

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind

Living Better with Vision Loss

Fact Sheet - FY 2011-2012

- The New Hampshire Association for the Blind was founded in 1912, in Hancock, NH.
- The mission of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind is **to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired.**
- The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is the only statewide, private, non-profit organization that provides vision rehabilitation services to people of all ages, who are blind or have severe vision impairments.
- The Association is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- The Association provides counseling & referral, rehabilitation teaching, orientation & mobility instruction, low vision services, assistive technology, volunteer services, as well as education services for school-age children.
- The Association's professional staff provided 24,483 hours of program service to 1,441 individuals. An additional 445 persons participated in group services.
- 66% of clients are women; 34% are men and 46% of clients are between the ages of 70 and 89, with 68% of our clients between the ages of 70-100+.
- Volunteers provided 4,042 service hours.
- Of the major eye conditions, 39% of clients suffer from Macular Degeneration, 16% from Cataract, 7% from Diabetic Retinopathy, 15% from Glaucoma, 2% from Retinitis Pigmentosa and 21% from all other eye conditions.
- This year, the Association received 438 new referrals averaging 37 per month.
- Public education presentations were made to 11,289 people.
- 23% of clients voluntarily report financial data. Of those reporting, 28% have incomes of less than \$10,000 and 29% have incomes ranging from \$10,000 - \$20,000.
- No one is ever denied access to services due to inability to pay, and services are provided in every community of New Hampshire and along the borders, for as long as they are needed.
- 68% of funding comes from philanthropic contributions from individuals, private foundation grants, trusts, corporate grants, civic and service organizations.
- All funds raised in New Hampshire stay in New Hampshire.