

## 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.

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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## 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.



## SOCIAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS



30 clients attend-  
ing **519** hours  
Social Club events  
including Book  
Club, Descriptive  
Movie Day and  
Bowling



## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS



**1,705** children at **61** sites were screened for  
vision problems

**573** children at **24** sites were educated  
about eye care and safety

**163** children were referred for follow-up  
care

Pictured left are Kelly Mariani and Anne Lawler, our dedicated staff at LBA, who with the help from Beacon & C-Well Bunny, demonstrate to the children how to care for their vision. Beacon & C-Well Bunny teach the children about eye safety, wearing goggles when playing sports, never play with fireworks, and limit their time on electronic devices. Good nutrition is also high on their list!

## EYEGASSES

**61** Individuals received low-cost eyeglasses



## VOLUNTEERS

**1,374** Volunteer Hours were logged at the Lackawanna Blind Association

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY 2021-2022

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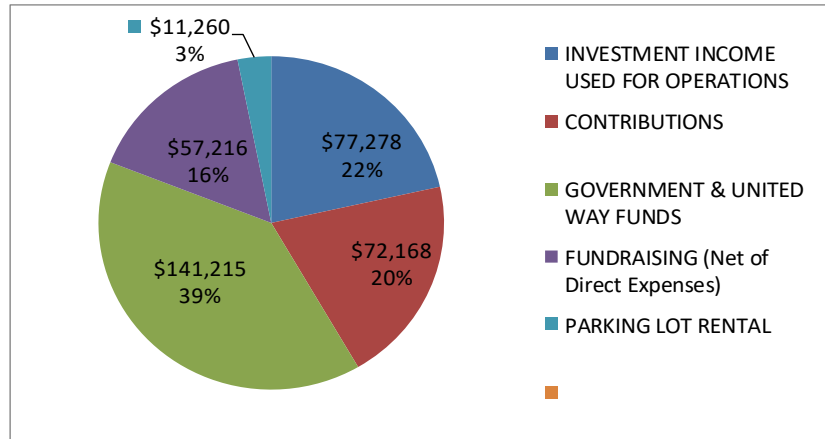
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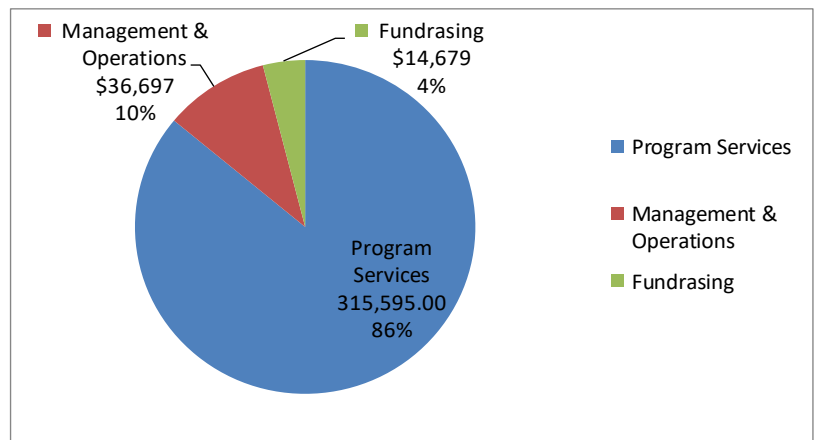
## ASSOCIATION STAFF

Mary Lou Wascavich, Executive Director  
Mary Claire Boylan, Case Work Coordinator  
Kelly Mariani, Case Worker/POB  
Janet May, Office Assistant/Case Worker  
Paul Trama, Radio Program Manager  
Anne Lawler, Prevention of Blindness Coordinator  
Rich Patchcoski, Mini Bus Driver

## 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.

