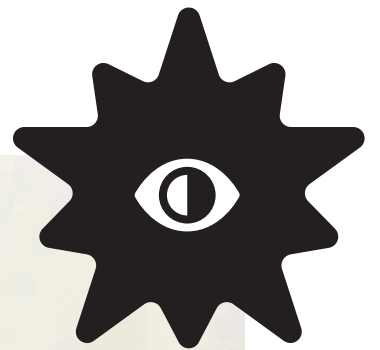


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Journey Beyond Vision



**2022
Annual
Report**



**“Life is a journey
with problems to
solve and lessons
to learn but most
of all, experiences
to enjoy.” — UNKNOWN**





Dear Visionary Friends

What a journey 2022 has been! Thanks to you, we've empowered even more people living with vision loss by helping them gain the skills and tools they need to achieve their goals.

Last year, we helped 291 people who are blind or visually impaired, along with their loved ones, through engaging programs like arts & culture, recreation, adaptive technology, and independent living.

Of that group, 43 were new to our programs in 2022. Much has been accomplished, yet we will remain determined to prove to those without sight or those losing their sight that they are capable of working, playing, and living life to the fullest.

Thank you for helping make us the first place people turn to as they navigate their journey beyond vision.

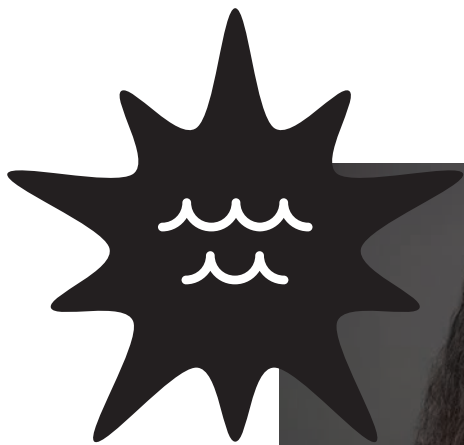
With gratitude,

Paulette Monthei
Executive Director



Wade Watts
Board President

**“I felt like someone
had tossed me a
life preserver and
was told to hang
on tight.” — RACHAEL**



Finding Confidence & Freedom

Rachael began noticing changes in her vision. She believed her eyes were changing with age...not her cancer diagnoses.

After “things were getting blurrier,” a low-vision specialist recommended she prepare for a future without vision.

As cancer treatments progressed, so did her vision loss, until Rachael had to have her left eye removed and had no vision in her right.

Feeling at her breaking point, Rachael found hope at Outlook Enrichment. “All I heard was, you can do it. We just have to figure out the right way.”

Rachael trained in Adaptive Technology and received adjustment to blindness services to assist with the emotional grieving process.

As she became more confident, she started taking Moby transportation by herself. “It was a big day. I was so proud of myself.”

With new freedom and confidence, Rachael regularly attends our arts program and is active in empowering others through her journey.

Read the full story at OutlookEN.org/Rachael 

Insights to Living Life to the Fullest

Our services help people, of all ages and walks of life, who are experiencing vision loss to learn they are capable of doing more than they ever imagined — raising their quality of life.



Adaptive Technology

Sharing the best tools and applications designed to help people with disabilities gain more independence through assessments, small group class sessions, and one-on-one trainings.

1,442 HRS
of Adaptive
Technology
services were
provided in 2022



Independent Living

Showing people living with vision loss ways to cook safely, label and organize things, and how to manage time, money, and medication through peer-to-peer interactions online and in-person.

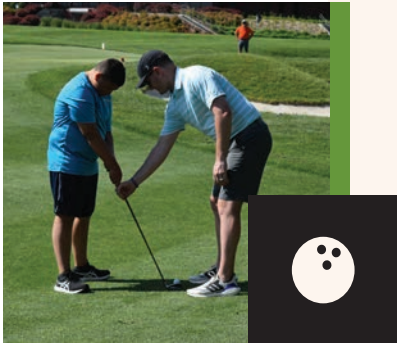
234 HRS
of Independent
Living services
were provided
in 2022



Arts & Culture

Helping people with vision loss learn the skills they need to participate in the hobbies they love — like attend plays, cheer on favorite sports, be part of a book club, paint, and garden.

