

# The New Hampshire Association for the Blind

## *Living Better with Vision Loss*

### Fact Sheet for FY 2013

- 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 Blind and Low Vision Services.
- The Association provides counseling & referral, rehabilitation therapy, orientation & mobility instruction, low vision services, volunteer services, as well as education services for school-age children.
- The Association's professional staff provided individual visual rehabilitation services to 899 persons. An additional 90 individuals participated in group services.
- 67% of clients are women and 33% are men; 72% of clients are 60+ years of age with the highest number of clients falling in the 80's age group.
- Volunteers provided 2,668 service hours.
- Of the major eye conditions, 41% of clients suffer from Macular Degeneration, 17% from Cataract, 8% from Diabetic Retinopathy, 13% from Glaucoma, and 5% from Retinitis Pigmentosa.
- This year, the Association received 451 new referrals.
- 41 public education presentations were made to an audience of 3,707 people.
- 30% of clients voluntarily report financial data. Of those reporting, 20% have incomes of less than \$10,000 and 26% 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.
- 72% of annual operating support comes from philanthropic contributions from individuals, foundation and corporate grants, trusts, service organizations and endowment spending draw.
- All funds raised in New Hampshire stay in New Hampshire.