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The Patrick Family Foundation Awards \$10,000 Grant to Support the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC

Charleston, SC – The Patrick Family Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to support the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina’s (ABVI) new Low Vision Occupational Therapy program. Through the Low Vision Occupational Therapy program, ABVI provides comprehensive rehabilitation and educational training to adults with visual disabilities to help them develop skills and techniques to capitalize on their remaining vision, maximize their independence and reduce the impact of their disability.

ABVI’s occupational therapy program empowers individuals to participate in daily activities and manage their health conditions independently. In some cases, this program allows individuals to join the workforce or, when necessary, age safely in place. This type of intervention is extremely client-centered as the training is determined by the client’s skill level, visual disability, priorities and needs.

“We greatly appreciate the continued support from The Patrick Family Foundation as they continue to help sustain ABVI’s mission to enrich the quality of life of the blind and visually impaired. Without grantors like The Patrick Family Foundation, ABVI would not be able to provide free, specialized vision rehabilitation services each year to a vastly underserved segment of our community” said Anne Reid, Chief Development Officer for ABVI. “With the support of our closest stakeholders and community partners like The Patrick Family Foundation, ABVI can continue to provide adults who are blind or visually impaired with the critical skills they need to live, learn and earn with vision loss.”

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 adults who are blind, visually impaired or have a progressive eye condition in Berkeley, Charleston or Dorchester County 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. ABVI has vision rehabilitation training facilities in Charleston and Ladson and offers virtual training as well. There is no fee to become a client, and nearly all services are free of charge. The only requirement is to complete an application. To learn more about ABVI, visit www.abvisc.org.