



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2025**

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Sharing our Annual Report gives me a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the experiences that unite our dedicated team, our inspiring families, and our community of supporters. Partners for Pediatric Vision was founded to fill gaps in vision education and support services that are essential but often missing for children with vision loss, their families, and the communities that serve them.

Because visual impairment affects every child differently, our services are deeply individualized, and we meet families where they are. From sitting in on eye exams to providing emotional support, family events, and accommodations for vision loss, Partners for Pediatric Vision provided education and support services to 587 children and their families this past year. Every family we serve is part of a larger community that benefits from understanding how to make the world accessible for those with sight loss. This past year our outreach and professional collaboration reached over 800 partners.

Navigating the journey of childhood vision loss alongside these families is a true privilege. Every child's story is filled with resilience, perseverance, and hope, and our team is there to support them at every step. Each new family we serve is an opportunity to help pave the way to achievement, independence, and well-being. We are grateful for our family of supporters who make our mission a reality one child at a time.

On behalf of the Partners for Pediatric Vision team, thank you for your enduring trust. Together, we are building brighter futures.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Christian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Christian

WHAT WE DO

Visual impairments change the way children obtain information about the world around them. Partners for Pediatric Vision matches Child & Family Vision Specialists with families of children who are visually impaired to provide comprehensive pediatric vision care, education, and support services that remove barriers and help children on their path to success.

VALUES

Passion: We believe every family that has a child with visual impairment should have access to a comprehensive eye exam, vision education, and resources that will help their child reach their full potential.

Equity: We provide low vision education, devices, and accommodations that level the playing field for children with permanent vision loss and promote learning, success, and independence.

Innovation: We establish Eye Doctor - Child & Family Vision Specialist partnerships to provide low vision rehabilitation for children with visual impairment and their families during exams and throughout childhood.

Partnership: We collaborate with community partners to heighten awareness and build strong resource and referral networks to find, identify, and serve children in need.

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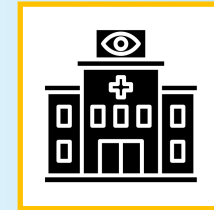
to turn possibilities into achievements for children with visual impairment and their families.

2025 AT A GLANCE



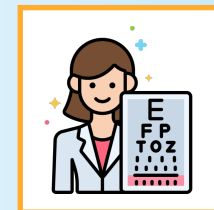
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Children and their families received services



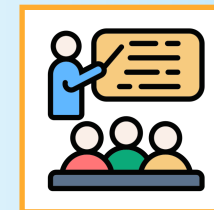
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Partner Low Vision Clinics



