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Dear Supporter,

Thank you for empowering the blind and visually impaired in Palm Beach County. Your grants and donations have launched the Dual Sensory Loss Program, supported the Kids' Club, and allowed more clients to travel safely with mobility and orientation training this year. Your support has bolstered the Senior program allowing us to launch a new outreach site as well as continue to market the Center's programs to attract new clients. We thank you for your continued support and invite you to visit our facility, meet our staff, and see firsthand the awesome impact you are having on the blind and visually impaired community.

YOUR GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND:

CLIENT TRAINING in the following areas:

- ✚ Independent Living Skills
- ✚ Computers, Assistive Technology & Smartphones
- ✚ Orientation and Mobility
- ✚ Braille

CLIENT PROGRAMS and SUPPORT through the:

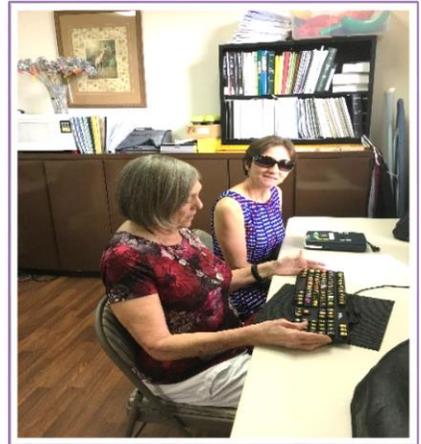
- ✚ Kids' Club
- ✚ Senior Outreach Program
- ✚ Hearing and Vision Impaired Advisory Group
- ✚ Peer Support Group

CLIENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- ✚ Field Trips to the NFB Convention in Orlando & Transportation Disadvantage Day in Tallahassee
- ✚ White Cane Awareness Day
- ✚ Kids' Club and Client Holiday Parties
- ✚ Hearing and Vision Loss Symposium
- ✚ Social activities such as descriptive movies and Bingo
- ✚ Presentations and attendance at local health fairs



You're bringing "Not Only Eyes Can See," 3D art to kids



You're helping Cynthia, a Senior Client, learn Keyboarding Skills



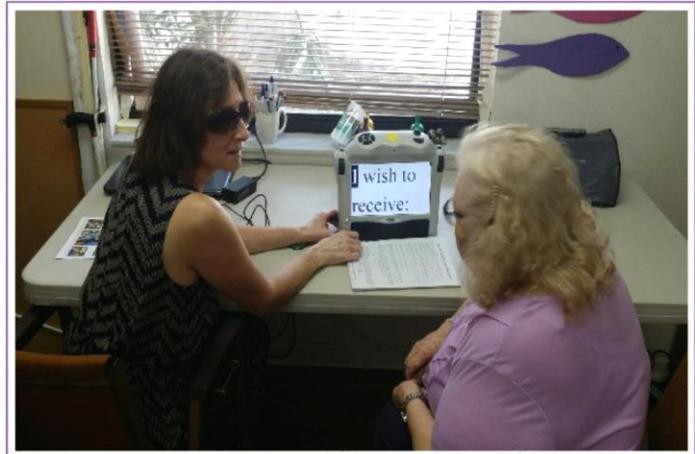
You're teaching Brooke, a Hearing & Vision Impaired Client, I-pad skills

EMPOWERING JUDY

Being diagnosed with glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration, three eye diseases that each result in vision loss, has left Judy with ten percent vision in her right eye and no sight in her left eye. This has not stopped Judy. After working for thirty years at the Ford Motor Company, she retired to Boca Raton, Florida. As her sight continued to decline, Judy joined the FOCB's Senior Outreach Program at Mae Volen Center. Here, she learns techniques to adapt to her vision loss and enjoys the support from friends in a similar situation. Judy takes public transportation to the Center in Palm Springs where she has been trained in mobility and orientation, independent living and is now conquering her I-phone. She is learning the accessibility features that allow blind individuals to use their smart phone to listen to books, surf the internet, pay bills and even identify objects and read printed material. Last year Judy attended the National Federation of the Blind Convention in Orlando. Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc. is fortunate to have Judy serving on the Advisory Board where she brings her business background and personal experiences to help steer the direction of the Center. There is no stopping Judy with the skills and training that you have empowered her with through your generous support.



Learning mobility and orientation skills for safety



Exploring Visual Aids that maximize the use of Judy's remaining vision

Dining in the Dark

November marked ten years of our signature event, Dining in the Dark. The community is given the opportunity to experience eating dinner in total darkness, simulating being blind for a meal. A reception, silent auction and entertainment begins the night, followed by the PBSO SWAT team seating guests for dinner in a blacked out ballroom. Following dinner, lights are up and a guest speaks, the Dr. Thomas Hartig Award is presented, volunteers are recognized and raffle prizes are awarded. We invite you to join us November 12, 2017 for this unique experience!