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ANNUAL REPORT



Association for the Blind
and Visually Impaired SC





A MESSAGE

From Our President & CEO and Board Chair



Courtney Plotner, President & CEO

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary for the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired SC (ABVI). Together, we celebrated a record-breaking number of services provided for individuals living with blindness or low vision in South Carolina. ABVI is a beacon of hope, empowerment, and possibility for those we serve.

Our mission, to empower individuals of all ages who are blind or low vision to live fulfilling, purpose-driven lives, is only possible because of you—our dedicated donors, grantors, community partners, Board members, and staff. You make our work not just possible, but powerful.

Many individuals in our state would be living without critical, life-changing vision rehabilitation service without your generosity. Your investment in ABVI ensures South Carolinians can access the services, training, and support they need to thrive. We are deeply grateful. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us change lives every day.



*Kristen Gayeski Tinkler, OD
Board Chair*

With gratitude,
Courtney P. Plotner
President & CEO

Dr. Kristen Tinkler
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ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE AT HOME

Diagnosed with glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy, Irving* experienced gradual loss of vision that made everyday tasks increasingly difficult. Cooking a nutritious meal, organizing his kitchen, and maintaining a clean home became overwhelming challenges.

Determined to reclaim his independence and maintain a healthy lifestyle, Irving reached out to ABVI for vision rehabilitation services. Through ABVI, Irving learned adaptive techniques for daily tasks like using a talking food scale and tactile markers on appliances to prepare healthy meals. ABVI shared simple strategies for organizing the kitchen and spices, allowing Irving to cook confidently without relying on labels. For a clean and safe environment, he learned to systematically use patterns to vacuum floors and wipe down counters.

Today, Irving continues to live independently, empowered by the skills he gained through ABVI's services. His story is a testament to the transformative power of vision rehabilitation. With the right tools and support, independence does not disappear with a diagnosis; it just looks a little different.

**Names changed to protect identity, except where permission was granted.*

MISSION

Our mission is to empower individuals who are blind or low vision to live fulfilling, purpose-driven lives.

VISION

Our vision is for all individuals who experience blindness or low vision to have the opportunity to live, learn, and earn.

VALUES

Accessibility | Accountability | Collaboration

Innovation | People-Centric Leadership

SERVICES

ABVI offers services to individuals of all ages who are blind or low vision through assistive technology training, orientation and mobility lessons, braille instruction, guidance on activities of daily living, and more! Our instructors consider the unique needs of each client from adults and teens to school-age children and toddlers. These services are made possible by friends like you!

LOCATIONS STATEWIDE

LOWCOUNTRY:

1 Carriage Lane, Building A
Charleston, SC 29407

MIDLANDS:

1180 Columbia Avenue, Suite 102
Irmo, SC 29063

UPSTATE:

701 Easley Bridge Road, Suite 6070
Building 6000
Greenville, SC 29611



2025 IMPACT



Association for the Blind
and Visually Impaired SC

Since becoming a statewide organization
in 2023, the number of clients served
has substantially increased by

68%

3,226



Hours of Skills Training
Provided to Adult Clients

654



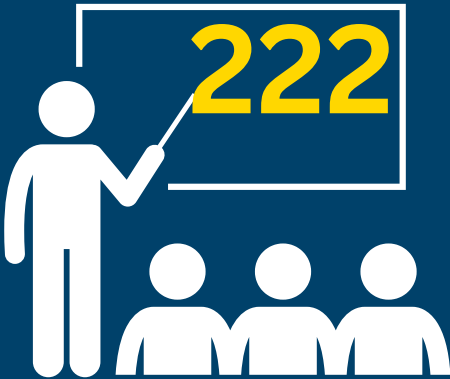
Adult Clients
Directly Served

40



SC
Counties
(40 of 46 counties)

222



of Students
Served Across

32 School Entities,
Early Intervention,
& Transition
Services



Client
Group
Events

(Adults and Children's Services)

