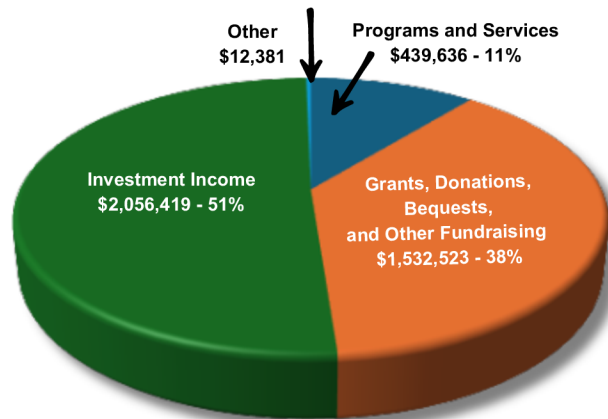


Financial Highlights

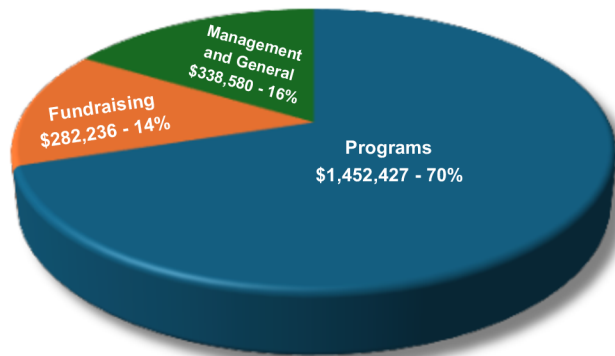
Year Ended December 31, 2025

Revenues and Other Support



Total: \$4,040,959

Operating Expenses



Total: \$2,073,243

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2025 Impact Report

**Enhancing Independence
Empowering Individuals
Enriching Lives**





With Gratitude

How is vision loss impacting your day? This is a question that we ask in welcoming people to the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Perhaps vision loss has made meal preparation, navigation of their home or neighborhood, reading, or personal care difficult. While the response to this question may vary, our response remains consistent: **The Society is here to provide help, hope and solutions to individuals who are experiencing vision loss.**

Vision loss has an immense impact on an individual's life. The Society's programs and services empower individuals with vision loss to continue participating in the activities that are most important to them and achieve their goals to live confidently and independently.

The 2025 Impact Report highlights the Society's continued strength in service, commitment to our clients, and exemplary outcomes. We deeply appreciate our clients' confidence and trust in the Society's care, honor the outstanding work of our staff and volunteers, commend the leadership of our Board of Directors, and extend our infinite gratitude for the generous support of our donors and community.

Sharon Mertzlufft **Elizabeth Kauffman**

Sharon Mertzlufft
President and C.E.O.

Elizabeth Kauffman
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Our Services

- Low Vision Clinic/Functional Vision Assessments
- Assistive Technology
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and Mobility Services
- Transportation
- Support and Peer Groups
- Sight Solutions Shop/Low Vision Aids
- Community Resources and Referrals



ENHANCING INDEPENDENCE

"It's a very scary thing when you lose your sight. You don't know what direction to turn in. What might be very small to someone else, to someone who is losing their sight, it's huge. Six years ago, I was fearful. Now all I can say is the Society is amazing. It's an unbelievable service offered in the St. Louis region."

- Bill Preiss, Client

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS

Society means a lot to me, because it's a place where I know I can get help and I know I can count on them. It's really hard being out here in the sighted world going blind and feeling like you're on your own. I know where I can go to get that lift and that encouragement to keep on going."

- Polly Willard, Client

ENRICHING QUALITY OF LIFE

I've used many of their services including low vision exams. I participated in the Support Group and I really like attending the activities and peer groups here."

- Douglas Carter, Client

Number of Clients Served: 1,141
Transportation: 2,298 Trips

The Society's specialized programs achieve positive outcomes. Our clients' successes are measured in the achievement of their personal goals.

Percent of Clients Meeting Goals

Low Vision Clinic **99%**

Occupational Therapy **97%**

Orientation and Mobility **97%**

Assistive Technology **94%**

Community Resources and Referrals **97%**

See detailed Impact Report at slsbvi.org/financials