2022 Impact Report

# 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

# Student Spotlight: Oluwatunmise (Tunmi) Jubril

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.

# 2022 By the Numbers

* 59 support groups
* 10,000 + hours of service provided by DeafBlind Services Minnesota
* 784 individuals attended 92 presentations about the services Vision Loss Resources offers
* 38 Deafblind children and youth served
* 96 in-home assessments for older adults
* 74 Deafblind adults served
* 55 new students enrolled in our rehabilitation center

2022 Organization Revenue:

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| Revenue Type | Revenue Amount |
| Contributions and Grants | $303,861 |
| Program Service Revenue | $1,498,252 |
| Investment Income | $46,000 |
| **Total** | **$1, 848,113** |

2022 Organization Expenses:

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| Expense Type | Expense Amount |
| Program Services | $1,441,977 |
| Administration  | $440,956 |
| Fundraising  | $91,973 |
| **Total** | **$1,974,906** |

# Supporter Spotlight

We are so grateful to our corporate and community partners for their support! These organizations contributed $2,000 or more in 2022.

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