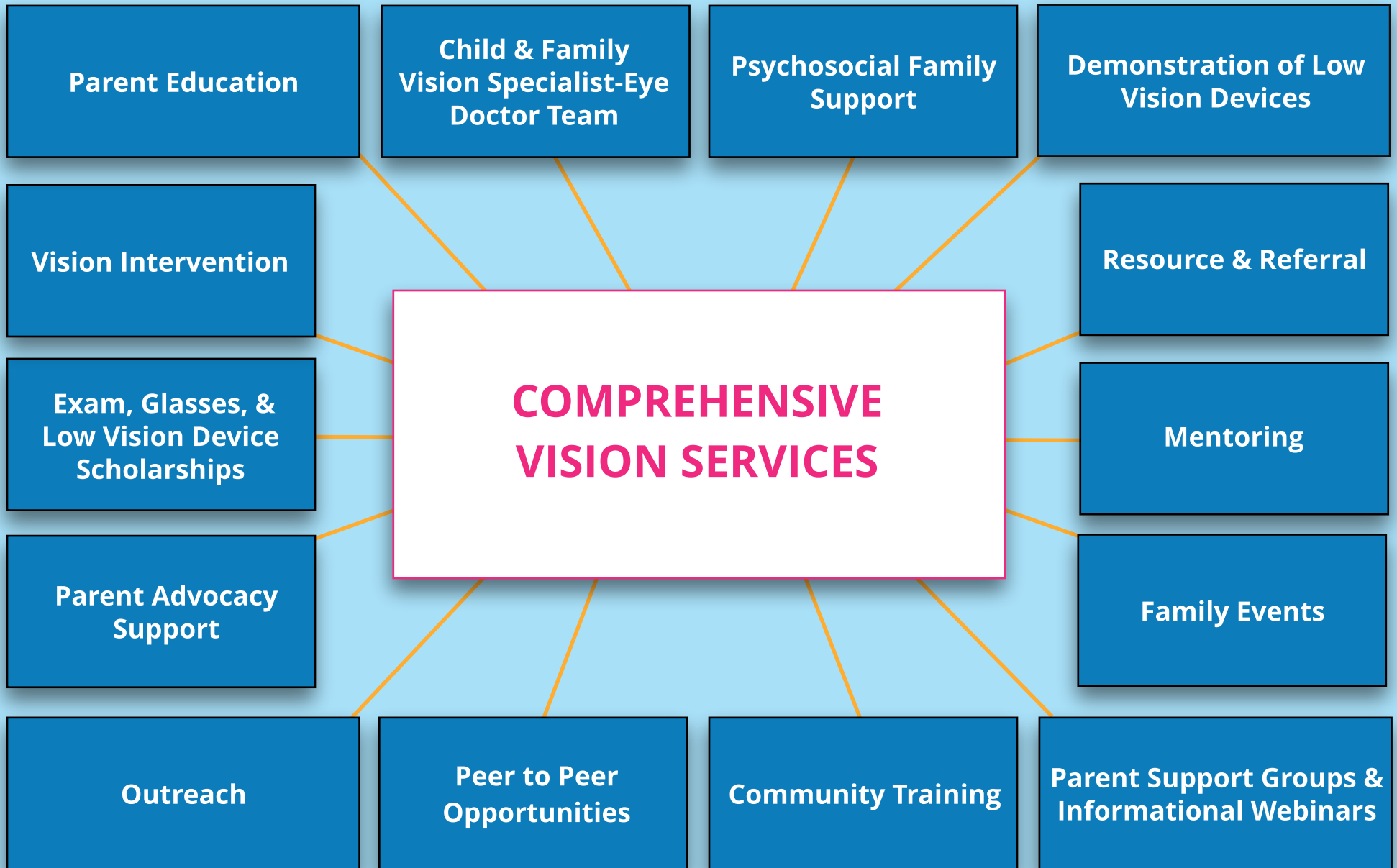
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Children had an eye exam with a Child & Family Vision Specialist present



825

Professionals received training and outreach about Pediatric Low Vision



PROGRAMS

Early Childhood (Ages 0-5)

247 children received critical early intervention services.

Matching families in need with one of our Child & Family Vision Specialists for timely, individualized, family-focused intervention gives babies and young children the best opportunity for healthy vision and development. Every child has a unique experience of vision loss, and each family received specific early intervention activities to enhance play, learning, and socialization by phone, Zoom, in coordination with other providers, and in person during vision exams.

Increasing parent understanding of how vision loss impacts their child and all that can be done to create unique learning opportunities in everyday experiences builds parenting confidence. The critical early childhood partnerships with our Specialists support parent education and optimism to help our youngest children meet developmental milestones and provide guidance and encouragement for their parents.



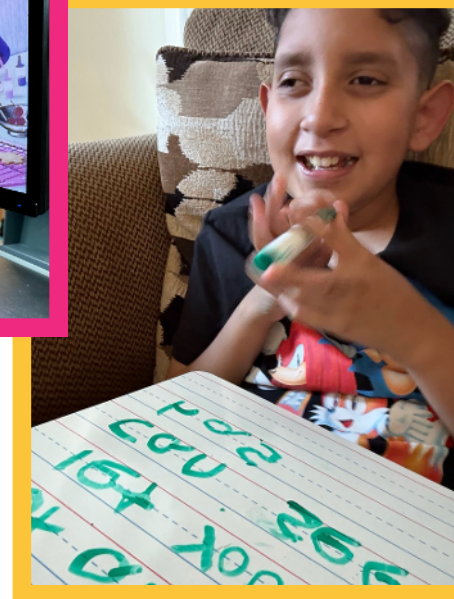
Youth Development (Ages 6-13)

235 children received services improving learning success.

School age children with vision loss and their families received education, resources, and support to help them achieve learning success and independence while promoting social skills and self-confidence.

