Our Mission

We inspire confidence, build skills and empower people who are blind and visually impaired to become fully integrated, equally valued members of society by providing diverse services that produce opportunities and choices.

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It is with great pride that I provide you with INSIGHT’s 2017 Annual Report, which details the accomplishments of the past year and provides acknowledgement of the many individuals and companies who helped to make the work we do possible.

I want to thank you for your generous support of people who are blind and visually impaired. With your help, in 2017 almost 1,000 people have been able to become more independent, engaged, and self confident.

During the past year, with your help, we were able to start a new orientation and mobility program, that provides people with the training they need to be able to travel more safely and confidently whether in their home or in the community.

As part of the program we have also offered several group workshops, including teaching sighted family members how they can be more effective sighted guides.

Once again in 2017, we also hosted our two week summer program for eighteen teens and kids who are blind and visually impaired. It was a fun experience that took them rock climbing, kayaking, an overnight trip to Boston, and more.

Last year, we were also able to make Yoga a permanent part of our program portfolio. The classes are now offered every two weeks at no cost to the participants, helping them to learn how to improve balance and remove stress.

With your continued support, there are also a lot of things on the to do list for 2018.

Soon, more people than ever will have access to INSIGHT Radio, a unique radio reading service that brings local newspapers to people who are blind or visually impaired. By June 1, our clients will be able to access INSIGHT Radio through their phone, tablet, or computer by logging on to our website. The signal will also be able to be heard on the Amazon Echo.

We are also developing plans to expand our programs in Woonsocket, Westerly, and other areas where the lack of public transportation makes it difficult for people to access services.

It’s an exciting time at INSIGHT and I am very grateful that you are part of it!

Christopher A. Butler
Executive Director
Financial Summary
January 1, 2017—December 31, 2017

Please visit www.in-sight.org for audited financial information and our Internal Revenue Service Form 990.
## 2017 At-A-Glance

**Total Clients Served**

958

**New Client Intakes**

315

**Family and Friends Served**

44

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### INSPIRE CONFIDENCE: Help people adapt to vision loss

- **268** Adult Low Vision Evaluations
- **89** Pediatric Low Vision Exams
- **106** People attended monthly support groups across Rhode Island
- **365** Listeners to the INSIGHT Radio reading service

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### BUILD SKILLS: Teach people how to be independent

- **236** People engaged in training
  - Including at INSIGHT, in their homes, and in the community
- **80%** Of workshop participants said that their goals were met
- **32** People received orientation and mobility training, learning how to get around safely and confidently

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### EMPOWER PEOPLE: Get people active and engaged

- **18** Kids and teens participated in our two week summer camp
- **38** People attended our recreational outings, including trips to:
  - Tanglewood
  - Museum of Fine Arts
  - Norman Bird Sanctuary
  - Covered Bridges of NH
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We gratefully acknowledge the support of the following individuals and organizations who invested in our agency from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of our donor list however in compiling such a list, omissions and misspellings can occur. We appreciate the opportunity to update our records. To make a correction please call Christopher Butler at (401) 941-3322 or e-mail info@in-sight.org.

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Summer Program Helps Build Confidence

This July will mark the fifth anniversary of the On the Move summer mobility camp for kids and teens who are blind and visually impaired.

The camp started in 2014 after a discussion with several orientation and mobility teachers at the Sherlock Center for Disabilities. The teachers said that they wished that they could provide their students with more opportunities to practice good orientation and mobility skills.

Given the constraints of the school day such as limited time, policies that may restrict the students from leaving the school grounds, and the cost of activities, the teachers said that is was often difficult to provide their students with unique opportunities to put their skills to the test.

Thanks to funding support from the Rhode Island Foundation, the Andrade-Faxon Charities for Children, Shriners of Rhode Island, and hundreds of individual donors, those students are now getting those experiences.

This year’s camp, which runs from July 9 – 20, will take the campers on an overnight trip to Boston, outdoor rock climbing, ice skating, sailing, pedaling, kayaking, and a lot more.

“We try to put the kids in situations which are safe, but challenging, where they need to learn how to adapt to the environment and use their skills to succeed,” said INSIGHT Executive Director Chris Butler.

One example is being in a fast food restaurant. “Placing your order, balancing your tray, filling a cup at the soda fountain, and finding an open seat are all things that are made more challenging when you can’t see,” says Butler, “But they can be done. It takes practice, patience, and good skills.”

This year’s campers will have the opportunity to practice those skills at the Boston University dining hall where they will be eating two meals while in Boston. “Our strategy is to let the kids go and explore and problem solve. They can always ask for help if they need it, but we want them to do as much on their own as they can,” Butler says.

The On the Move camp is really about building independence and self-confidence. For these two weeks, this group of campers has the chance to try new things, come out of their comfort zone, and learn that they can do anything they set their mind to.
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