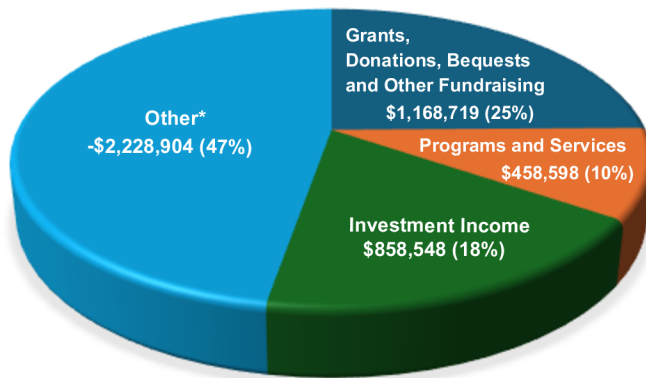


Financial Highlights

Year Ended December 31, 2024

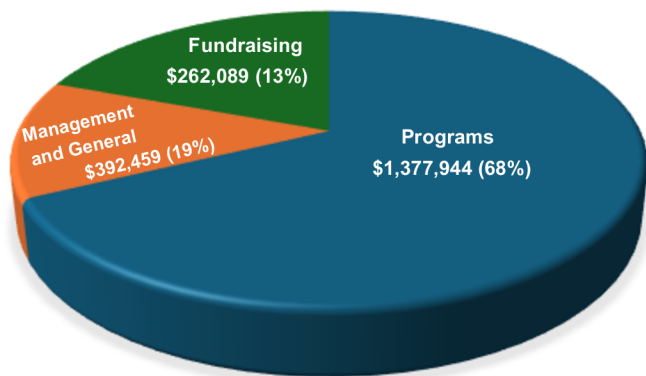
Revenues and Other Support



Total: \$256,961

*Includes miscellaneous income and the recognized loss for accounting purposes of \$2.229M on land gifted to Society as a bequest receivable in 2007.

Operating Expenses



Total: \$2,032,492

Net Assets: \$18,158,440

Leadership

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President and C.E.O.

Laura Park-Leach (Retired-7/31/2024)
Sharon Mertzluft

Staff

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2024 Impact Report

*Turning Challenges into
Opportunities and Achievements*





With Gratitude

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired fulfills its vibrant mission each day through programs and services that empower individuals with vision loss to continue participating in the activities that are most important to them and achieve their goals to live safely, confidently and independently.

We achieved significant milestones in 2024, including serving more than 1,340 clients, extending the geographic reach of our services in the metro area, and providing 2,428 rides through our transportation services. Also, the Society completed its ambitious project to renovate and expand our Drew's Low Vision Clinic, Sight Solutions Shop, and occupational therapy facilities. The year was also one of transition in the Society's leadership, as Laura Park-Leach retired as President and C.E.O. Laura implemented many initiatives during her tenure that have strengthened the Society for many years to come.

The Society is a beacon of help and hope every step of the way for individuals who are experiencing the life-changing impact of vision loss. We deeply value our clients' confidence and trust in our services, honor the outstanding work of our staff and volunteers, recognize the exceptional leadership of our Board of Directors, and extend our infinite gratitude for the generous support of our donors and the community.

Sharon Mertzlufft **Elizabeth Kauffman**

Sharon Mertzlufft, President and C.E.O. Elizabeth Kauffman, Board Chair

Our Services

- Assistive Technology
- Low Vision Exams
- Low Vision Aids
- Orientation and Mobility
- Occupational Therapy
- Community Resources and Referrals
- Support and Peer Groups
- Transportation



ENHANCING COMMUNICATION

"When I had my first visit, they addressed my worries of not being able to see or read and introduced me to devices that I could use and it really calmed my fears."

- Diane Wilkins, Glaucoma and Diabetic Retinopathy

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS

"Lisa was my daughter and she was blind. She used your transportation several times and always talked highly of Rose and how wonderful she was. Lisa passed away and I just wanted to thank you for taking such good care of her."

- Dale Weber (on behalf of Lisa Weber, Blindness)

ENRICHING THE PATH TO INDEPENDENCE

"Vision loss set limits on how I could move around the community. The Society removed those limitations. I don't sit at home. Because of them, I get around safely and independently."

- Viswa Balaji, Optic Nerve Atrophy

Milestones

Number of Clients Served: 1,343

Transportation: 2,428 Trips

Our specialized programs made a profound impact in our clients' lives in 2024. Their success is measured in the realization of meeting personal goals.

Percent of Clients Meeting Goals

Low Vision Clinic **99%**

Community Resources and Referrals **97%**

Assistive Technology **96%**

Occupational Therapy **96%**

Orientation and Mobility **81%**

See detailed Impact Report at slsbvi.org/financials