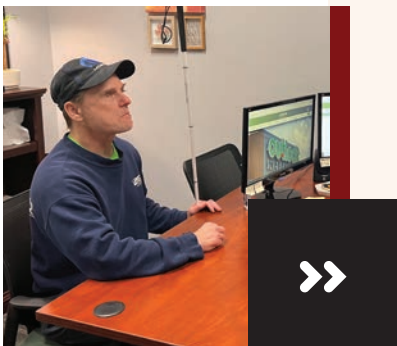
319 HRS
of Arts & Culture
services were
provided in 2022



Recreation

Offering opportunities for people with vision loss to engage in activities for a healthy lifestyle including fitness activities and social outings like downhill skiing, golf, and rock wall climbing.

1,237 HRS
of Recreation
services were
provided in 2022



Employment

Giving people who are experiencing vision loss the tools they need to secure a job they enjoy through career planning, job coaching, development, and training.

48 HRS
of Employment
services were
provided in 2022

**“I donate to Outlook
Enrichment because
they use individuals
who are blind to
teach the blind.”**

- JANE



See who gave to
us last year at

OutlookEN.org/2022gifts

Moving Forward & Giving Back



Jane learned about the possibility of inheriting a genetic eye disease when a family member was diagnosed in 1989.

Her son was the first to experience vision loss due to Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON) and then...she did too.

Jane's vision loss was a fast progression to now only having the ability to see shadows and tell when it is light or dark.

When Jane was struggling with using her phone, a family friend recommended she reach out to Outlook Enrichment.

Through training, she learned how accessible an iPhone can be and all the mobile applications available for the blind.

| She says, "I look at my vision loss as a project. I don't have a choice; I have to keep learning."

Now Jane looks forward to weekly classes to learn more things like how to access Zoom meetings.

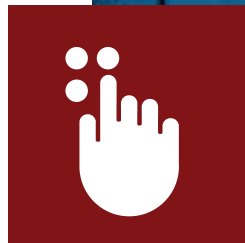
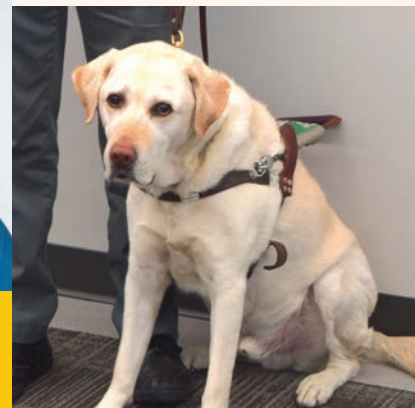
Outlook Enrichment helps Jane move forward and now she gives back to help others on their vision loss journey.

Read the full story at OutlookEN.org/Jane

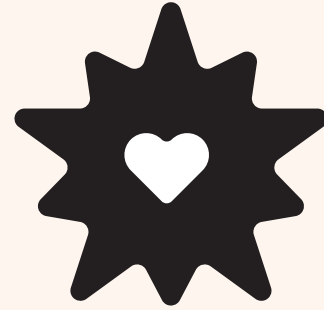


**“I love to see people
have aha moments—
when they understand
the technology they
are training on.”**

- DOUG



Inspiring Aha Moments



One day without warning, Doug lost his vision. He went from being sighted to being fully blind.

He did seven months of rehab and spent seven years looking for employment, before he found Outlook Nebraska.

Doug became an expert packer of fiber products. He had the know-how to manually pack boxes and to run the machines.

After working in fiber packaging for 10 years, Doug became an adaptive technology trainer at Outlook Enrichment all while earning his bachelor's in Business.

A few years after becoming a trainer, Doug welcomed Phineas, the guide dog to his family.

Doug said, "It might seem as if you can't do anything after losing your vision, but the technology is out there to help you do everyday tasks."

Doug touched so many lives. We are thankful to him for inspiring so many aha moments. He will be greatly missed.

Read the full story at OutlookEN.org/Doug ➔

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Help Someone on Their Journey

The journey doesn't stop at vision loss — it begins.

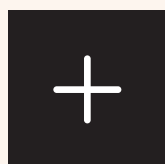
“Success is a journey, not a destination.”
— Arthur Ashe

You can help us prove to those without sight or those losing their sight that they are capable of working, playing, and living life to the fullest.

With your support, we can continue to empower people with the skills and tools they need to achieve their goals.

