



# NEWS and VIEWS

Our Mission is to facilitate independence, enrich the quality of life, and empower individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

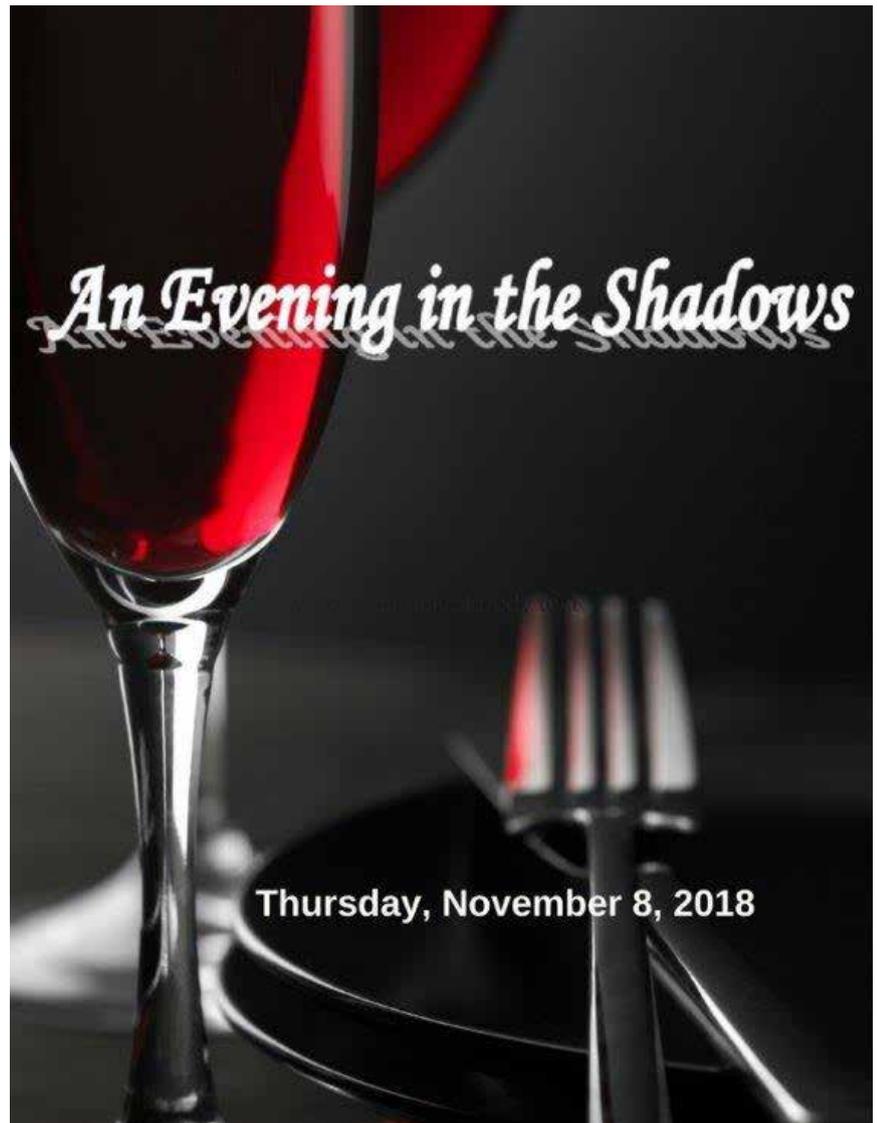
SEPTEMBER 2018

**Vision Resources** will hold its popular awareness event, **Evening in the Shadows**, on Thursday, November 8th. The fundraising dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. at The Country Club of Harrisburg and is certain to provide an unforgettable mix of epicurean and sensual delights, as well as some fun and a splash of mystery. The Country Club is located at 401 Fishing Creek Road, Harrisburg.

This blindness awareness event offers participants the experience of dining through the eyes and senses of someone who is visually impaired. Before being seated, guests are assisted with donning adjustable lightweight blindfolds. They are then led to tables where they are served a five-course meal created by chef José Alvarado and each course is paired with a specially selected wine. Guests are encouraged to discuss and guess exactly what foods they are tasting, while enjoying live background musical entertainment.

The evening is capped off when everyone removes their blindfolds to meet the chef and hear what inspired the meal that was prepared. Often guests are amused and surprised, even when they have attended other Shadows events. Proceeds from this fundraiser directly benefit **Vision Resources**, its programs and services and the communities the agency serves. The title sponsor is **UPMC Pinnacle**.

For more information or to purchase tickets, \$80 each, please contact Cheryl Cuddy, Director of Community Relations at 717-238-2531, or [ccuddy@vrocp.org](mailto:ccuddy@vrocp.org).



## MAYOR PAPENFUSE PROCLAMATION

Harrisburg Mayor Eric Papenfuse was gracious enough to visit the facility of Vision Resources on June 12, 2018, to present a proclamation recognizing June 27th as Helen Adams Keller Day. The mayor read the proclamation to the Vision Resources Board members and employees to honor her birthday, her inspiration to the world and her remarkable life achievements. Mayor Papenfuse then presented it to Executive Director, Danette Blank.

Ms. Keller has inspired the work of Vision



Resources for the blind in our region. Our annual Helen Keller fundraising campaign was a success in June, but you can still celebrate her life and support our mission with a contribution today. Your gift will ensure that Vision Resources can continue to facilitate independence, enrich the quality of life and empower those that are visually impaired. Please make a difference by mailing your check to: Vision Resources, 1130 S. 19th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

# VROCP Welcomes Michelle Saxman

In May, **Vision Resources** welcomed **Michelle Saxman**

as the agency's new **Franklin County Caseworker**.

