

Mission: For over sixty-nine years, Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc. has been helping people help themselves.

Our mission is to provide

- prevention of blindness services through vision screenings and public education for preschool children and adults
- support services to the blind or visually impaired.



## SWING FOR SIGHT - JULY 2016



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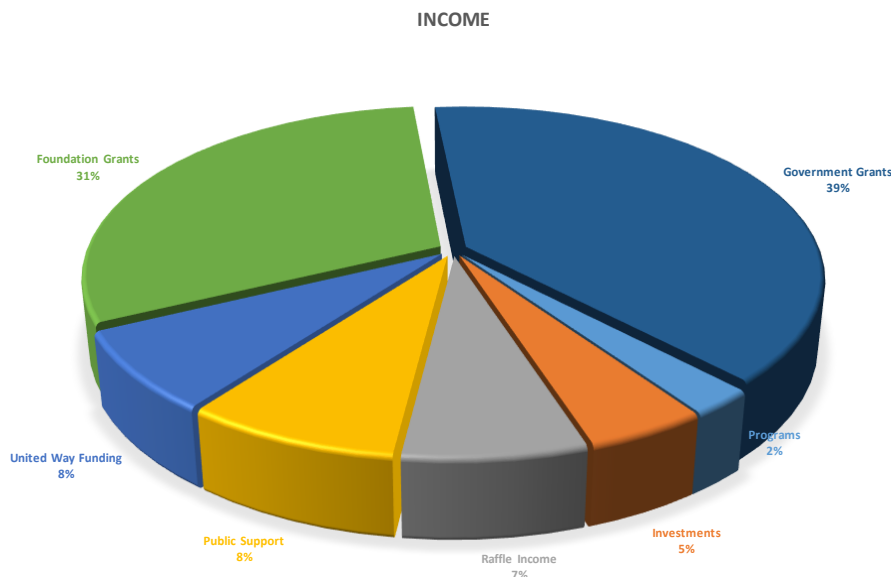
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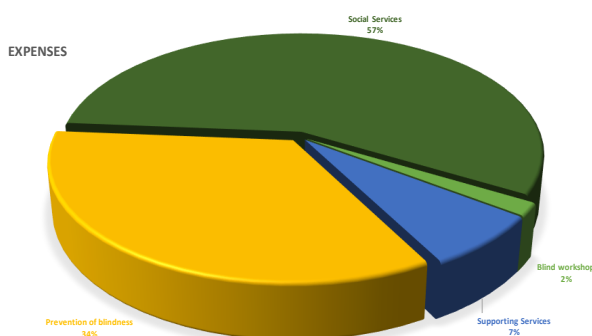
Fiscal Year 2016

CSSS's audited Financial  
Statements can be found at  
[www.cssight.org](http://www.cssight.org)

**PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS** 1,251 preschool children at 90 sites were screened for vision problems • 48 children were referred for follow-up care • 451 adults at 36 sites were screened for vision problems • 22 adults were referred for follow-up care • 747 preschool children at 51 sites were educated about good eye health and good eye safety • 473 adults at 30 sites were educated about eye care and safety • 10,766 pieces of educational material distributed • 400 1st grade students at 18 classrooms participated in *Treasure in Sight*

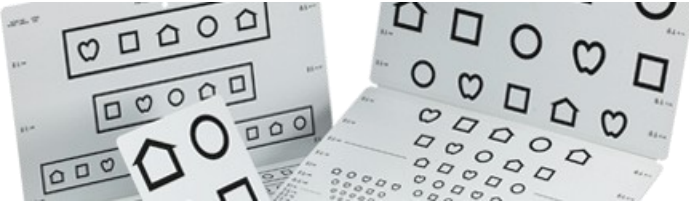
**CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES** 11 intake interviews yielded 11 new clients • 1,243 hours of support services (reading, assistance with bill paying, grocery shopping) were provided • 114 hours of medical transportation (252 one way trips) • 323 hours of other transportation (1,044 one way trips) • 204 hours of sighted guide escort • 136 hours of Life Skills/Education were provided • 10 low vision demonstrations provided • 808 hours of Transportation Services (to the Agency, Doctor's Appointments and Shopping) • 33 hours of Support/ Advocacy Groups were provided • 32,895 miles traveled

**LOW COST EYE WEAR** 12 individuals were provided with low-cost eye wear • 4 individuals were provided assistance with professional eye examinations • 31,959 miles were traveled — we circled the globe once, and were 1/3 of the way around the second time • 677 hours of service were provided by volunteers — that's over 84 8-hour days.



