

Giving Thanks

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is the time of year when each of us examines our own life and reflects upon the things for which we are most thankful. Here at the Center, we (the staff, board, and clients) are thankful for so many things. We are thankful for the ability to continue to grow and expand to meet the ever-increasing demand for our services; to the wonderful volunteers we have who make it possible to stretch our budget dollars; and to the growing support and awareness by our beautiful community and all it has to offer. Most importantly, we are so thankful to our generous donors who make the impossible possible.

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Most of us are touched by blindness and visual impairments through family or friends whom we know. As we continue to live longer, we find more and more people who suffer from age-related diseases such as macular degeneration. As such, the need for our services continues to grow. This increase in need is not being met with an increase of funding, unfortunately.

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As each of you reflect on that for which you are most thankful, we challenge you with this – if you are thankful for being blessed with abundance, consider sharing your gifts with others. Whether it is money, talents or time, find a local charity and support your neighbors and community. Here at the Center, we are very proud to be very mission-driven. We are also proud that we offer an annual giving campaign where 100 percent of your donation goes directly to the clients who live right here locally.

We ask that you read the client testimonies in this newsletter to learn how our donors are making the difference in so many people’s lives and we challenge you to join us this year. Everyone has favorite charities. **We ask that you consider making the Florida Center for the Blind one of your favorite charities.**

Wishing all of you and your loved ones a wonderful, joyful holiday season!

-Anissa Brescia, Executive Director