Child & Family Vision Specialists helped parents understand the types of visual information their child might be missing and how they can benefit from services that maximize their current level of sight as well as strategies that accommodate for sight loss. Youth Development services include facilitating coordination to bring families and providers together to support visual and non-visual learning opportunities across settings.

Parents received education about resources available to their child at school and in the community and help obtaining beneficial low vision devices, medical care, and specialized services. Events throughout the year like our Build a Bear and Audio Described Movie create opportunities for our youth to share experiences together and build friendships.



Teens in Transition (Ages 14-18)

105 teens received services to build life skills.

Child & Family Vision Specialists provided support in building stronger social, academic, and daily living skills for our teens and guidance to families on meaningful ways to encourage independent living skills that will support their teen's transition to adulthood. Teens in Transition services addressed the importance of self-advocacy as a visually impaired young adult and provided opportunities to meet visually impaired peers and mentors with visual impairment.

Our Child & Family Vision Specialists worked together with parents and professionals to obtain the necessary low vision devices and technology essential for each teens' success and independence. Care coordination included connecting teens and their parents to local and state resources for college and work preparation or supported living options.



Community Training/Outreach

825 individuals received education about the importance of identifying vision problems.

Through community training and outreach, we strengthened referral networks by ensuring hundreds of professionals have a better understanding of vision concerns and when to refer children for care. Collaborations with Partners for Children South LA, Help Me Grow, and other agencies expanded access to vision services in communities facing barriers. We provided in-person and virtual training to schools and organizations, raising awareness about early identification, support, and reducing barriers. The result was expanded awareness, increased vision care, and resources for more children and families in need.



PPV Child & Family Vision Specialist and mother of son, Jett with Optic Nerve Hypoplasia presenting on Parent-Professional collaboration at the Birth to Five Vision Network

Support Groups & Workshops

143 parents, caregivers and family members participated in 25 PPV hosted support groups and workshops.

PPV provided 25 support group webinars in both English and Spanish throughout the year, covering topics ranging from vision diagnoses to encouraging daily life skills.



PPV Executive Director, Diane Christian at the Natural History Museum speaking to staff about how to make exhibits accessible for those with vision loss



PPV Child & Family Vision Specialist Mackenzie speaking with families at the Tichenor Clinic Resource Fair

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Families with children who are visually impaired receive early pediatric eye care support and services that result in improved outcomes for their child, their family, and the communities that serve them.

Community agencies and health care providers have a greater understanding of when and how to refer a child for a vision exam and community referral networks are strengthened.

91%

of families identified individuals that are part of their support system

94%

of families have a better understanding of their child's vision and can explain it to others

91%

of families agreed that they feel more empowered to advocate for their child

90%

of families reported more optimism about their child's overall quality of life

92%

of families reported less stress associated with raising a child with vision loss

92%

of families reported that their child benefited from adaptations that took into account vision loss

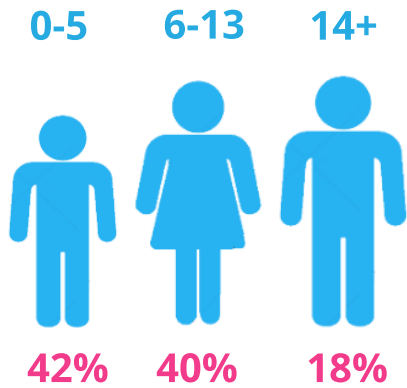
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of families reported more confidence in raising a child with vision loss