## VISION SCREENINGS

Preschool children do not always realize they may have a vision problem – to them blurred vision may be “normal.” Preschoolers are screened for their visual acuity.



Adults are screened for their color perception, depth perception, visual acuity and peripheral vision. This screening is often the only one the individual has had in a number of years.

*All screenings are by lay persons, and are not intended to replace a professional exam. If a problem is identified, a referral is made for a professional examination.*

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public education is promoted through press releases and public service announcements. Presentations are provided on a variety of topics (agency services, good eye health and good safety for adults and children and sensitivity to blindness training). Educational material is available on a variety of eye conditions.

## LOW VISION AIDS

Aids and appliances, such as talking watches, writing instruments, large print cards and a wide selection of magnifiers are available for purchase.

A variety of high-tech low vision devices are available for demonstration at our office. These magnification systems can be rather expensive. We believe it is better to try the device before investing in it.

## TRANSPORTATION /ESCORT

Transportation is extremely difficult to obtain in our service region. Eligible clients are provided with transportation and sighted guide escort. Other transport services do not provide the door-to-door escort service often required by the visually-impaired; imagine navigating a large medical center with your eyes closed.

## SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Our Specialized Services program helps people who are blind or visually impaired to maintain independence by developing and assisting with skills essential to the performance of daily activities. Daily tasks such as reading one's mail, shopping for groceries and transportation to medical appointments may be obstacles for the person who is blind.

## LOW COST EYE WEAR

CSSS offers low-cost eye wear to income-eligible residents of our five-county region.



Caseworker, Sharon Pittiglio, assists Julie with reading a label at the grocery store.





# Lions Clubs International

Service through  
Sight & Hearing

Lions provide sight and hearing care to those in need. Lions Clubs of District 14G have donated over \$73,034 to CSSS since 1998. Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for more information on joining a club or finding Lions Club events.

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## WAYS TO GIVE

*How can one person make all the difference?*

There are many ways for individuals, like you, to support the important work of Central Susquehanna Sight Services:

- Give an annual or special one-time gift;
- Donate in honor of a friend or colleague;
- Make a gift in memory of a loved one;
- Develop a charitable gift annuity plan;
- Include the Agency in your will or living trust; and
- Name us as sole or contingent life insurance beneficiary.

You may choose to make a gift that will be used to immediately support programs and services, or you can make a timeless gift to the Agency's Endowment Fund.

It's up to you! However you choose to help, **thank you.**

## 2016 FOUNDATION GRANTS

Central Susquehanna Sight Services is grateful to all contributors, foundations, and charitable organizations for their generous support.

Bloomsburg Community Foundation	\$400
Berwick Health & Wellness Foundation	\$16,900
Degenstein Foundation	\$16,000
Sunbury Area Community Foundation	\$13,250
Moyer Foundation	\$1,250
Guyer Foundation	\$1,000
Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation	\$600
Sunbury-Whipple Foundation	\$7,000
Stabler Foundation	\$2,000
BB&T CRA Community Development	\$5,500
Greater Susquehanna Valley UW	\$7,046
Lower Anthracite Region United Way	\$4,250
Berwick Area United Way	\$3,000
Danville Area United Way	\$1,508
PA Association for the Blind	\$82,176

CSSS is proud to partner with the Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way, Berwick Area United Way, Danville Area United Way and the Lower Anthracite Region United Way.

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## WAYS TO HELP

CSSS relies on volunteers to assist us in our mission. Do you enjoy driving? Consider driving someone who is visually impaired to the doctor. Do you enjoy children? Consider helping with a preschool vision screening. Do you enjoy technology? Consider helping someone who is visually impaired learn how to use an iPad. For more information, call us at 570-286-1471.

