



CLEVELAND  
SIGHT  
CENTER

# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



**“I don't let the fact that I'm vision impaired stop me from doing things that I used to do.” – CSC Client**

The mission of Cleveland Sight Center is to provide individualized support and tools to navigate the visual world.

# A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

In a year marked by financial uncertainty and a shifting nonprofit landscape, Cleveland Sight Center remained steadfast in our mission to serve individuals who are blind or visually impaired across Northeast Ohio.

- We strengthened our financial assistance program to ensure individuals can access the life-changing tools and training they need without delay.
- The addition of new leaders brought fresh perspectives, deep experience and renewed momentum, positioning us to plan more strategically for the future.
- Our community rallied in powerful ways through increased participation and fundraising at White Cane Walk.

These successes remind us that resilience is built together. The generosity of our community, through time, talent, advocacy and financial contributions, continues to support individuals in navigating the visual world with confidence.



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“Cleveland Sight Center provides that human touch that was so crucial to me. They made me feel like it was okay.” – Nancy, CSC Client



**176 volunteers** provided **4,256 hours** of service with **over 1,000 hours of content recorded** on

Cleveland Sight Center’s radio station

Individuals were able to access vision rehabilitation services

**40% faster,**

reducing delays in critical support



**40% of staff members** are individuals who are blind or visually impaired



**12 new training classes**

launched, increasing community-based instruction in assistive technology, daily living skills and adjustment to vision loss



Together, **1,476 donors** made **2,086 meaningful gifts, raising over a million dollars** to provide the individualized support and tools needed to navigate the visual world.

White Cane Walk reached record-breaking success with

**750 participants**

and **\$154,000 raised**



Recreation sessions attended **increased by 71%** – building confidence and connection among participants

Building tours, presentations and educational trainings increased by

**more than 130%**



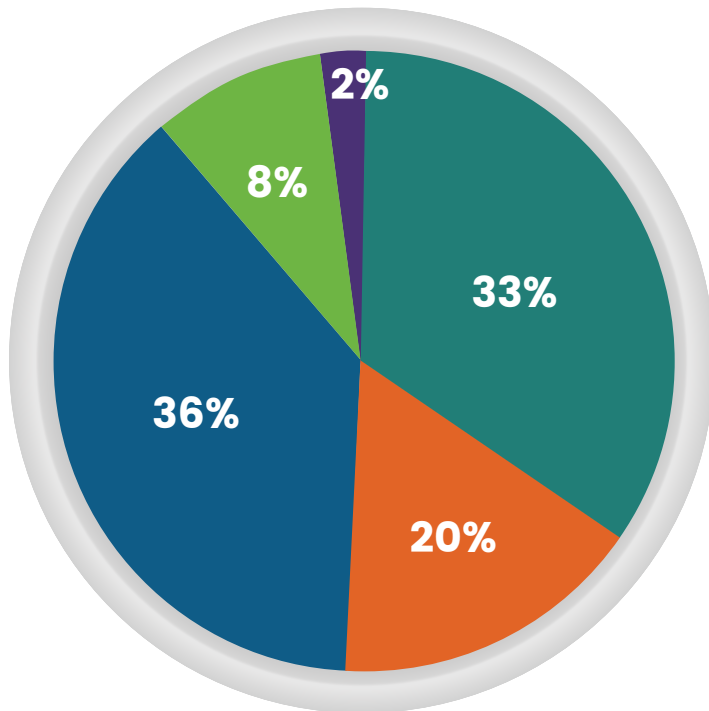
**6,000 community members** were served – reaching **12 counties**

**100%** of early intervention parents said the services they received **improved understanding of their child’s vision** and how to support their development



Cleveland Sight Center believes that the quality of one's sight should not impact the quality of one's life

## Income Sources



“Cleveland Sight Center definitely helped me, and gave me that confidence to keep going.” – Aaliyah, CSC Client



- 36% Public Support
- 33% Investment and Trust Revenue
- 20% Social Enterprise Revenue
- 8% Programs and Other Support Fees
- 2% Retail Sales

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