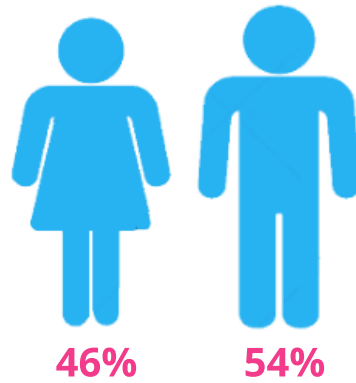


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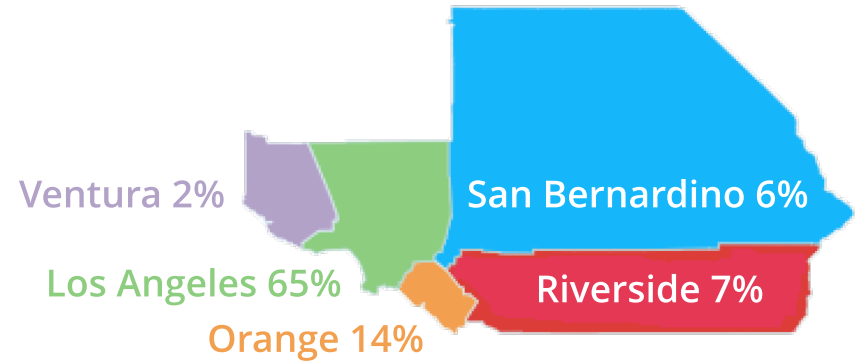
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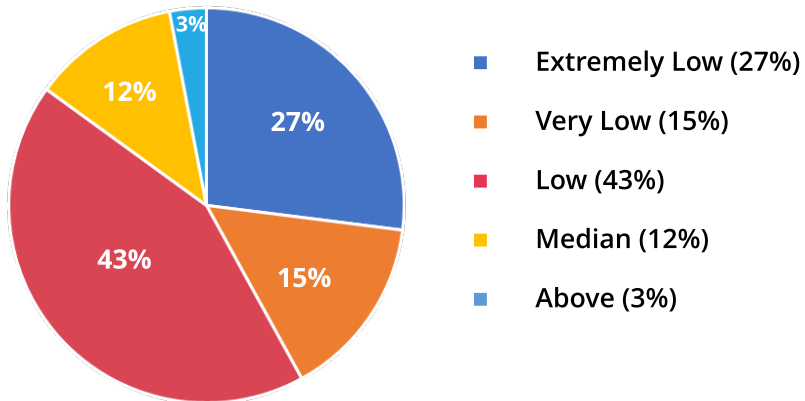
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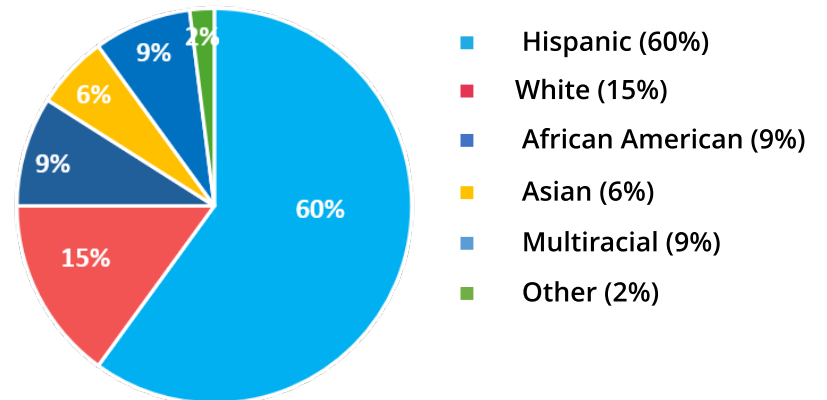
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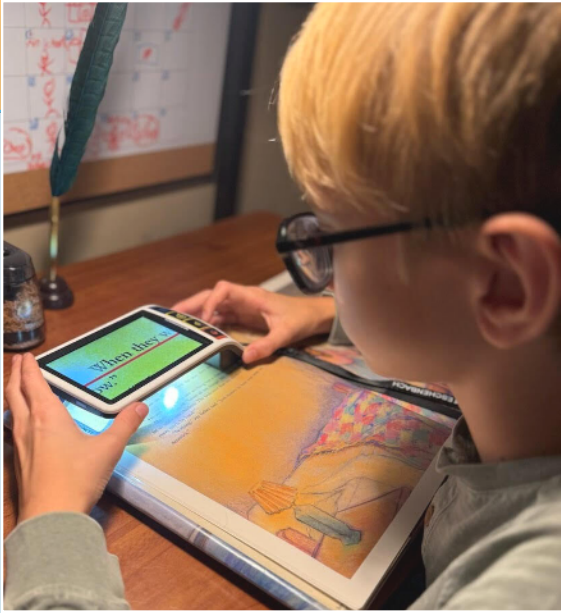
FAMILY INCOME



