

# *No Dream is Too Big*



*"I am 27 years old and an attorney at the Department of Homeland Security. I want to be a United States Federal Court Judge."*

*"I am a daughter, sister, vocal performer, fitness enthusiast, skydiver and I love to cook."*

*"I am driven, passionate, capable, adventurous, charismatic, confident and always striving to better myself."*

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*I am Kirsten Battaglia, I have Optic Nerve Hypoplasia and I am legally blind.*

A little girl growing up with a visual impairment was a frightening thought for my family. **Before Cleveland Sight Center, they had been on their own to educate themselves and help me reach crucial developmental milestones.** At the age of three, my family learned about Cleveland Sight Center and I was enrolled in Bright Futures Preschool. Being connected at an early age with a place that understood me helped prepare them for the road ahead and gave me the confidence I needed to take the world by storm. **You have the power to ensure that other preschoolers have the same opportunities I did.**

**Throughout my life, Cleveland Sight Center has been there every step of the way.** With every challenge faced, I was shown an opportunity to succeed. My case manager, Susan, was the greatest resource and advocate I could have asked for during my school years. She worked tirelessly to assure everyone that my diagnosis should never get in the way of my goals. From Bright Futures Preschool to the Summer Youth Work Experience program to time spent at Highbrook Lodge as a camp counselor, Cleveland Sight Center gave me the resources I needed to learn that I could accomplish whatever I set my mind to – no dream was too big. **Your support will provide other young adults with the confidence that leads to success.**

Not a day goes by that I am not thankful for the opportunities I have had and the skills and self-reliance that were instilled in me as a child, teenager and young adult at Cleveland Sight Center. Your donation will have a significant impact on the families and individuals served by Cleveland Sight Center. **With your support, they, like me, will achieve their dreams.**

**You will make a difference. Please make your gift today.**

Sincerely,

*Kirsten Battaglia*



Founded in 1906, Cleveland Sight Center is the only organization in Northeast Ohio that offers comprehensive services for individuals who are blind or have experienced vision loss. From infants to seniors, CSC is a partner for life, working to educate, empower and employ. Supported by 160 staff members, 48 board members and more than 500 volunteers, CSC serves more than 13,000 people each year through education, direct services and preventative vision screenings.



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### **Cleveland Sight Center Mission Statement**

To empower people with vision loss to realize their full potential  
and to shape the community's vision of that potential.