

# DISTRICT 4-C5 LIONS PROJECTS

## SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND



Since 1954, Society for the Blind has provided services and programs for people who are blind or have low vision. As with many agencies serving individuals who are blind, Society for the Blind grew from a dedicated group of volunteers and the service of Lions Clubs of America. On December 29, 1954, we established ourselves as a private 501(c)3 nonprofit community benefit organization and have continued to expand our programs and services to meet the needs of the community we serve.

Today Society for the Blind is located in a newly renovated 20,000 square foot building located at 13th and S in Midtown Sacramento. From humble grass roots efforts, we have transformed Society for the Blind into a nationally recognized agency and the only rehabilitative teaching center for a 26 county region of northern California for people who are blind or low vision.

While the original intent of the founders of Society for the Blind was to provide a congregating space for people in the Sacramento area who were blind or low vision, today's services include providing life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for thousands of youth, adults and seniors in Sacramento and the surrounding areas experiencing vision loss. Each year nearly 6,000 individuals participate in our programs and services through classes at our teaching center, our Low Vision Clinic, in-home training sessions and community workshops.

As we enter our 62<sup>nd</sup> year of service to the Sacramento region and Northern California, our mission remains the same, *to empower individuals who are blind or low vision to live productively and independently by building confidence through training, tools and mentorship.*

We look forward to continuing to provide expert, state-of-the-art education and vision healthcare and enabling those in our community affected by vision loss to live life to its fullest.

### **Society For The Blind**

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