5



NC
Counties

**Over
1.4 Million**

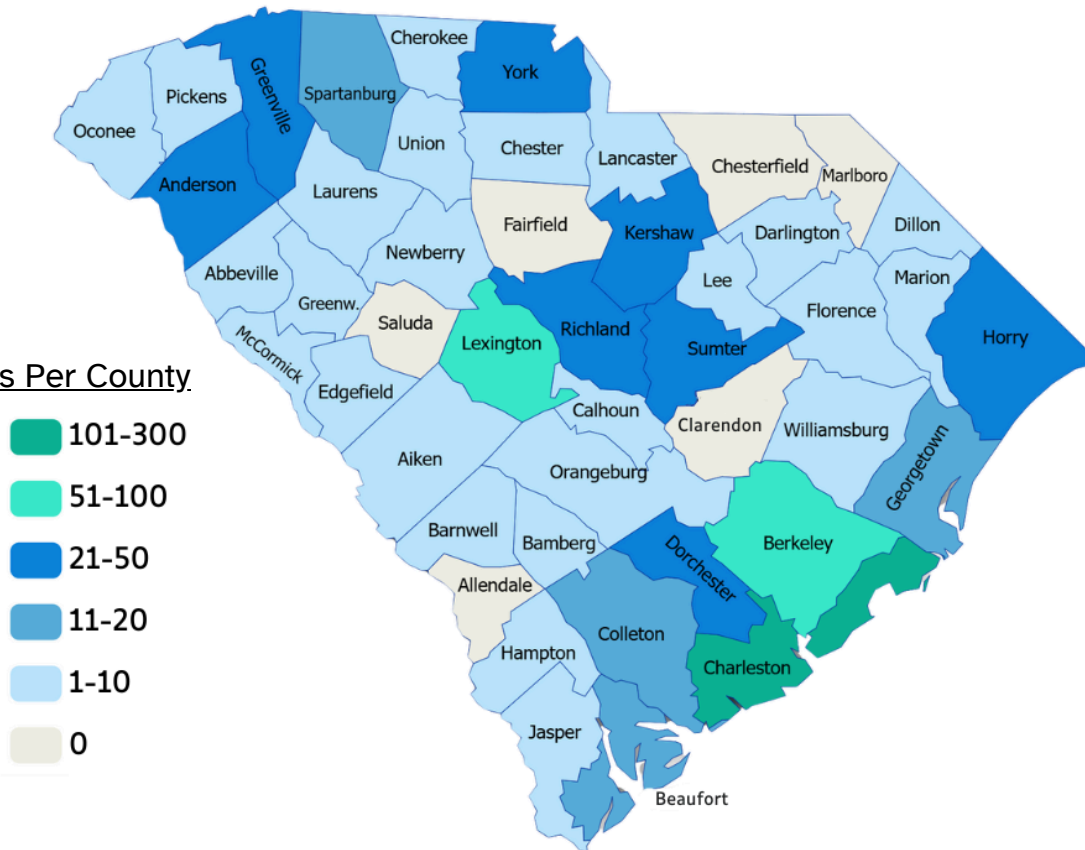
FY25 Total Dollars Raised
(Includes \$350,000 in state funding)



182

New Donors

Clients Per County



HOPE STARTS EARLY

After learning that her four-month-old son had significant vision loss, Emily* knew she needed a plan to navigate a new chapter in life. Amid caring for a newborn and juggling multiple doctor visits, she was determined to provide her son with every opportunity to thrive. She contacted ABVI to learn more about early intervention through their Dots 'N' Tots program.

With compassion and expertise, an ABVI Early Interventionist met with Emily and her son to provide personalized family training tailored to her son's unique needs. ABVI continued to support Emily by guiding her through the state's BabyNet enrollment process, ensuring she had access to the full range of services.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, Emily is not walking this journey alone. She has the tools, knowledge, and encouragement to become her son's strongest advocate, fostering his independence from the very beginning. With ABVI, hope starts early.

