



Season's Greetings!

Partners for Pediatric Vision
Wishes You Happy Holidays



Thanks to Mahizhan for creating his "happy Snowman" artwork, which is PPV's 2025 holiday card design.

Dear PPV Families,

As we reflect on another year filled with growth, learning, and connection, we are truly grateful for our families who allow us to walk alongside them, for our community partners who collaborate with us, and for the supporters who help make brighter futures possible for children with visual impairments.

Our Child & Family Vision Specialists remain dedicated to providing free vision education, resources, and compassionate support so every child can access what they need to thrive, and families feel confident and empowered on their journey.

Please reach out if we can support your family or someone you know. Wishing you a warm holiday season and a joyful new year ahead.

With gratitude,

Your PPV Family,

Diane, Tori, Belinda, Rosanna, Mackenzie, Janice, Heather, and Evelin

Queridas Familias,

Al reflexionar sobre otro año lleno de crecimiento, aprendizaje y conexión, estamos verdaderamente agradecidos por las familias que nos permiten acompañarlas en su camino, por nuestros colaboradores en la comunidad que trabajan junto a nosotros y por los partidarios que hacen posible crear un futuro más brillante para los niños con discapacidad visual.

Nuestras Especialistas continúan comprometidas a brindar educación visual, recursos y apoyo gratuito y compasivo, para que cada niño/a tenga acceso a lo que necesita para prosperar y las familias se sientan seguras y empoderadas en su jornada.

No dude en comunicarse si podemos apoyar a su familia o a alguien que usted conoce. Les deseamos una cálida temporada navideña y un feliz año nuevo.

Con gratitud,

Su familia PPV,

Diane, Tori, Belinda, Rosanna, Mackenzie, Janice, Heather y Evelin

Holiday Craft:
Gingerbread Ornament with White Cane



PPV's Family Specialist Heather and her son, Jett, walk through how to make gingerbread ornaments with white canes.

Gift Guide for Visually Impaired Children

Helpful Gift Guide

To help make your holiday shopping a little easier, here is a handy guide to help you choose gifts that are not only fun but also tailored to a child's unique needs.

A child holding a gift and a teddy bear, surrounded by wrapped presents, with a circular inset showing a child reading a book.

Holiday shopping soon? 🎁 Finding the perfect gift can be a challenge—especially if you're shopping for a child who is visually impaired or blind.

To make things easier, Heather Dawson and Mackenzie Bello-Ponce, our Child & Family Vision Specialists, have put together a [helpful gift guide](#) with fun and thoughtful ideas tailored to a child's unique needs.

For more ideas from CVI Now, check out [Perkins Gift Guide](#).

Send us Your Holiday Pictures!



PPV's Family Specialist Mackenzie's son, Ethan, was all smiles during this holiday photoshoot, as was little Gia.

[Send us](#) your holiday pictures to be featured on our social media channels:



Meet Our Young Artist



Mahizhan lost his left eye due to Retinoblastoma at 5 months old. Partners for Pediatric Vision helps hundreds of children like Mahizhan overcome barriers to sight loss and support their learning and independence throughout childhood. Thanks to Mahizhan, for his "Happy Snowman" artwork is PPV's 2025 Holiday card design.

**Thank you to all who submitted winter holiday themed artwork!
Your creativity shined through!**

Have your child's artwork featured on our website's [Creativity Gallery](#).
Send your artwork to media@partnersforpediatricvision.org

Take a look at the highlights below and check out the fun moments from this year's family events:



Exploring Dinosaurs Through Every Sense: A Family Adventure at NHMLA

PPV families were treated to a one-of-a-kind experience at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHMLA). Thanks to the incredible Education Team at NHMLA, families enjoyed a multi-sensory program for children with visual impairments, filled with opportunities for touch, sound, and rich description. [>READ MORE](#)



PPV's Beary Special Build-A-Bear Experience

Smiles, laughter, and excitement filled the air at the Build-A-Bear Workshop at Del Amo Fashion Center as children with vision loss and their families and volunteer peer buddies came together to share the fun of making bears. Vistas for Children, Inc. generously sponsors the workshop making it possible for every child to create and take home a customized bear. [>READ MORE](#)



A Symphony of Imagination Families Experience "Melody & Pitch" with the LA Phil

PPV families were treated to a vibrant morning of music and imagination at the LA Philharmonic's Symphonies for Youth. [>READ MORE](#)



Join us and other families at our family events offered all year round. Click the button below for our most up-to-date events.

[Family Events](#)

Parent Support Groups/Grupo de Apoyo para Padres



EDUCATIONAL SERIES



Do you have a child with visual impairment? Are you seeking the support of others with similar experiences?

Would you like to make new friends and learn about resources and strategies for yourself, your child, and your family?

If so, we invite you to join us for a Guest Speaker or Topic Presentation followed by a Group Discussion.

When: 1st Wednesday of every month 6:30 - 7:30pm

*****New Day & Time*****

Where: Zoom



Group Leaders:

Janice Goldhaber, MFT

Diane Christian, PhD



To register or for more information:
Contact Diane at (323) 612-8185 or
dchristian@partnersforpediatricvision.org

Tips For Traveling With a Visually Impaired Child



- Plan for lots of snacks. Use little throw away bowls, cups, and baggies to make it interesting.
- Fill big Tupperware food containers with sensory activities. Fill them up with something like uncooked pasta and “hide” objects in them (zoo animals, shapes, letters, etc).
- Toys with suction cups or velcro can attach to windows.
- Map out fun places to stop along the way like parks, children’s museums, etc on your route.
- Try a massaging mat (with a car adaptor) for your child to sit on – it’s very soothing!
- Favorite shows, stories or songs on a phone or tablet are familiar and calming.
- Sing a lot!

Audio Description Makes "Zootopia 2" Visual for All



PPV hosts an Audio Described movie during the holidays for our children and families, thanks to the Krikorian Metroplex in Buena Park. This year, the event was hosted on Sunday, December 7th, and the featured movie was "Zootopia 2". Through headsets that were provided, children could hear an extra narration track that described the action and characters onscreen. More Highlights from the Audio Described Movie Event coming soon! In the meantime, did you know that Audio description is available at your local movie theatre. Just ask for a headset and "watch" the movie come alive.





[See Reel on YouTube](#)

Have you had a chance to join us for our family events?

We host Ukulele lessons, Western Museum of Flight tours, Build-A-Bear workshops, Audio Described movies, and other events. We do our best to include every family who is interested in our activities, so please let us know if you would like to be on our invitation list.

Email us at info@partnersforpediatricvision.org or call us at (323) 612-8185.

[Family Events](#)



*Pictured left to right: Tori, Mackenzie, Mona (PPV Board Member and parent), Diane, Heather, and Belinda
Happy Holidays!*



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KNOW?**

**PPV is a nonprofit
organization!**

PPV is a non-profit organization established in 2016 to provide vision education and support services for families of children with vision loss. Donations support the costs of our services, and we could not do this without the generosity of our supporters! Our PPV families can help us tell the story of our impact, and tell others about our services. You can also lend a helping hand, if it is within your means, with a donation in any amount this season of giving.

We hope you will consider supporting our mission. No amount is too small. And please feel free to share this with others you think could help.

We wholeheartedly thank you!

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