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## **The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina Raises \$246,000 During Annual Blind Dining Event**

**Charleston, SC** – The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina (SC) raised a record-breaking \$246,000 during Noir, a blind dining experience.

Guests gathered for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual event at Memminger Auditorium on January 23, 2020. The evening featured a cocktail reception, live and silent auction, live music and a blind dining experience. Guests were asked to wear blindfolds during their main course to experience dining in the dark.

Proceeds from the evening will support vision rehabilitation services for blind and visually impaired adults in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties.

“Our Association is grateful for the support we received from so many generous donors and sponsors during Noir,” said Courtney Plotner, President & CEO of ABVI. “This is an exciting time for our Association as we are preparing to open a second location in Ladson to better reach the more than 15,000 adults living in the Tri-County with a visual impairment. The money raised during Noir will support clients in our Charleston and Ladson vision rehabilitation centers as they work to learn new approaches to daily life.”

Noir is ABVI’s largest annual fundraiser. The event would not be possible without the support of our top sponsors including Guiding Eyes for the Blind, PURE Insurance and inventiVEVENTS. For a full list of all Noir sponsors, please visit [www.abvisc.org/com](http://www.abvisc.org/com).

### **About the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina**

The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina’s (ABVI) mission is to enrich the quality of life of the blind and visually impaired. Through our *Own Your Life* program, ABVI helps blind and visually impaired adults in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties learn new approaches to daily life. ***Own Your Life* offers two tracks: Personal Independence** teaches adults how to navigate daily life with a visual impairment, while **Vocational Rehabilitation** helps clients who are ready to learn the adaptive skills needed to enter or re-enter the workforce. To learn more about ABVI’s services, visit [www.abvisc.org/services](http://www.abvisc.org/services).



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