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**Independence for the Blind of
 West Florida is funded in part
 by the Florida Department of
 Education, Division of Blind
 Services.**

Our mission is to teach independent living skills, computer and adaptive technology, and to provide vocational assessments, training, and employment related services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired so they can achieve maximum independence. We provide state funded training at no cost to individuals throughout ten northwest Florida counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Gulf, Bay, Jackson and Calhoun. Our programs are designed to meet the physical, emotional and practical needs of individuals who live with vision loss.

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Flag presentation by Rep. Jeff Miller in commemoration of White Cane Safety Awareness Day, October 2010.



Hands on horticulture, Street Fair, April 2011

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Staff

Walter Bruce Watson, Jr. - Executive Director

Lance Bonner - Independent Living Instructor

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Mary Colston, CVRT* - Independent Living Program Director

Valerie Crenshaw - Orientation and Mobility Instructor

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Alicia Hefty - Transition Instructor

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John O'Dillon, CVRT* - Vocational Rehabilitation Program Director

Annely Rose, CVRT* - Independent Living Instructor

Shonda Walker - Case Manager

Micki Wiedbrauk - Marketing Coordinator

Shuntay Williams - Financial Specialist

Lisa Wright - Orientation and Mobility Instructor

CVRT* - Certified Vision Rehabilitation Specialist



Our teens meet with, and work for, businesses in our community. Transition Program Summer Camp and Work Experience, June/July 2011

CLIENTS SERVED BY PROGRAM

Independent Living/Adult Programs -	186
Vocational Rehabilitation Programs -	74
Transition Program (Teens) -	17
Early Intervention (Blind Babies) -	7
Total clients served all programs -	284

TYPES OF TRAINING PROVIDED

Assistive Technology	Communications Skills
Daily Living Skills	Orientation & Mobility
Low Vision Aids Usage	Job Readiness

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Statement of Financial Position	
ASSETS	
Cash and equivalents	\$67,692
Investment account	\$305,527
Accounts receivable	\$51,472
Prepaid expense	\$9,370
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$1,314,127</u>
Total assets	\$1,748,188
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$1,306
Accrued payroll	\$7,628
Accrued leave	\$14,246
Mortgage note payable	\$993,516
Total liabilities	\$1,016,696
Net Assets	
Unrestricted - designated	\$250,000
Unrestricted - undesignated	\$481,492
Total net assets	\$731,492
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,748,188

Statement of Activities	
Change in unrestricted net assets:	
Revenue and Support:	
Contributions	\$22,385
Contributions in-kind revenue	\$39,362
Fundraising events, net of \$15,149 direct expenses	\$21,740
Division of Blind Services Revenue:	
Vocational rehabilitation	\$218,759
Independent living	\$213,096
Transition program	\$176,763
Early intervention	\$10,989
Public awareness	\$29,381
Job readiness	\$44,036
Older Blind Independent Living	\$43,575
Adult Program Independent Living	\$11,025
Other revenue	\$1,227
Interest revenue	\$11,369
Loss on investments	-\$4,438.00
Warehouse rent revenue	\$12,000
Total unrestricted revenue & support	\$851,269
Expenses:	
Administrative expenses	\$104,981
Program expenses	\$784,377
Fundraising expenses	\$4,396
In-kind expenses	\$39,362
Total expenses	\$933,116
Change in unrestricted net assets	-\$81,847

Note: Financial information verified through independent audit by Carlson & Company, Chartered (CPA) 7100 Plantation Rd., Bldg 21, Pensacola, FL 32504

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The Board of Directors and Staff of Independence for the Blind of West Florida would also like to thank our volunteers who during the 2010-2011 year donated over 300 hours of their time, saving us thousands of dollars. Additionally, the board members themselves donated over 900 hours of their time. THANK YOU ALL!!

This annual report is published in the memory of Alex Ferry, Board Member. Gone, but not forgotten. His spirit of giving to the community is the spirit of Independence for the Blind.