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Help us continue making an impact in the lives of those experiencing blindness or low vision. Visit www.abvisc.org to donate today!



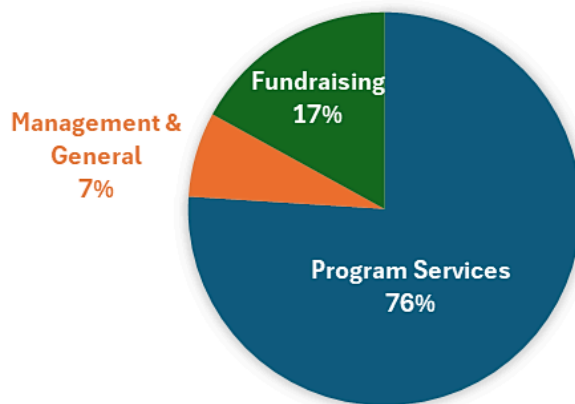
JOINT FINANCIALS

ABVI & ABVI FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Income	
Contributions, Grants, and Events	\$ 757,526
Government Grants	\$ 394,258
Program Service Fees	\$ 868,651
Other Income	\$ 2,104
Operating Income	\$ 2,022,539
Investment Income, Net	\$ 226,768
Realized/Unrealized Market Gain	\$ 343,557
Total Income	\$ 2,592,864
Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 1,975,679
Management & General	\$ 193,656
Fundraising	\$ 447,951
Total Expenses	\$ 2,617,286
Change in Net Assets	\$ (24,422)

EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 825,460
Unconditional Promises to Give, net current position	\$ 53,769
Accounts/Contracts Receivable	\$ 536,912
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 20,323
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,436,464
Unconditional Promises to Give, net current position	\$ 22,409
Investments	\$ 5,210,562
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 440,120
Total Assets	\$ 7,109,555
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 22,150
Accrued Expenses	\$ 149,305
Contract Liabilities	\$ 503,055
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 674,510
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 6,261,446
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 173,599
Total Net Assets	\$ 6,435,045
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 7,109,555

To view IRS Form 990's for ABVI and ABVI Foundation, visit our website @ www.abvisc.org.



Supporting the mission of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC

To better manage our growing impact, we have established the ABVI Foundation, a new nonprofit organization created to oversee our fundraising efforts.

ABVI Foundation, which received its 501(c)(3) status in 2025, exists solely to support the mission of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina.



Donna and Kevin Myers,

Dorothy Wenberg Donor of the Year 2025

From left, Kevin Myers, Bryson Young, Donna Myers, Courtney Plotner, and Kristen Tinkler



The Foundation manages all annual fund, major giving, and event contributions, and also houses our endowment and other investments. Rest assured, all funds raised through ABVI Foundation continue to be used exactly as they always have been — to support the programs and annual operations that empower individuals who are blind or low vision to live fulfilling, purpose-driven lives.

Learn more about the ABVI Foundation and ways to give
by visiting www.abvisc.org.



Lifetime Visionary Circle

The Lifetime Visionary Circle honors donors for their cumulative, lifetime commitment to ABVI. These donors are critical to the success and growth of our organization, and once inducted, they remain a member of the Lifetime Visionary Circle throughout their lifetime. ABVI is pleased to recognize the following members of the 2025 Lifetime Visionary Circle:

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Estate of Montye M. DuBose

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Association for the Blind of CCF

Helen Geraldine Parker Living Trust

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Service Society

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Dorothy Wenberg Donor of the Year 2025

Donna and Kevin Myers

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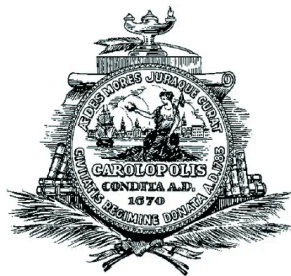
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