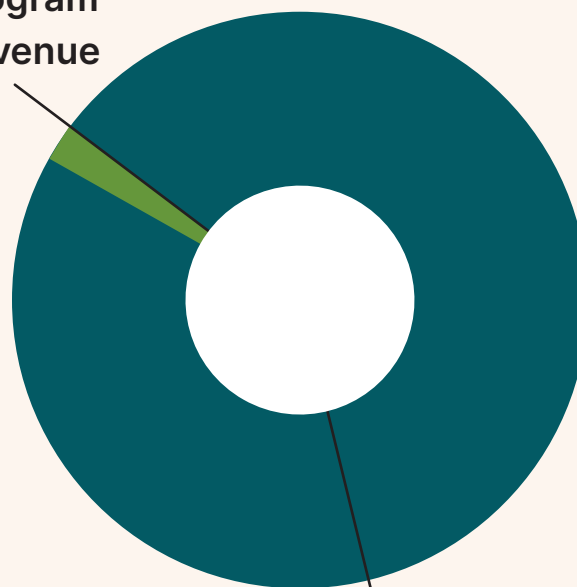
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Financial Overview



**2021
Income**
\$824,218

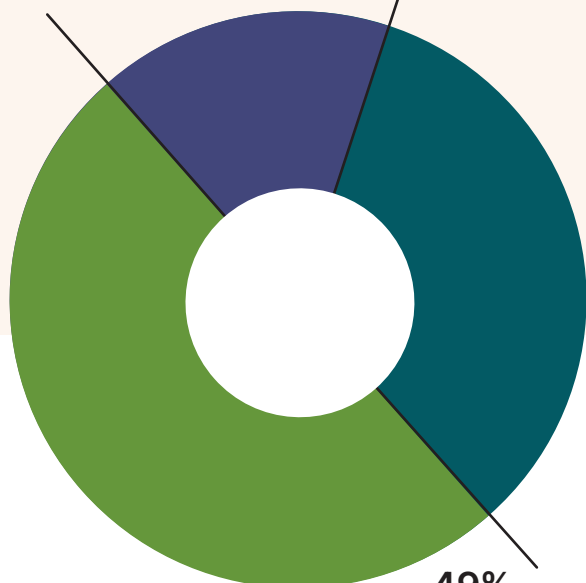
1%
Program
Revenue



99%
Contributed
Support

21%
Management
& General

30%
Fundraising



49%
Programs

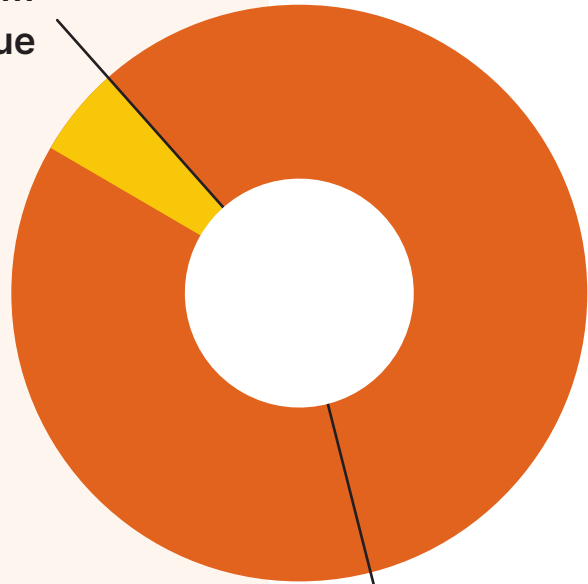


**2021
Expenses**
\$793,320



**2022
Income**
\$782,320

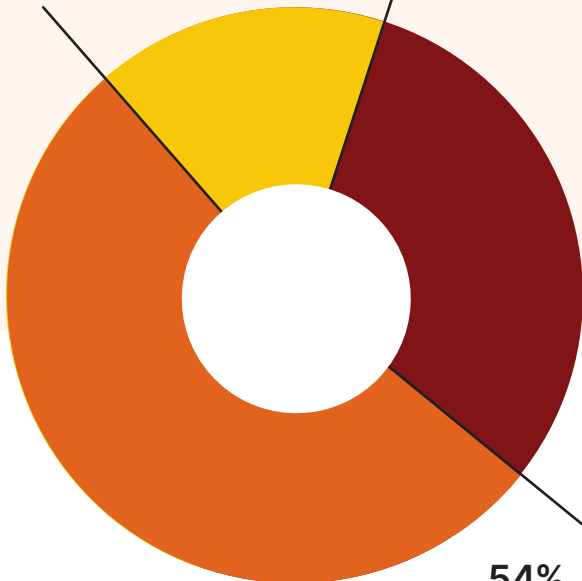
5%
Program
Revenue



95%
Contributed
Support

17%
Management
& General

29%
Fundraising



54%
Programs



**2022
Expenses**
\$769,624



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