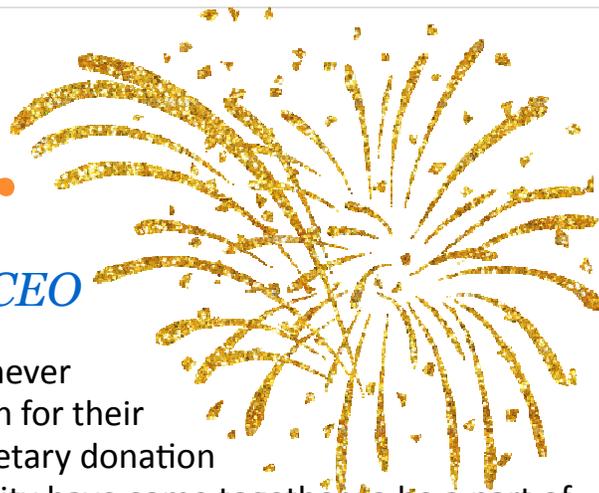


# New Adventures for the New Year



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

The outpouring of love and support from our donors never ceases to amaze me. We want to thank everyone again for their support with our Annual Appeal. Whether it is a monetary donation or a donation of time, so many people in our community have come together to be a part of the Center's continued growth and expansion.

## FOCUS FOR THE NEW YEAR

As you know, we added the Children's program last year, yet there is still much work to do to complete the overall vision. Next, we will be focusing on getting the Blind Babies program up and running and seeking support from the State to help fund it as well. We have been seeking and waiting for the State's support for a few years now, but we simply cannot continue to wait any longer.

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We all know how important early intervention is with any child. What if I told you that 80% of what a child learns is through sight? Now imagine what that means for a child with little or no sight. That is why early intervention is even **more** important for our youngest of clients. As we continue to share our vision for the future, we have already had a few anonymous donors step forward to provide seed money to allow us to begin organizing the new babies program and we are very thankful to each of them for their support.

## VISIT THE CENTER



Our door continues to be open to anyone who would like to come and tour our facilities to learn firsthand what we do and how anyone can get more involved. If you are interested, please call the office and we will arrange a personal tour for you.

On behalf of the clients, alumni, Board of Directors, Friends Council, volunteers and staff, we wish each of you a new year full of good health, amazing adventures and an abundance of love.

**-Anissa Brescia, President/CEO**