She will also be responsible for Prevention

programs in Franklin County. The organization is grateful and fortunate to have Michelle as part of the staff and we all look forward to working together.



# EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**Vision Resources** is fortunate to have passionate and generous contributors: individuals, businesses and foundations. Their gifts allow the agency to fulfill its mission and explore new options for assisting blind and visually impaired clients, and employing disabled individuals in one of the organization's many businesses.

During the past year contributions allowed:

- ☺ **PREVENTION SERVICES** to purchase a new SPOT vision screening device for testing the eyes of our region's pre-school children.
- ☺ New, advanced cleaning equipment to allow **CUSTODIAL SERVICES** to provide quality and competitive work for commercial contracts.
- ☺ **FLOORING SERVICES** to replace a failing flooring/carpet stripping machine and save hours of labor intensive work.
- ☺ **CASE MANAGEMENT** to maintain the majority of their one-on-one client services, despite ongoing reductions in funding from the United Way partnership.

It is true for **Vision Resources** that *every gift makes a difference*. Listed above are only a portion of what the financial support of donors made possible. If you want to make a gift you can trust that contributions will always be used wisely and as they are intended to be used.

If you would like to offer your support you may mail a check to:

## VROCP

1130 S. 19th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104-2912

## VROCP Board of Directors

Vision Resources welcomes new members to its Board and congratulates its new officers.

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## VROCP OBITUARY LINE

**VROCP Reading Services** has an **Obituary Line** that enables callers to dial 717.213.3648 or 1.855.861.2483 and listen to an up-to-date listing of complete obituaries as published by the **Patriot News**. This service is available thanks to the many volunteers that record the obituaries.



## BRAILLE SERVICES

**Vision Resources** has the personnel and equipment to assist with a variety of Braille needs:

- ❖ Business cards
- ❖ Training manuals
- ❖ Legal documents
- ❖ Restaurant menus

Our experienced staff can assist you with custom Braille jobs that may be single page or multiple pages with binding. The paper sizes available include 8½" x 11" and the standard Braille size 11 ½" x 11".

To discuss your Braille needs please call Londa Peterson, 717-238-2351.



# EVERENCE

**Everence Charitable Services** manages the **Vision Resources** charitable gift annuity and as you plan your finances you may want to learn more about the advantages a charitable gift annuity can provide you and **Vision Resources**. The following introductory article was written by Nikki Shingle, Regional Director for Everence Charitable Services.

## ONE WAY TO GIVE – AND RECEIVE

Receive even more with new, increased annuity rates effective July 1, 2018.

Security and generosity are financial issues that many in retirement consider important. But what if the two could be addressed in a single financial tool?

More people are learning about the advantages of a charitable gift annuity. It is often an overlooked but attractive option with a number of features: a lifetime of fixed regular payments, tax advantages, and the opportunity to give to one's favorite charities.

**Here's how it works.** Someone can make a gift – using cash, stocks, bonds or other securities – to charities they care about and receive fixed income during their life. Once the donor passes away, the charity receives the remaining gift.

The gift can mean a charitable deduction in that tax year, and a portion of the annuity payments may be tax free. The payment rates are based on age, and many people find the rates attractive compared to other savings options, such as certificates of deposit.

Should you choose to learn more please contact Paul Zavinsky, Director of Development, at 717-238-2531, or by emailing, [pzavinsky@vrocp.org](mailto:pzavinsky@vrocp.org).

## Vision Resources

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## VISION BOWL 2018 ROLLED A STRIKE

The fundraising and awareness event, **Vision Bowl**, continued to exceed expectations. This year more sponsorships came on board to support the effort, as well as the new high of nine teams competing. The evening included the usual all-in-fun team verbal bantering taking place and some excellent bowling skills demonstrated.

Our sponsors for the evening included:

- **Capital Blue Cross,**
- **Comprehensive Financial Associates/ PA Pension Planners**
- **McNees Wallace & Nurick,**
- **PSECU**
- **Executive Women International**
- **Old Catholic Church**
- **Korporate Kompoting**
- **Babineau Opticians**
- **Country Meadow Retirement Community**
- **Members 1st Federal Credit Union**
- **Middle Paxton Lions Club**

Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting VROCP!

Our trophy winners this year were: **Helen Gemmill** top individual score (203 WOW), and top team bragging rights went to **Comprehensive Financial Associates/ PA Pension Planners**. The winners are determined in a game where all bowlers must compete while wearing glasses that simulate different eye diseases.

If you think you might like to participate in next year's Vision Bowl, or maybe be a team or event sponsor please contact Cheryl Cuddy at 717-238-2531 or [ccuddy@vrocp.org](mailto:ccuddy@vrocp.org).



*A Helping Hand*   
in the *Community*  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Vision Resources  
is looking for volunteers.  
Hours and availability are flexible.  
If you are interested in  
representing Vision Resources  
as one of our treasured  
volunteers, please call  
Cheryl Cuddy at 717-238-2531.**

  
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## VISION RESOURCES, ADVENTURES BEYOND SITE CAMP

Knowing how much our friends care about the youngest clients at Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania, we thought we would share a little about this summer's Adventures Beyond Site Camp. This year Director of Services, Nancy Altemose, had 11 children attending the week-long annual experience during June.

Students with vision impairments enjoyed spending time with peers who have like challenges as they enjoyed a variety of activities that included making their own pizzas, mini-golf, a float



on the Pride of the Susquehanna riverboat, a train ride, arcade games, a movie, zip-lining, wall-climbing, kayaking, canoeing, playing games, and swimming. The campers made lasting friendships while they learned and practiced invaluable life skills together. Of course there was a great deal of fun memories to last until next year's camp!

