

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Report



Dear Vista Friends,

As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2025, Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired remains steadfast in our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our community. Over the past year, we have continued to expand both the reach and depth of our services by enhancing access through virtual and video-based offerings while increasing the number of low vision exams across our Palo Alto and San Jose locations.

Our mission continues to grow in both scope and impact. Through strategic partnerships, we are sharing innovative ideas and advancing accessibility on a broader scale. Initiatives like Sight Tech Global—our free, international virtual conference—connect thousands of participants each year with accessible technology. Our Tech It Out webinar series also remains a trusted resource, helping individuals build confidence and independence through technology.

This FY25 Annual Report is a testament to the resilience and determination of the individuals we serve, as well as the strength of the community that supports them. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, engaged Board of Directors, committed volunteers, and generous donors whose partnership makes our work possible.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on expanding access, deepening impact, and embracing innovation to ensure that people who are blind or visually impaired can fully engage in all aspects of life with independence and dignity.

I invite you to explore the exciting activities Vista Center brings to our community:

www.sighttechglobal.com

<https://www.youtube.com/@vistacenteruser>

In Gratitude,

CEO, Vista Center

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OUR MISSION

Vista Center empowers individuals who are blind or visually impaired to embrace life to the fullest through evaluation, counseling, education, and training.



We believe vision loss is no longer a barrier to independence.

Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ID 94-1196206

Vista Center Changes Lives

3,700+

Clients aged 3-107 served:

- Palo Alto
- Santa Cruz
- San Jose
- Virtually

52

Unique programs offered in the home, community, or branches.

4,268

Volunteer hours generously donated to empower our community

We rely upon charitable donations to serve people living with vision loss.



Donate here

Programs and Services

At Vista Center, our dedicated team provides tailored support to address emotional, functional, and mobility hurdles for individuals living with vision loss. With compassion and expertise, we instill confidence and optimism, guiding and empowering individuals through every step of their vision loss journey. Our programs serve children, working adults, and seniors across four northern California counties.



Low Vision Clinic

- Low Vision Optometrists
- Functional Vision Exams
- Low Vision Aids & Devices Store



Supportive Services

- Emotional Counseling
- Educational Workshops
- Peer Mentor Groups
- Accessible Fitness
- Group Skill Building
- Youth Enrichment



Instructive Programs

- Daily Living Skills
- Assistive Technology
- Travel and Navigation
- Accessible Education and Academic Tutoring

Events



PITCHABILITY

In September 2024, Vista Center hosted its inaugural PitchAbility International Pitch Competition, celebrating entrepreneurs dedicated to building accessible solutions for people who are blind or have low vision – bringing together investors, founders, and community members to champion inclusion and innovation.



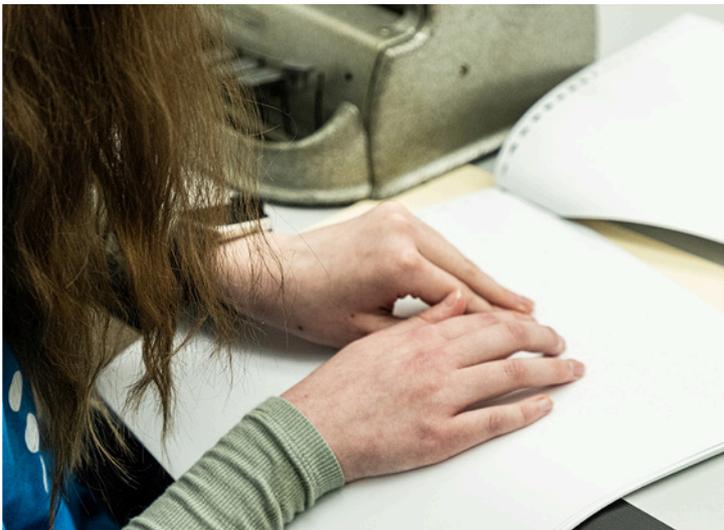
SIGHT TECH GLOBAL

In December, our 5th annual online conference featuring technology pioneers working in accessible tech hosted 4,000 attendees, with YouTube conference recordings viewed 19,735 times on demand throughout the year. Sight Tech Global continues to be a premier gathering for innovators, advocates, and industry leaders driving the future of accessibility technology.



VOICES FOR VISTA

In April 2025, Voices for Vista returned to Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz for an unforgettable evening of folk songs from the British Isles and America – doubling attendance from the previous year and bringing together more of our community than ever in support of people living with vision loss.



Client Success

Vista Center’s School Services team supports more than 130 students with visual impairments across 29 school districts, providing individualized instruction that builds independence and confidence. Ellie came to Vista Center at age 12 feeling shy and uncertain about how to navigate a world that often lacks accessibility. Through Vista Center’s specialized programs—including braille instruction, assistive technology training, and orientation and mobility services—she gained the skills and support needed to navigate her environment with increasing confidence. Participation in extracurricular programs further fostered her sense of community, belonging, and self-assurance.

With the continued support of Vista Center’s dedicated staff and personalized approach, Ellie’s growth has been remarkable. With the continued support of Vista Center’s dedicated staff and personalized approach, Ellie’s growth has been remarkable. She has become a mentor to younger students, launched a blog focused on accessibility tools, and presented at a statewide conference on inclusive education.

