

## SERVICE FOR SIGHT GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 2017-2018, 56 national organizations that share our mission to aid the blind or visually impaired received \$392,000 through Service for Sight grants.

### **1 Touch Project** **\$3,000**

To cover sixteen workshops and two booths allowing one coach per twelve participants to train blind and visually impaired individuals in self defense requiring physically adaptive activities.

*A portion of this grant was funded by the Evelyn R. Erickson Fund, Gamma Lambda-Cal State, Fresno*

### **1 Touch Project** **\$3,000**

To provide one funded Coaching Certification Course to ten participants, and provide a 3-day intensive train the trainers course to reach the end users in their communities.

### **American Council of the Blind (ACB)** **\$4,000**

To help with the production and distribution of the ACB Braille Forum published in several formats and sent monthly to 12,000 subscribers.

### **American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)** **\$25,000**

To sponsor twelve scholars and twelve faculty members to attend leadership conference for blindness professionals.

*A portion of this grant was funded by the Helen Dunbar Lucas Fund, Alpha Pi-Arizona*

### **American Nystagmus Network, Inc. (ANN)** **\$1,000**

To support a part-time project manager who would work with a volunteer team of six to create a volunteer assessment tool, searchable data base, management structure to assign and support volunteers, volunteer evaluation, recognition, create committees - these volunteers would be all over United States.

*A portion of this grant was funded by the Mildred Moyer Baynard Charitable Trust, Kappa-Nebraska*

### **American Nystagmus Network, Inc. (ANN)** **\$6,000**

Camp Nystagmus started in 2015 for children with the disease, siblings, and children whose parents have the disease, providing activities throughout the day as parents are attending conference sessions - four regional camp sites with 30-40 children while adults are attending the conferences, support the travel for 3-4 counselors to attend and run each camp along with 3-4 local counselors.

*This grant was funded by the Dorothy B. Manock Fund, Iota-Illinois*

### **American Printing House for the Blind** **\$6,000**

To help cover the Braille Tales program to promote literacy and school readiness among children who are blind.

### **America's VetDogs** **\$7,500**

To help cover costs associated with the raising, training, and placing a guide dog, free of charge with veterans who have blindness or low vision

### **Anchor Center for Blind Children** **\$25,000**

To fund a Pediatric Nutrition Feeding and Eating Program which is an early intervention program necessary for visually impaired children to develop healthy eating habits and participate in eating and dining activities when they attend public schools

*A portion of this grant was funded by the Elisabeth Ford Siebert Fund, Beta Iota-Purdue*

### **Art Beyond Sight** **\$1,000**

To fund Art Beyond Sight and Disability Institute (ADI) Boot Camp materials for artists who are blind or visually impaired.

*A portion of this grant was funded by the Mildred Moyer Baynard Charitable Trust, Kappa-Nebraska*

### **Blind Children's Center, Los Angeles** **\$25,000**

To support the Delta Gamma Blind Children's Center's second grade Literacy Program. This essential program enables all students to acquire the critical skills they need to enhance their everyday communications, express their imaginations and articulate their dreams.

*A portion of this grant was funded by Alpha Nu-USC*

### **Blind Institute of Technology** **\$2,000**

To support the Blind Institute of Technology Academy which provides job preparation services to blind and visually impaired candidates.

### **Braille Institute of America, Inc.** **\$5,000**

To support the 2018 Braille Challenge for children and teens. The Braille Challenge is a national program to encourage and advance braille literacy among youth with visual impairments.

*A portion of this grant was funded by Beta Eta-Texas*

### **Bright Focus Foundation** **\$7,000**

To continue monthly live chats about vision loss and macular degeneration to seniors, caregivers, and the public. This live chat is hosted by professionals and gives participants the opportunity to ask questions regarding the monthly topic.

### **Canadian National Insitute for the Blind (CNIB)** **\$7,000**

To cover the direct out of pocket cost for five youth to attend the two week course called the National Youth Program.

**Children's Center for the Visually Impaired****\$25,000**

To fund Delta Gamma school scholarships providing 113 hours of Braille instruction services for 45 weeks for the 2018-2019 school year.