CHILDREN'S ETHNICITIES



OUR IMPACT



Wesley receives eye exams at our partner clinic, University Eye Center LA (UECLA). His PPV Child & Family Vision Specialist was at his recent exam to discuss and try out low vision devices to help with his reading struggles. Wesley has astigmatism, amblyopia, and complex visual challenges associated with Marfan syndrome. Wesley liked the slant board and handheld magnifiers, but he really got excited when he tried a portable video magnifier to enlarge print and create contrast. PPV and UECLA have a partnership with the LA Host Lions Club and thanks to their scholarship grant, Wesley was awarded his very own portable video magnifier. Collaborations with our partners in the community help children like Wesley benefit from the devices that they need for learning and academic success. Our model of Vision Specialist - Eye Doctor team creates opportunities to demonstrate devices based on exam results. For children like Wesley with permanent vision loss, having this magnifier allows equal access to learning success and independence.



Ezekiel lost his vision due to a brain tumor, and doctors are unsure how much vision he may regain. Rosanna, his Child & Family Vision Specialist introduced the lightbox to Ezekiel to determine if he would respond to a bright source of light. Ezekiel's mother shared that he's now reaching out to touch the lightbox and toys placed on top, a wonderful sign of developing visual awareness and curiosity. In Ezekiel's situation, visual opportunities in addition to non visual learning like reaching to sound, exploring by touch and smell, mean he is encouraged to use all his senses. Ezekiel was referred for early cane training and his attention to sources of light when he is walking provides important orientation for him as he explores. Coming to our movie event was one of the first opportunities Ezekiel had to practice his cane skills. He was so excited to get around all on his own. Parents like Ezekiel's are understandably nervous that their child will get hurt moving around with limited sight. Practicing with the light box helped his family feel less anxious and more hopeful that he can use light perception to promote his independence despite his vision loss.



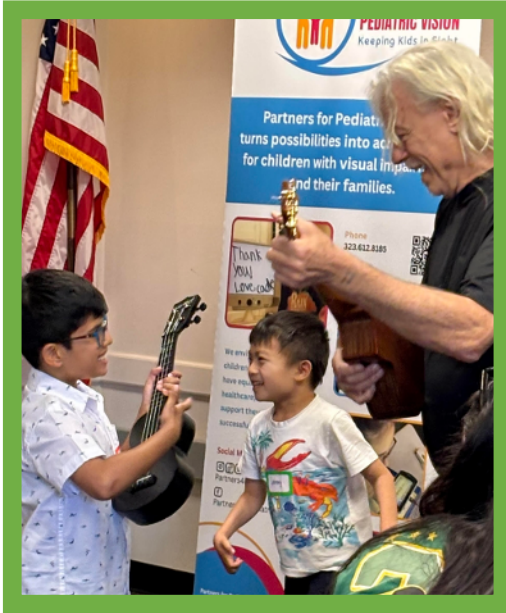
Arabella's family contacted PPV in need of a referral to a pediatric eye doctor to explain how much she sees and how her vision can improve.

The Ophthalmologists and Optometrists PPV partners with specialize in evaluating children like Arabella who has Down Syndrome and Autism. Taking part alongside eye doctors during exams, thanks to our supporters, helps the experience go more smoothly and assures that parents receive answers to their questions.

For the past two years, their Child & Family Vision Specialist and PPV Founder, Tori has been providing vision intervention strategies and support for Arabella's parents and her teachers. Tori met Arabella and her family for an exam with Dr. Mistry at Serve the People who reassured them that Arabella's functional vision should continue to improve. This guidance has given her family greater clarity and hope for her future development.

FAMILY EVENTS

300 INDIVIDUALS JOINED IN ON THE FUN OF 11 PPV FAMILY EVENTS



Notes Bring Hope -Sharing the Joy of Music to Children with Vision Loss

On June 28, 2025, children with sight loss who receive vision education and support services from Partners for Pediatric Vision gathered for free ukulele lessons at the Torrance Airport community room. Volunteer musician Mark Fitchett of **Fitchett Guitar School** in Torrance introduced the ease and fun of playing ukulele. **Vistas for Children** coordinated the volunteer peers from Junior Vistas, who were paired with a child with vision loss. All the children took home their ukuleles to continue building their skills thanks to donors Shari and Craig Sunada.



