

# ANNUAL REPORT FY 2019/2020

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**Lions Center for the  
Visually Impaired**

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# LCVI

Seeing a World of Possibilities



# OUR MISSION

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Our Mission is to preserve vision, foster independence and enhance the quality of life for adults who are blind or at risk for vision impairments and to serve as a trusted source of information and expertise on blindness in the community.

# OUR SERVICES

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We fulfill our mission by offering services focused on early detection and intervention in order to prevent or slow vision loss for age-related eye disease and by giving blind older adults in the East Bay the tools and skills they need to maintain their health, independence and quality of life.




# SEEING A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

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FY 2019-2020 proved to be a progressive year for Lions Center for the Visually Impaired/LCVI. The development of our company-wide Strategic Plan, its initial implementation and evaluation was a focus on increasing our quality of services, management, and fund development. We applaud our Board members, and staff for "stepping up to the plate" and providing our consumers with the highest quality of services. Kudos!

  
Stuart "Stu" Griffin, President

  
Yolanda Braxton, PsyD, Executive Director



# LEADERSHIP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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District 4C3

## STAFF

Yolanda Braxton, PsyD - Executive Director  
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Kathryn "Kacey" Carterelliott - Program Associate  
Vicki McDaniel - Orientation & Mobility Specialist  
Richard Grange - Activities & Marketing Coordinator  
JoHanna Coriz - Office Coordinator

### FY 2019/2020 Staff:

Andrea Burton - Program Manager  
Victoria "Vicky" Estrada - Vision Outreach Specialist  
Brian Doran - Orientation & Mobility Specialist





# OUR PROGRAMS

In-Home Services – our professional staff delivers vocational rehabilitation and training in independent living skills to older blind or visually impaired individuals who are not likely to be employed by reason of their age. After an initial assessment, staff develop individualized care plans, setting goals with input with the client.

A “lending library” and free distribution of low-vision devices and equipment (including CCTV and JAWS-equipped computers) is available for training purposes and for in-home use by clients.

Group Classes – and Activities help meet the need for recreation and socialization. These include programs in music, exercise, current events, nutrition and cooking skills for the blind, arts and crafts as well as weekly support groups, holiday parties and field trips.

Our Early Detection & Intervention Program, offers free vision screenings targeted at low-income communities to identify seniors at risk of degenerative eye disease. Once we have identified those with visual impairments and determined their level of risk, we provide follow-up case management to make sure they get the care they need to prevent or delay vision loss and maintain independence.

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# CONSUMER STATISTICS



## 1,735K

### CONSUMERS SERVED

Our services are provided in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano Counties to seniors who are primarily 55 years of age and older, of low-income, and variety of demographics. Here are some of their words:

- Thank you so much for all that you do. My glasses are a God-send.
  - I love my Ruby HD, now I can read, sew, and do all the hobbies that I love to do.
  - Your help was invaluable!
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# FY 2019/2020 FINANCIALS

## \$496,622K

### SUPPORT & REVENUE

- 43.12% - Government contracts & grants
- 31.57% - Foundation & Corporation grants
- 13.84% - District 4C3 Lions Clubs & Other Donors
- 4.72% - Fundraisers
- 6.75% - Other

### OPERATING EXPENSES

- 83.30% - Program Services
- 11.44% - General & Administration
- 5.26% - Fundraising



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*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*  
Helen Keller