



*Transforming Lives on the Road to Independence since 1931*

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## POINTS OF PRIDE

- Since 1931, Florida's first and largest private agency serving the blind and visually impaired
  - Eight consecutive 4-star ratings, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator; among the top 2% of non-profits for fiscal responsibility in the U.S.
  - Accredited continuously since 1978 confirming best instructional practices
  - Serving more than 13,000 clients annually, 24 times as many as in 2004
  - Provided seed funding for Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and collaboration continues
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- Year-round programs for blind babies and schoolchildren emphasizing Braille and technology literacy for academic success
  - Free eye exams and prescription glasses for low-income children, nearly 100,000 exams since 1992
  - Exams and vision enhancement strategies for seniors with age-related vision loss and vision aids to help maintain independence
  - Nationally acclaimed music production program leads students to mainstream employment in a competitive industry
  - 2015 Florida Blue Foundation Sapphire Award honoring an outstanding nonprofit organization in community health care and 2015 Beacon Council Distinguished Industry Award for Education
  - Modern facility with professional music studio, computer and technology laboratories, training kitchens, arts and crafts studio with kiln, and beautiful tactile gardens

# MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide vision rehabilitation and eye health services that promote independence, to collaborate with and educate professionals, and to conduct research in related fields.*

## THE CHALLENGE

- Some 48 percent of babies born between 24 and 28 weeks are afflicted with serious impairments; blindness ranks near the top.
- Early intervention is critical for a blind baby to thrive and to enable their families to help their child function in a sighted world.
- Eighty percent of blind children are Braille illiterate.
- Braille and technology literacy is crucial for school-age children in order for them to be competitive with their peers.

### **Expansion of the Center of Excellence in Vision Rehabilitation for Visually Impaired Children Challenge**

This Challenge Grant will provide program and capital support for expansion to increase and provide access to critically needed services, including a pre-kindergarten, for the growing numbers of blind babies and children.

*Contributions to this capital campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor.*

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