Aircraft Touch Tour is Hands-on Fun

The **Western Museum of Flight** (WMF) at the Torrance Airport welcomes our children with vision loss and their families for an up-close experience with aircraft and space exploration. The WMF is also located at the Torrance Airport so children had the opportunity to take part in one or both events on June 28, 2025. Knowledgeable docents welcomed our children and families and led them through experiences that included sitting in the cockpit of a fighter jet and exploring engines, missiles, and model aircraft.



PPV's Annual Build-A-Bear Event is a Hit for Children With Vision Loss

On October 12, 2025, our children with visual impairment had the chance to make their own stuffed bear buddy, thanks to a partnership with **Vistas for Children Inc.** The event took place at the **Build-A-Bear** at Del Amo Fashion Center. Our children with vision loss were paired up with **Junior Vistas** volunteers, and volunteers from **National Charity League Peninsula Chapter** who guided them to each station in order to create their very own Build-A-Bear.



"Zootopia 2" With Audio Description

Partners for Pediatric Vision held our eighth Audio Described movie event on December 7, 2025 thanks to the **Krikorian Metroplex** in Buena Park. Children with vision loss and their families "watched" *Zootopia 2*, with the help of additional narration through headphones. The families shared that this was a great opportunity to connect with other families with visually impaired children. After the movie, families were treated to lunch, followed by special holiday gifts, thanks to the **Mattel Children's Foundation's** generous donation of toys. **Vistas for Children** and **Junior Vistas**, longtime supporters of Partners for Pediatric Vision, wrapped all the gifts. **Portillo's** donated their famous chocolate cake. The children also enjoyed making tactile art work at a craft table.



Wine and Dine to Keep Kids in Sight Beverly Hills



Partners for Pediatric Vision held our Wine and Dine to Keep Kids in Sight fundraiser on October 4th, 2025 at Il Pastaio in Beverly Hills thanks to our generous sponsors Lisa Detanna and Raymond James. Attendees gathered at the Beverly Hills hotspot restaurant for a fabulous dinner paired with Marciano Estate wines donated by the winery owned by Maurice Guess.

Janiessa, mother of five year old Gabby who receives PPV services, spoke passionately about the call she made to PPV right after hearing the news of Gabby's visual diagnosis of congenital cataracts and glaucoma. Janiessa spoke to PPV's Lead Child & Family Vision Specialist, Rosanna who assured her that Gabby and their family would receive support and guidance every step of her journey.

Thanks to everyone who joined us and helped raise just over \$100,000 for our pediatric education and support services for children with vision loss and their families.



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PPV Major Donors

Our **Major Donor** program for those who donate \$2,500 or more annually includes help with the cost of eye exams, glasses, and low vision devices such as magnifiers. Thanks to **Major Donors** in 2025, children in need received life-changing vision exams, specialized devices, and learning tools to help maximize remaining sight and accommodate for impaired vision.

Los Angeles Host Lions Club

Specialized glasses and low vision devices are critically important but financially out of reach for many families. **The LA Host Lions Club** is a longtime partner of Partners for Pediatric Vision that covers the cost of these aids to families in need making it possible for our children to maximize the use of their remaining sight.



