pandemic free 2022! Mary Lou Wascavich, Executive Director

United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties



