Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Report

Dear Vista Friends,

Reflecting on Fiscal Year 26, Vista Center remains committed to meeting the critical and growing needs of our Blind and Low Vision client community through our Whole Person approach — grounded in Independent Living Skills and Life Enrichment Services, together empowering people with vision loss to be safe, strive for independence, and find joy. Across 5 Northern California counties, we support students, working adults, and seniors in building the confidence and connections needed to thrive.

Our mission is more urgent than ever: we lost $600,000 in long-standing Department of Rehabilitation contracts this year, with further cuts expected in FY27. Even so, our Mission Fundraising model continues to grow — individual and corporate support is rising, and our Grants Initiative continues to advance on the strength of Vista's client outcomes.

Sight Tech Global marked its sixth year as a premier conference for accessibility innovators, and our Corporate Partner Program expanded significantly, deepening our role in accessibility research and product testing. You'll find more on both in the pages ahead.

This FY26 Annual Report reflects the resilience of our Leadership Team, our staff, and the individuals we serve. I'm deeply grateful to our Board of Directors, volunteers, and donors whose partnership makes this work possible. As we look ahead, we remain focused on expanding access and embracing innovation so people who are blind or visually impaired can engage fully in life with independence and dignity.

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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 EIN 94-1196206

Vista Center Changes Lives

In FY26, Vista Center provided 23,639 hours of service to more than 3,500 blind and low-vision people, ages 3 to 107, and reached an estimated 3,600 family members through education and outreach.

52
Unique programs offered in the home, community, or branches

5,058
Volunteer hours generously donated to empower our community

20,094
Hours of support groups delivered helping with emotional support

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

Donate here

Programs and Services

At Vista Center, we use the **Whole Person Approach**. Vision loss affects how someone completes everyday tasks, navigates safely, connects with others, and participates in the activities that give life meaning. Our highly trained staff provide one-on-one and group instruction to clients living with vision loss in their homes, on school campuses, and virtually.

School Services

Accessible Education. We help students with vision loss access their education, build important skills, and participate more fully at school.

Independent Services

Low Vision Clinic, Daily Living Skills, Assistive Technology, and Travel Training. We help people develop the skills and tools they need to navigate daily life safely and independently.

Life Enrichment

Through counseling, peer groups, educational workshops, accessible fitness, group activities, and recreational therapies, we help clients create connections, build confidence, and gain independence.

Mission Fundraising Events

VISTA HONORS

In December, Vista Center hosted its Vista Honors Gala at the Stanford Faculty Club, honoring Ted Henter, creator of the JAWS screen reader, on its 30th anniversary. The evening drew 17 generous sponsors — including Meta, Google, Be My Eyes, Vispero, Salesforce, Siebel Foundation, and Microsoft — and closed with a fireside chat with Henter himself.

SIGHT TECH GLOBAL

In December, our 6th annual Sight Tech Global conference brought together technology pioneers in accessible tech for 4,000 attendees, with recordings viewed 140K times on demand throughout the year — cementing its place as a premier gathering for innovators, advocates, and leaders shaping the future of accessibility technology.
Watch here!

VOICES FOR VISTA

In June, Voices for Vista marked its sixth year at Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz, filling the venue with the lively sound of local mariachi duo Los Hermanos Postizos. The evening brought together donors, volunteers, and community members for a night of music, connection, and generosity in support of people living with vision loss.





Corporate Partner Program

The Corporate Partner Program expanded Vista Center's impact in FY2026 by connecting blind and low-vision individuals with companies, universities, students, and emerging accessibility technologies.

How Our Technology Partners Engage

User Studies

Engagements include research, accessibility testing, and product testing with feedback from blind and low-vision clients.

- Corporate Partner: 28 engagements from Amazon, Google, Apple, Aria, Microsoft, and more
- Student: 21 engagements with high school, college, graduate, and university partners

Tech It Out

Monthly virtual sessions introducing emerging accessible technology, AI, assistive devices, and accessibility research — presented by the technology provider. Watch here!



Demo Days

Accessibility-focused demonstrations and learning sessions — including Arovia, Apple, Aria, and a Microsoft accessibility training — presented by the technology provider.

Impact

- **Strengthened Vista's role as a trusted partner for accessibility research and product testing**
- **Engaged clients in technology education, encouraging their understanding that technology continues to drive their independence**
- **Inspired clients to know that their needs and accommodations are important to the community — vision loss is no longer a barrier to a dignified and joyful life**

FY2026 Program At-a-Glance

Corporate Partner – User Studies	28 studies — ~10 attendees/session; ~280 annual participants
Corporate Partner Earned Revenue	$47,825
Student Partner – User Studies	21 studies — ~5 attendees/session; ~105 annual participants
Tech It Out	12 sessions — ~40 attendees/session; ~480 annual attendees
Demo Days & Accessibility Demos	4 sessions — ~75 attendees/session; ~300 annual participants
Total	65 engagements — over 1,000 clients served, as some attend more than one program

Client Success

Building Confidence and Independence Through iPhone Training

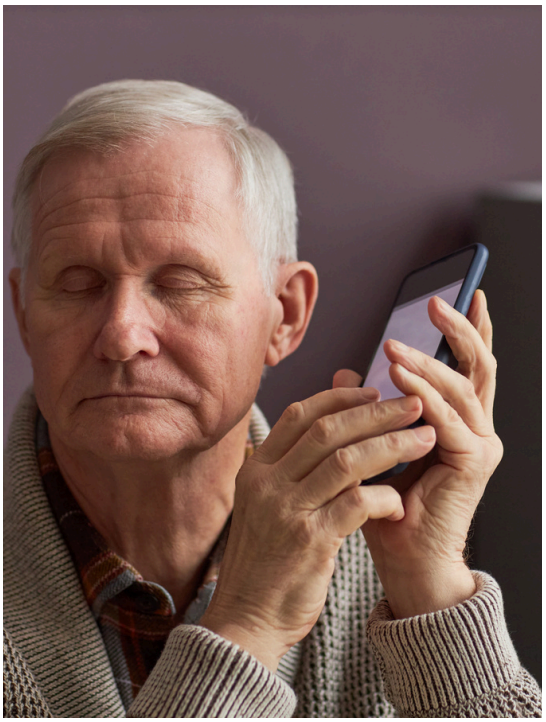
For people experiencing vision loss, learning to use an iPhone can feel overwhelming—especially when familiar ways of seeing and navigating the screen are no longer visible. Our new iPhone for Beginners offers supportive training to learn practical skills, build confidence, and stay connected and independent.



One of Vista's powerful training elements is its peer-support model. Attendees who had more iPhone experience were paired with clients who were newer to the iPhone, providing individualized support and creating opportunities for peer learning. The result was more than instruction—it was a community of learners empowering one another towards independence.

For Laura* (age 89), who had experienced declining vision, using her phone without help had become increasingly difficult. Through the training, she learned VoiceOver skills that allowed her to dismiss, silence, and answer calls from doctors and other important contacts by herself; regaining control of these everyday tasks renewed her confidence and independence.

Yolanda* (age 51) was nervous because she did not know the assistive technology shortcuts and gestures. Upon training completion, she was independently editing and sending emails. "It's great being able to independently edit my emails using a screen reader," she shared. "This training helps participants gain confidence and valuable real-life skills."



The training also validated that everyone has something to learn—and something to teach. Experienced VoiceOver users such as Barry* (69) and Paula* (80) strengthened their own skills while helping demonstrate that continued practice can bring greater efficiency and confidence, even for longtime users.

The iPhone for Beginners is ultimately about more than technology. It is about building confidence through practice, connecting peers with one another, and creating pathways to independence, as they navigate changing vision together.

Vista Center by the Numbers

In FY2026, Vista Center expanded training, counseling, and community support to reach more individuals living with vision loss than ever — thanks to our staff, volunteers, and generous donors.

23,639

Annual blind & low-vision services delivered

▲ +17.9% vs FY2025

52
Client Programs

▲ +20% vs FY2025

876
Case Management service hours delivered

▲ +55% vs FY2025

3,703
Assistive Technology training hours delivered

▲ +75% vs FY2025

9.5
Assistive Technology training hours engaged per client

▲ +54% vs FY2025

3,766
Independent Living Skills training hours delivered

▲ +42% vs FY2025

5.9
Independent Living Skills training hours engaged per client

▲ +49% vs FY2025

2,305
Orientation & Mobility training hours delivered

▲ +103% vs FY2025

14.3
Orientation & Mobility training hours engaged per client

▲ +99% vs FY2025

20,094
Support Group hours delivered

▲ +141% vs FY2025

77
Support Group hours engaged per client

▲ +121% vs FY2025

1,325
Meals served onsite to visually impaired seniors

▲ +5% vs FY2025

5,058
Volunteer (non-staff) hours performed

▲ +18.5% vs FY2025

Vista Services...more than Numbers

We measure our reach impact in numbers for many grantors — thousands of service hours, hundreds of clients, dozens of programs. But numbers don't capture what it feels like to read your own mail for the first time in years, or to watch your father find his footing again. Here, in their own words, are a few of the people whose lives intersect with Vista Center's mission — as clients, volunteers, family members, friends, and partners – they feel the Vista impact:

AS A CLIENT 'S FRIEND

"I was there the day Tom read a bill on the CCTV for the first time in years, and I watched the joy spread across his face. It's a moment I won't forget —watching him reclaim a little piece of his independence"

— Jack, friend of a Vista Center Client

AS A CAREGIVER

"Advocating for my daughter's needs has been a journey, but the right support made all the difference. Watching her grow in confidence and truly thrive has been incredible—I'm so proud of her and grateful to the Vista Center team that believed in her every step of the way."

— Rosa, Vista Center School Services parent

AS A FUTURE PARTNER IN THE FIELD

"I really love how you guys have a very holistic approach here."

— Peter, a visitor working toward his TVI (Teacher of the Visually Impaired) certification, after touring Vista Center

AS A TEACHER

"Working with Vista Center has been outstanding. Their team brings professionalism, expertise, and a genuine commitment to helping students with visual impairments reach their full potential"

—Kasey, school teacher

AS A STAFF MEMBER

"She came in frustrated, convinced she needed stronger magnification or a whole new set of devices. With our staff's help, we discovered she just needed to learn to use her low vision glasses with a lower-power magnifier. Watching her realize she could still read her own recipes was wonderful — that's why I work at Vista Center.

— Marlu Treuhaft, Vista Center

AS A CLIENT AND INTERN

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone at Vista. I truly appreciate the support and experience I have gained, and I would still like to remain involved and contribute whenever possible.."

— Ulysses

Vista Center's impact doesn't stop with the clients we serve. It ripples out — to the caregivers who advocate alongside them, the volunteers who show up, the staff who help them find their way, and the donors who make it all possible

