

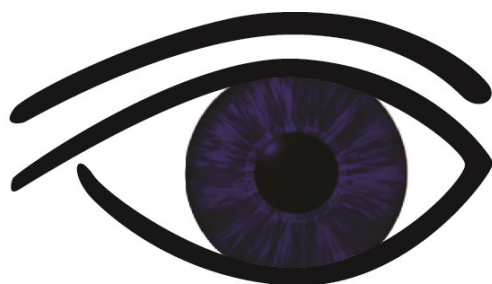
ANNUAL REPORT

2023



Our mission is to prevent vision loss through vision screenings and education and to support people who have vision loss or blindness in leading independent lives.

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SIGHT SERVICES

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Another year to reflect on...

Central Susquehanna Sight Services started 2023 strong, with many pre-school vision screenings and educational programs. Our Access Technology program thrived with regular support groups and lots of one-on-one support.

Even with staffing changes mid-year, leaving a position vacant for 4 months, our team persevered and continued the prevention programs, ending the year just as strong as it started!

With the support of our community and funding partners and our dedicated staff, CSSS had a successful 2023.

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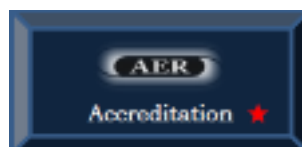
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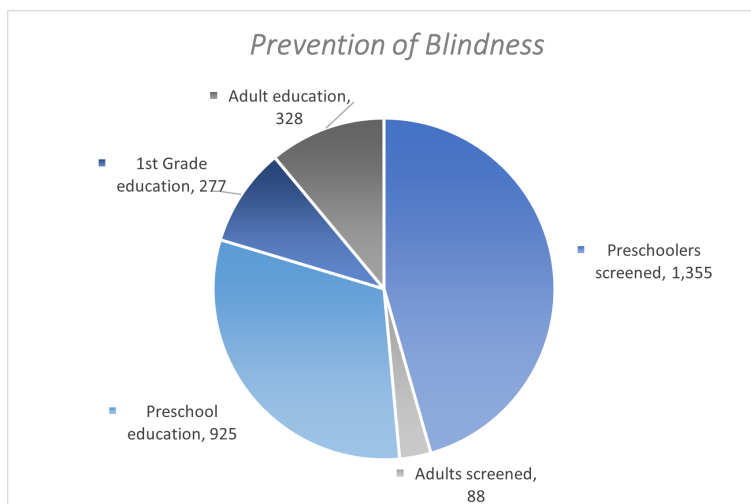
Prevention of Blindness

Vision impacts every aspect of your life! With 80% of all learning being visual, CSSS addresses vision concerns of preschool children and improve the child's overall wellbeing and gives them the best start for a successful academic career.

Central Susquehanna Sight Services' Prevention of Blindness program addresses the 50% of blindness that is preventable. Vision problems can be difficult to identify in children, as they may not realize their vision is not "normal". The program provides vision screenings for preschoolers to help identify those children that may have undiagnosed vision problems or been misdiagnosed with a learning problem. The earlier you can identify a vision problem in a child, the better their chances are to succeed academically, socially, and their overall wellbeing. Vision screenings are also provided for adults—many of whom have not had an eye exam in years.

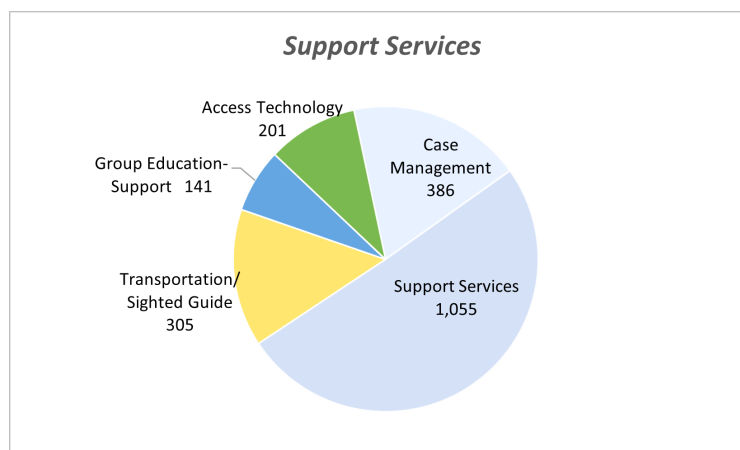
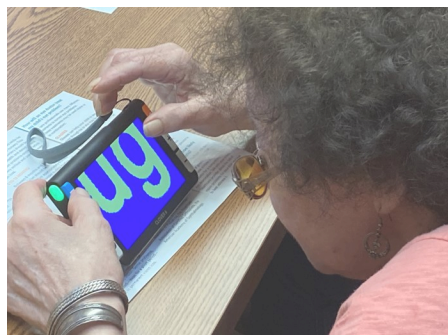
Should an individual be identified as having a potential vision problem, a referral is provided encouraging them to schedule a professional examination. Follow-up is conducted, encouraging the individual to seek a professional exam.

Education is provided on good eye health and good eye safety for preschoolers, first graders, and adults.



Support Services

for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired



Low vision can affect each person differently. CSSS' Support Services are designed to promote independence for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Transportation remains one of the most difficult obstacles to overcome in our communities. CSSS provides transportation with a sighted guide escort to places like the grocery store, pharmacy, bank, library, and medical appointments.

Group Education is provided at least monthly (transportation is provided) and is also available virtually. Presenters share information about new devices or techniques that might help with daily tasks. It also an opportunity for clients to share their experiences with others.

Our monthly access technology support group, offered virtually, provides clients with information on the many training resources available, apps they are interested in, and the variety of devices available. Individual support is offered in the client's home, using their devices, providing them with assistance in using and learning about their devices, equipment and software.

Supportive services are usually provided in the client's home. These services include reading mail, assistance with check writing and bill paying, form completion, and grocery shopping.

Information and referral services are provided through case management (ACM).



Consolidated Financial Information Fiscal Year 2023

2023 Income

\$269,558

Foundation Grants: \$63,700

Bequests: \$10,563

Direct Mail: \$4,630

United Way: \$9,349

General Donations: \$12,495

PA Association for the Blind: \$125,898

Investment Income: \$14,279

Sales: \$1,901

Swing for Sight: \$26,743

2023 Expenses

\$263,654

Fundraising/Management: \$17,365

Prevention of Blindness: \$88,269

Support Services: \$156,885

Workshop: \$1,135



Grants Received

First Federal Charitable Foundation – Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation –
Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation – Community Giving Foundation: Selinsgrove –
Community Giving Foundation: Berwick (2) – Community Giving Foundation:
Bloomsburg – Community Giving Foundation: Shikellamy Youth in Philanthropy –
Community Giving Foundation: Danville – The 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation
Sunbury-Northumberland Community Foundation –
Charles & Betty Degenstein Foundation – Community Giving Foundation: Sunbury



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Swing for Sight 2023

The ninth annual *Swing for Sight* Golf Tournament was held at the Bucknell Golf Club! Thanks to our many sponsors and dedicated volunteers, the golfers had a great day and we raised \$26,734!!!