*A portion of this grant was funded by Nancy Noyes Fullerton, Beta Iota-Purdue*

**Computers for the Blind****\$5,000**

To provide 39 fully accessible laptops for individuals who are blind or have low vision who are participating in computer camps.

*This grant was funded by the Virginia Shewalter Roberts Fund, Theta-Indiana*

**Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments****\$25,000**

To support children from birth to the age of three through early intervention. The early intervention program is a comprehensive system of multidisciplinary services from several fields that are provided to infants with disabilities and their families.

*A portion of this grant was funded by Alpha Epsilon-Washington University*

**Fidelco Guide Dogs****\$5,000**

To cover expenses providing follow up services in 2018 to seven clients by going to their home to make sure team is working safely.

*A portion of this grant was funded by the Edna Quest Adams Fund, Omega-Wisconsin*

**Foundation Fighting Blindness****\$5,000**

To support the recently renamed Chatlos Foundation Public Health Education Program that provides educational materials, services, and resources to thousands of people and families affected by blinding degenerative retinal disease to help fund the cost of producing and distributing printed materials and electronic communication for those affected.

**Foundation for Blind Children****\$6,000**

To help purchase materials and supplies for the Media Center which provides Braille, large print, and electronic versions of print materials including recreational books and educational textbooks to individuals who are blind or visually impaired across the country. This service is utilized by over 1,000 people nationwide each year.

**Glaucoma Foundation****\$5,000**

The Glaucoma Foundation Eye to Eye newsletters cover cost of printing four editions with glaucoma research info, new glaucoma meds, general eye health tips, financial aid resources (also on website).

**Glaucoma Research Foundation****\$7,500**

To fund the production of one issue of GLEAM newsletter with 90,000 circulating in print and another 25,000 sent via email and the Website.

*This grant was funded by the Mary Ann Lummis Bowyer Fund, Beta Zeta-Denison*

**Glaucoma Service Foundation****\$4,000**

To fund the bi-annual newsletter SearchLight mailed to approximately 5,000 families with the latest information on glaucoma.

**Governor Morehead School for the Blind Alumni Association****\$1,000**

To provide scholarships for visually impaired youth to attend Envisioning Youth Empowerment retreat camp that offers specific strategies for success in higher education.

*This grant was funded by the Trudy Knorr MacGregor Fund, Gamma Sigma-Houston*

**Guide Dog Foundation****\$5,000**

To fund the Guide Dog Program process of placing a guide dog with a recipient.

*This grant was funded by the David W. Elliott Charitable Fund*

**Guide Dogs of America****\$5,000**

To support one puppy from birth to 20 months to become a guide dog.

**Hadley Institute for Blind and Visually Impaired****\$4,200**

To fund 200 Talking Calculators for math and independent learning courses.

**Impact America****\$7,000**

To fund Focus First, a high tech vision screening initiative for screening for rural and urban areas for children in Head Start, daycare, and pre-K.

**JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation****\$3,500**

To support the Children's Eye Health and Safety webinar which addresses Children's Eye Health and Safety issues.

*This grant was funded by Robert Flori in memory of his wife Anita Heinrichsmeyer Flori, Alpha Epsilon-Washington University*

**Lakeshore Foundation****\$7,500**

To support Operation Night Vision, a sports and recreation camp, to expose United States armed forces members who are blind or visually impaired and family members to a variety of activities designed to help them regain active, healthy, and independent lives.

*This grant was funded by the Sarah Wentzel Hubler Fund, Alpha Chi-Penn State*

**Learning Ally****\$6,000**

To help fund the comprehensive College Success Program for college students who are blind and visually impaired with the skills they will need to succeed throughout their higher education careers.

**LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, San Francisco**  
**\$6,000**

To support the Blind Music Camp at Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa Valley, California. A week long music camp for twenty blind and visually impaired youth across the nation to explore musical instruments, practice composing and performing along with social connections with other blind youths.

**Lighthouse Guild**  
**\$3,500**

To support the National TeleSupport Network for Parents of Children with Vision Impairment which connects parents with children of similar vision impairments all over United States.

**Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Community Services (MABVI)**  
**\$5,000**

To support Team with a Vision at the Boston Marathon Team.

**National Braille Press**  
**\$5,000**

To support ReadBooks! Because Braille Matters program. A family literacy program for blind preschool and early school children as an introduction to Braille by distributing over 1,000 free book bags filled with print/braille books.

**National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH)**  
**\$3,000**

To assist families in attending the NOAH conference. While their parents attend educational sessions, NOAH kids enjoy the unique experience of being with others who share their condition at the national conference.

**New Eyes for the Needy**  
**\$6,000**

To purchase new prescription eyeglasses for children and adults residing in the United States who live at or below the Federal Poverty Income level.

**New Mexico School for Blind and Visually Impaired**  
**\$3,300**

To help fund Babies Count program for medical and educational researchers to collect data on blindness in babies from birth to 36 months.

**Newsreel, Inc.**  
**\$3,500**

To help fund a taped magazine, which is a source of information, encouragement, and support for adults who are blind or visually impaired. The magazine gives information on products/technology and how it works

**NewView Oklahoma**  
**\$7,000**

To provide training and consulting services to three blind organizations in Indiana, California and Florida so NewView can share their successful organization in this field.

**Northwest Association of Blind Athletes**  
**\$6,500**

To help fund the first free Adaptive Sports Equipment Lending Library, a 400 piece lending library that allows individuals and families to integrate sports and visual activities in their home, school, and community free of charge.

**OccuPaws Guide Dog Association**  
**\$4,500**

To purchase starter kits for guide dogs.  
*A portion of this grant was funded by the Elizabeth Ernst Fosbinder Fund, Omega-Wisconsin*

**Olmstead Center for Sight**  
**\$3,000**

To provide tuition support for twenty students to attend National Statler Center, Olmsted Center for Sight's career training program.  
*This grant was funded by Keary Elizabeth O'Connor, Zeta-Albion*

**Peace of Adventure**  
**\$8,000**

To sponsor the Visually Impaired Recovery Ride Program; a week long mountain bike trip for veterans and civilians with visual impairments at no cost to participants.

**Prevent Blindness**  
**\$1,000**

To develop a standardized vision evaluation program to provide technical assistance across the United States and support a project for NCCVEH-National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health.

**ReSOURCE: A Nonprofit Community Enterprise**  
**\$5,000**

To support the LEAP program (Learn, Earn and Prosper) to provide blind or visually impaired youth and young adults the opportunity to learn skills and become independent.

**Seedlings Braille Books for Children**  
**\$10,000**

To subsidize the production costs of approximately 1,200 Braille books to keep them affordable for blind children and their families.

**Sight Savers America**  
**\$5,000**

To fund the Low Vision Program which provides high tech vision aids to children with low vision and provides a low vision expert and personal case management.

**Ski For Light**  
**\$7,500**

To fund the Learn to Ski Program, for recruiting and training instructor/guides and for partial scholarships for participants and guides who could not otherwise afford to attend.  
*A portion of this grant was funded by the Betty Lee McFeely Carlson Fund, Epsilon-Ohio State*

**Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.**  
**\$5,000**

To sponsor one veteran to be placed in the Paws for Patriots program.



**The Ohio State University Foundation**

**\$10,000**

To sponsor the Early Childhood Braille Transcription Program.

**United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation**

**\$4,000**

To cover the registration costs for 100 individuals and family, and 30 researchers and professionals to attend a conference for Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy patients.

**United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA)**

**\$3,333**

To support the USABA in the organization of the blind and visually impaired marathon championships at the California International Marathon.

**United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA)**

**\$5,000**

To support participation in seven different national events including Goalball camps and competition, tandem cycling, rowing, skiing, and multi-sports camp.

**United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA)**

**\$6,167**

To assist in accelerating the rehabilitation of veterans through sport and recreation.

**United States Space and Rocket Center**

**\$7,500**

To provide tuition assistance for students who are blind or visually impaired to attend Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS).

**Vision of Children Foundation**

**\$4,000**

To fund the Family Support Network marketing materials, webinars, resource guides, vision aids, videos and program curriculum pairing mentor families with new families.