Gratitude to Institutional Partners

Sequoia Healthcare District

Peninsula Health Care District

The Nicholson Family Foundation

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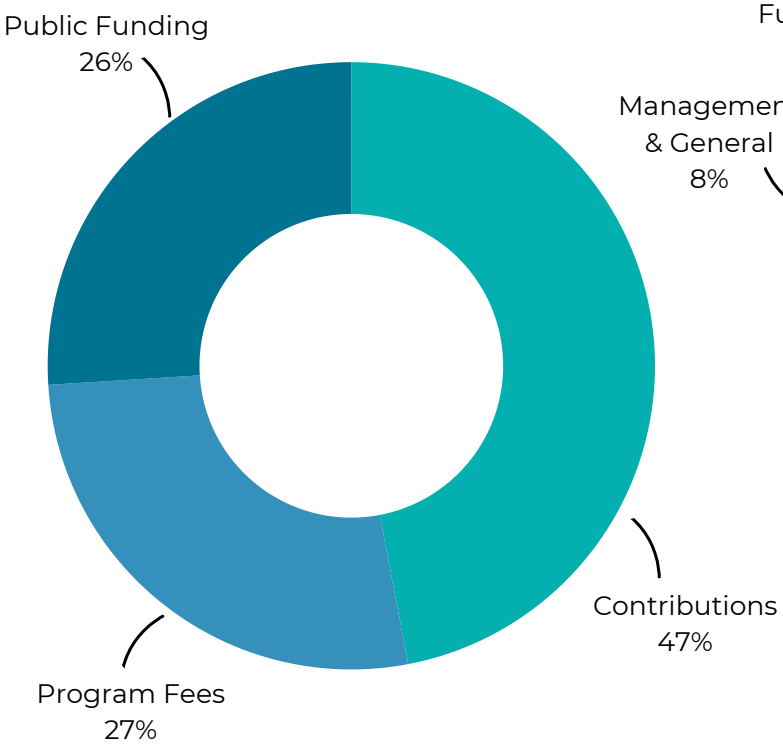
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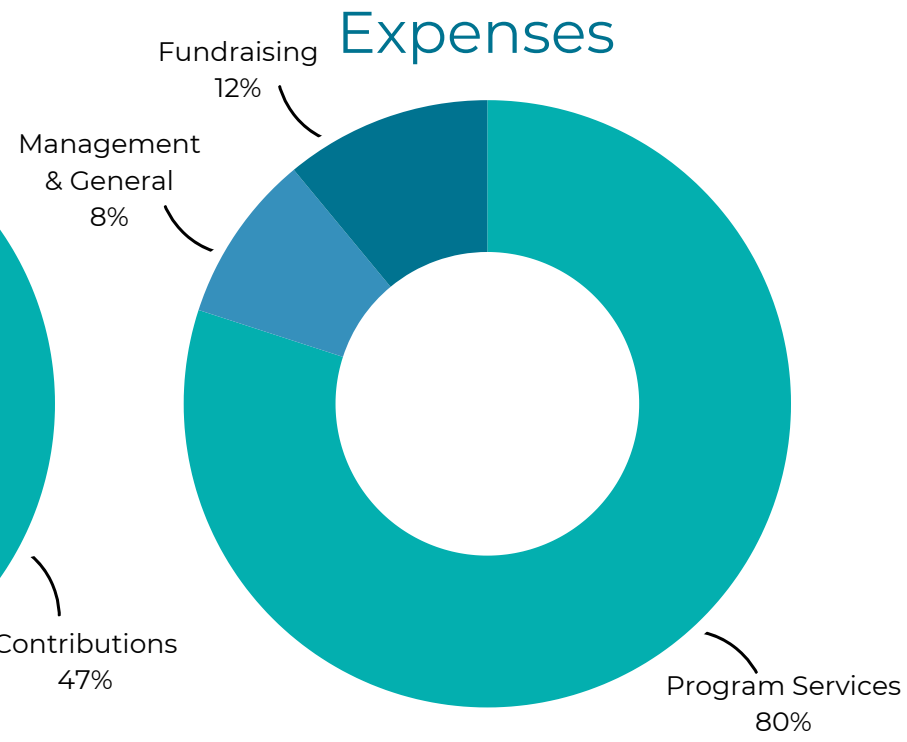
VISTA CENTER

Financials

Income



Expenses



INCOME

CONTRIBUTIONS	$	1,714,163
PROGRAM SERVICE FEES	$	994,298
PUBLIC FUNDING GRANTS * ▼ 25%	$	948,454
TOTAL	**$**	**3,657,463**

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	$	3,532,345
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	$	546,496
FUNDRAISING	$	360,930
TOTAL	**$**	**4,439,771**

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!

Platinum Transparency 2026 Candid.

Charity Navigator FOUR-STAR 2026

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