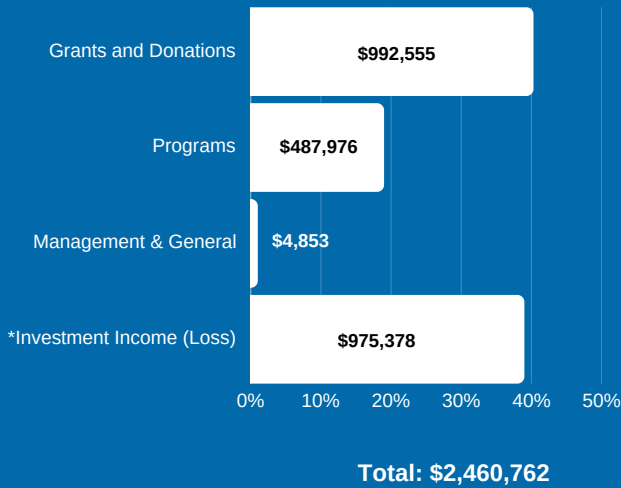
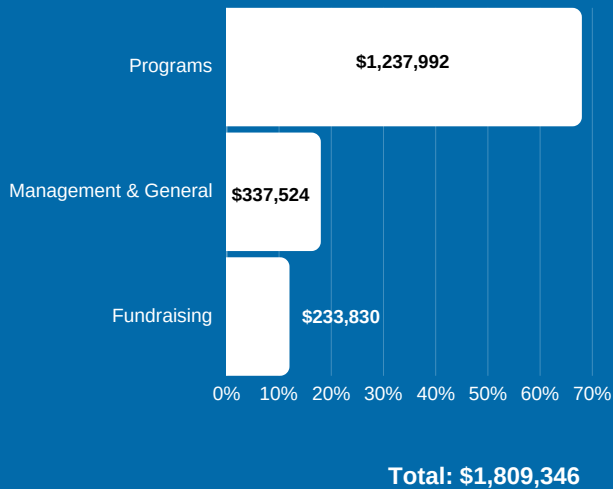


# Financial Highlights

## Operating Revenue



## Operating Expenses



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## Leadership

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# SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

2023 Impact Report

Families and Communities

# Society Milestones

Our specialized programs made a profound impact in our clients' lives in 2023. Their success is measured in the realization of meeting personal goals.

Number of Clients Served **1,119**



## Percent of Clients Meeting Goals

Low Vision Clinic **99%**

Social Work **99%**

Orientation and Mobility **97%**

Occupational Therapy **96%**

Assistive Technology **94%**

# Specialty Services

- Assistive Technology
- Low Vision Medical Exams
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and Mobility
- Social Work
- Support Groups
- Transportation

Transportation Milestones:  
**147 Unique Clients / 1,704 Trips**



## ENHANCING COMMUNICATION

"I was so defeated and frustrated when I walked into Society because of my eyesight. It was impacting my job. Because of the devices and tools, I can see to do my job."

- Janet Hill

## EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS

"One of the most important things that Society does for my dad is listen. The doctors and therapists listen, and acknowledge dad's challenges and frustrations. It is why I was proud to work there and why I trust them with my dad."

- Christy McCutcheon

## ENRICHING THE PATH TO INDEPENDENCE

"Using the Clearview desktop magnifier, I can read again. I can see expiration dates on bottles and products. You've given me my eyes and my life back. I don't have to rely on my friends!"

- Patricia Bowolak



## Message from the President and Board Chair

Looking back on 2023, Society set an ambitious goal to strengthen our connections within the community.

Through the DEIA Roundtable, we initiated discussions with the St. Louis Zoo leading to the exciting announcement of the first annual "See Like Me" Zoo Day for visually impaired individuals, scheduled for September 2024.

We also broadened our peer groups by introducing the VIP Social Group which offers a variety of activities which both educate and enrich the lives of the membership. Our collaboration with a state senator and his chief of staff resulted in state appropriations that enabled us to purchase our first accessible van and begin plans for a remodeled Drews Low Vision Clinic.

This year paved the way for the expansion of the Sight Solutions Shop. We are thrilled to announce the addition of a dedicated lighting room, a private room for CCTV demonstrations, and a second low vision exam lane, effectively doubling our capacity to serve patients.

These accomplishments are a testament to the power of our connections, the dedication of our donors, friends and staff, and the unwavering support of our exceptional Board of Directors. Thank you for your contributions and support in fostering our growth!

**Laura Park-Leach**

Laura Park-Leach, President & CEO

**Joe Brinker**

Joe Brinker, Board Chair