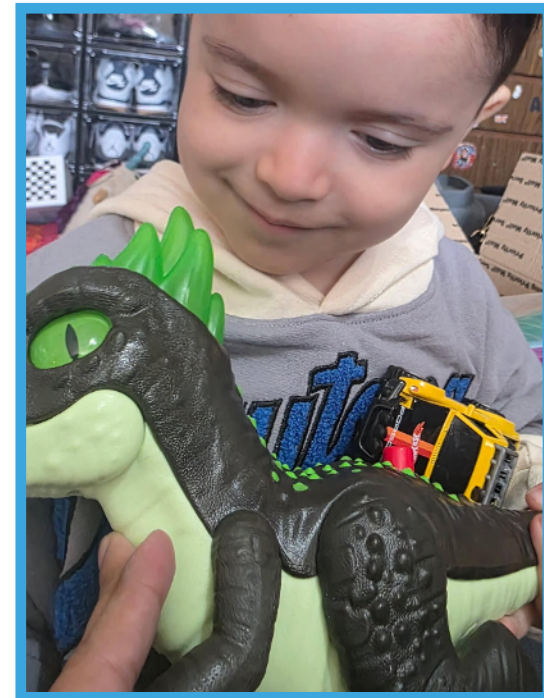
PHILANTHROPY PARTNERSHIPS



Since 2008, Partners for Pediatric Vision has provided a Low Vision Experience for the first grade class at **John Thomas Dye School** every year. Masks that simulate different types of vision loss are provided along with activities that are designed to help the students experience what it might be like to be visually impaired. **The John Thomas Dye Glasses Fund** has been established thanks to the school to help our families in need cover the cost of glasses, magnifiers, or other devices. Volunteers who help us present this low vision experience include Gary Asano, O.D., Pam Hill and her guide dog Franklin, and Jane and Barry Gerber. We are proud to be a part of the disability awareness commitment at the **John Thomas Dye School**.



Play is a powerful way to make learning fun and meaningful. For children with vision loss, toys that have texture, make sound, and are high contrast help stimulate curiosity. **The Mattel Children's Foundation** generously donates toys and games that promote learning and play including Braille Hot Wheels, Uno cards, and Blind Barbies. Mattel toys are given out at eye exams and events or mailed in care packages. At our annual audio described movie event, gifts are donated by the **Mattel Children's**



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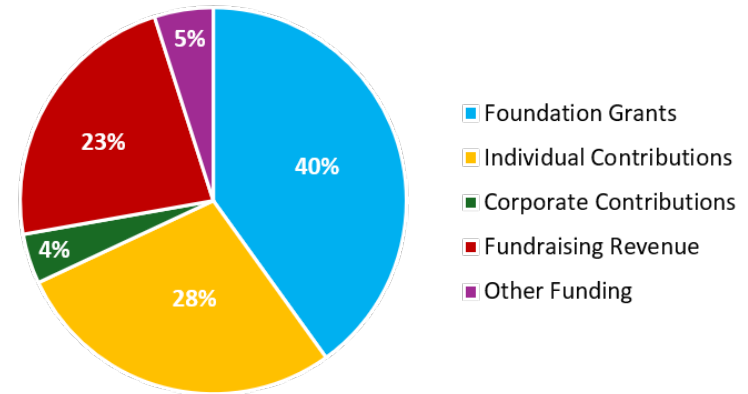


Pictured from left to right: Barbra Zukerman, Joanne Peterson, Lisa Detanna, Tori Schladen, Josh Carroll, Diane Christian

2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

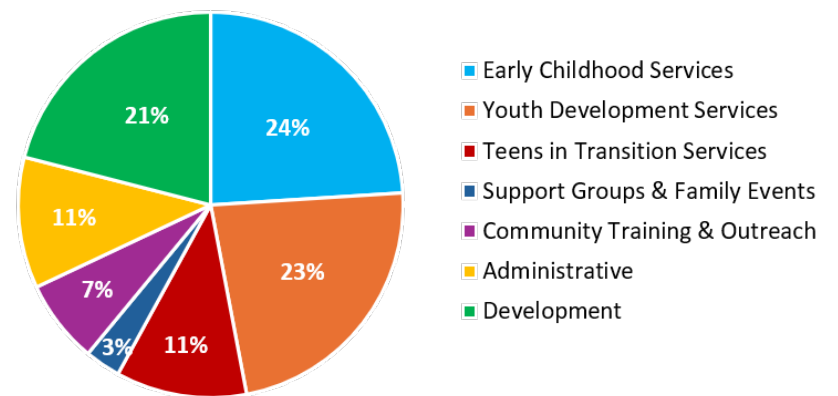
OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT	
FOUNDATION GRANTS	\$188,000
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$131,167
CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$19,600
FUNDRAISING	\$107,238
OTHER FUNDING	\$23,125
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$469,130

REVENUE & SUPPORT



OPERATING EXPENSES	
EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES	\$117,738
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	\$112,130
TEENS IN TRANSITION SERVICES	\$50,459
SUPPORT GROUPS & FAMILY EVENTS	\$16,490
COMMUNITY TRAINING & OUTREACH	\$32,980
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$53,581
DEVELOPMENT	\$102,619
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$485,997

OPERATING EXPENSES



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