Today, she independently navigates public transportation with her guide dog and is enrolled in dual enrollment courses, with aspirations of becoming a disability rights lawyer. Ellie’s progress reflects the meaningful impact of Vista Center’s comprehensive services in empowering individuals with vision loss to achieve independence and reach their full potential.



Gratitude to Our Partners



Lifeguard Charitable Fund in Honor of Dr. Victor Defino



The Tae Foundation



Peninsula Endowment

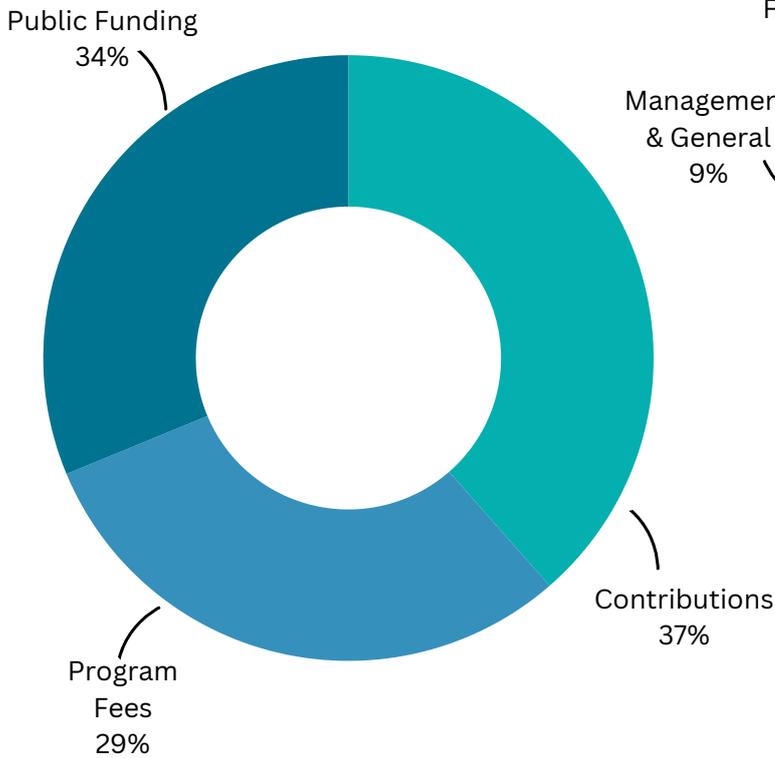


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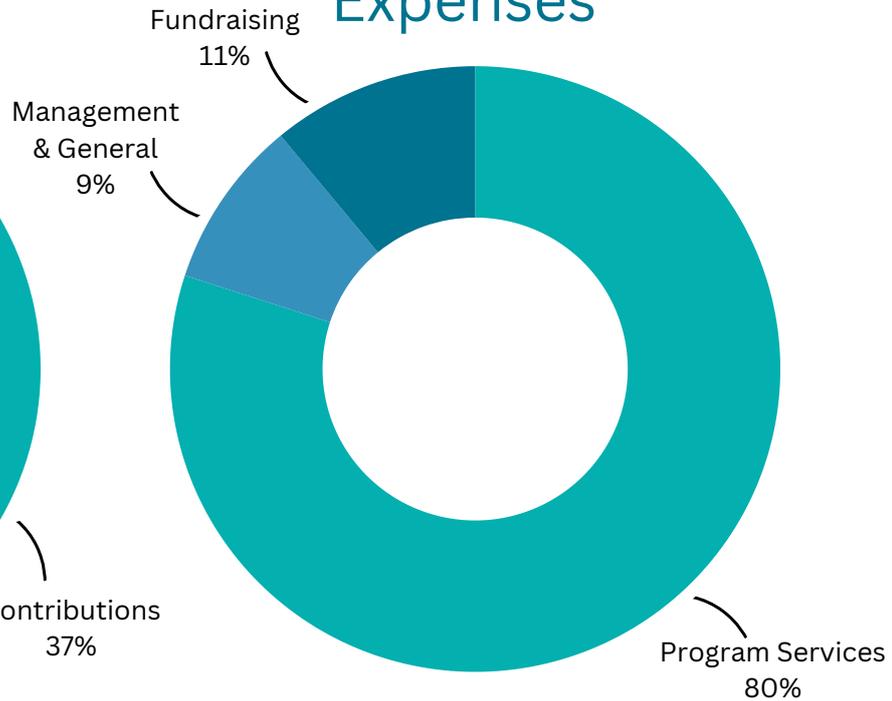


Financials

Income



Expenses



INCOME

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1,360,085
PROGRAM SERVICE FEES	\$ 1,044,968
PUBLIC FUNDING GRANTS	\$ 1,260,361
TOTAL	\$ 3,665,413

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 3,499,466
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$ 414,363
FUNDRAISING	\$ 485,684
TOTAL	\$ 4,399,513

Thank you, to the volunteers, donors, and community partners that support Vista Center. Your generosity allows us to continue to provide a breadth of programs to our clients living with blindness and vision loss.

Our mission is possible with a balanced diverse portfolio of public, medical, grant, and charitable funding support!

