

A Message from CEO Kate Grathwol



Our mission at Vision Loss Resources is to create a community of services, skills, and support for people with vision loss. In 2022, we re-launched many of the activities and services that had gone dormant during the peak of the pandemic.

We also moved across the metro area in October to a new location that will help us meet the needs of even more blind, low vision, and deafblind Minnesotans.

Later in October, we hosted an open house to welcome the community to our new home; over two dozen community members attended! Visitors toured the new rehabilitation center classrooms and student lounge while visiting with instructors, students, and board members.

On behalf of everyone at Vision Loss Resources and DeafBlind Services Minnesota, I send my heartfelt thanks for your continued support and partnership.

With gratitude,

Kate

"When I'm older, like 13, I'm going to be really good at making cookies."
Kwasi, age 10



Pictured above: Kwasi, age 10, putting thumb drop cookies on a cooling rack.



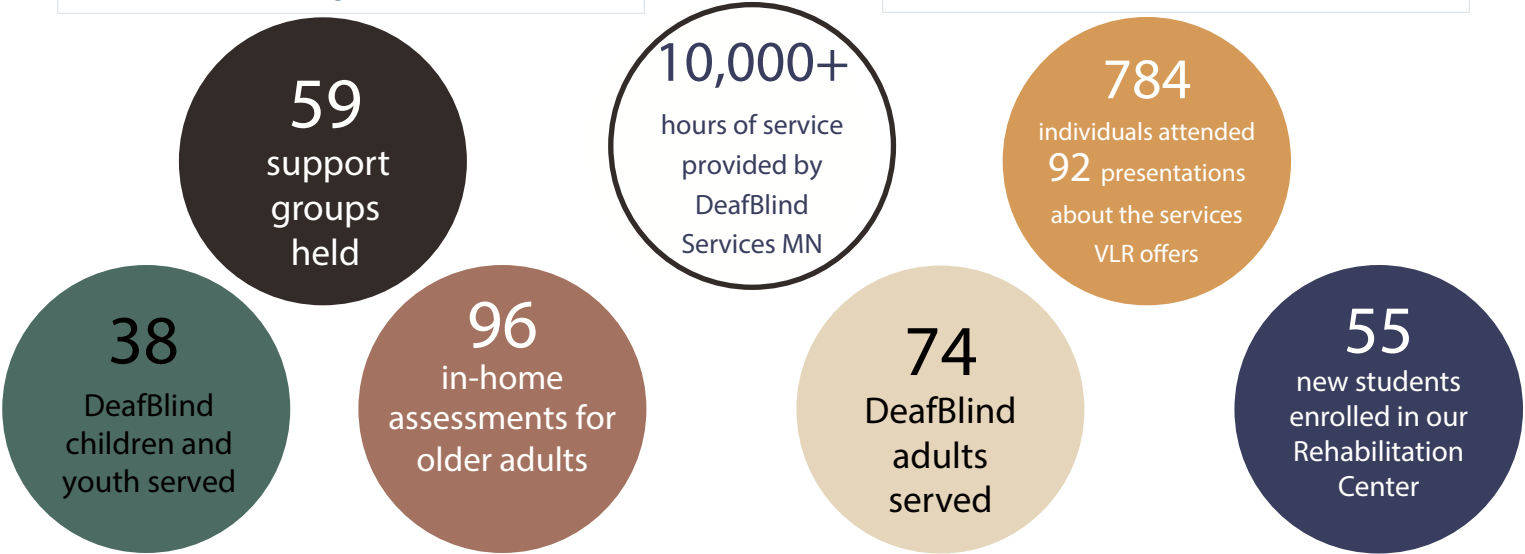
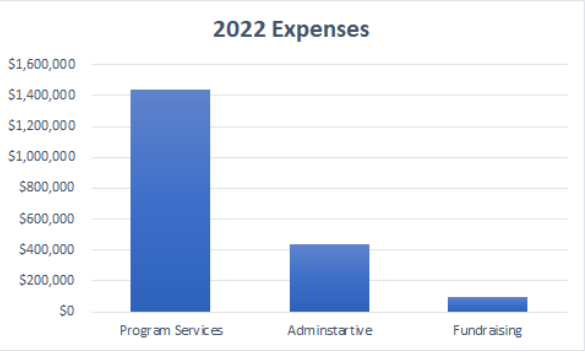
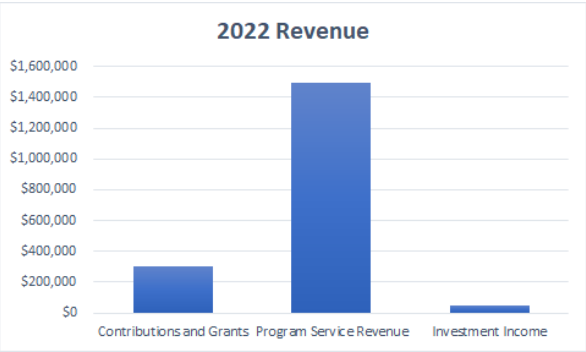
Pictured above: Dane, age 21, holding up his finished box of cookies.



Pictured above: Megan, age 17, getting support from her intervener to read the directions on the cookie box.

Above are pictures from the cookie baking activity that took place in December. We are so excited to have the space to host deafblind youth and help them connect and learn.

2022 By the Numbers



Student Spotlight: Oluwatunmise (Tunmi) Jubril



Pictured above: Tunmi holding his certificate of completion with Rehabilitation manager Lauren against an orange wall.

Tunmi Jubril has been blind since he was 18 months old. Because of this, he is a master at skills such as braille and using adaptive technology. So much so that technology instructor Krista said, he could teach the class!

He decided to attend Vision Loss Resources' rehabilitation center because he could choose what skills and training he needed.

Tunmi's goal is to live by himself in the Summer of 2023. His classes focused on tasks of daily living – such as cooking, cleaning, and household management. Tunmi is currently enrolled in Century College, where he is studying computer science. Everyone at VLR is eagerly awaiting the great achievements he will bring to the world of technology, for people with low vision, blindness, and deafblindness.

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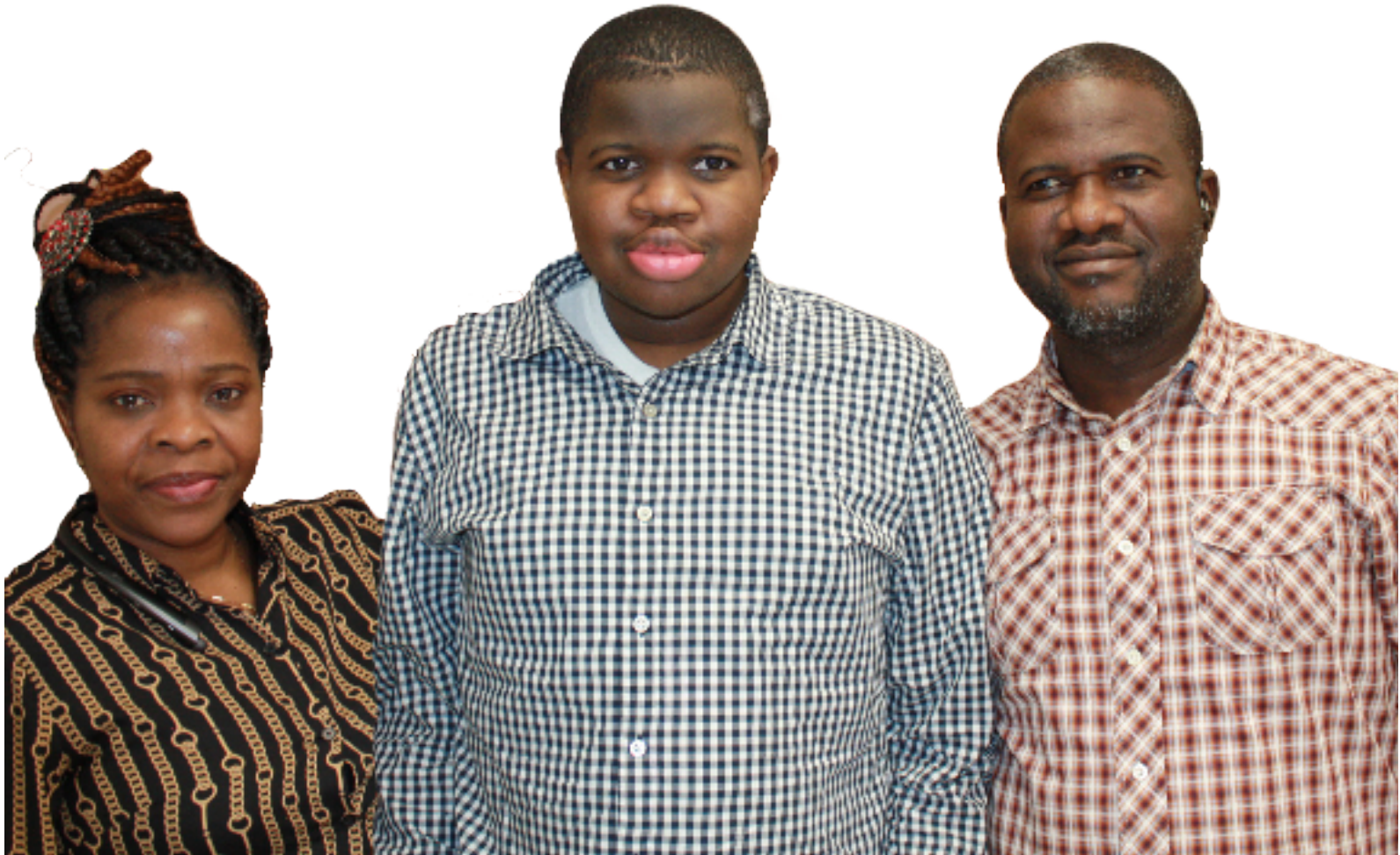
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Pictured above: Recent Rehab Center Pre-Employment Transition Services student Oluwatunmise (Tunmi) Jubril poses with his parents at his graduation celebration. Read more about Tunmi’s experience with VLR and his future plans inside.

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