

THE GIVING SEASON

This year as you are considering your annual contribution in support of the mission of Vision Resources, we have another request we ask you to consider. If you can, will you please give an extra gift that VROCP will add to a pool of funds to purchase food for families at The Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families.

Your contribution to Vision Resources helps to ensure that the operations of this organization for the blind and visually impaired will continue. This organization has always relied on kind hearts that have made it possible for VROCP to serve South Central Pennsylvania.

There have been endless stories about families that found themselves suddenly entering the doors of The Interfaith

Shelter. Children especially can be scared, confused, and emotional. Parents too. It is not an easy step for a family to have to take, but a little kindness can show them that there are people that care-people that want to help them overcome whatever they are facing, feel safe, secure, and hold on to a sense of dignity.

Please join Vision Resources as we help to raise the quality of life for the region. Your financial gifts may place a smile on the face of a small child, and you will be delivering two good-deeds with one contribution.

*Thank you,
Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season*

An Evening in the Shadows

The twelfth annual, An Evening in the Shadows, blindness awareness event took place on November 9, with a full house of donors, sponsors, and friends. It was a wonderful evening of fun, food, and friendship.

There are many participants that made it a special evening so thank you to every guest that attended, the event location-Farm 1840-in Mechanicsburg, C&J Catering, Chef Mike, The Anthony Haubert Duo, the cheerful and hardworking VROCP volunteers, and Raffle Donors: A Friend of Vision Resources and Board member Helen Gemmill.



*Arugula Feta
Squash Salad*



Guests enjoying the evening



Toast of the town



Evening's musicians

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BLINDSHELL: NEW TECHNOLOGY



VROCP has recently purchased two cell telephones that are being produced to meet the needs of blind and visually impaired individuals. The phone company name is BlindShell and here are some of the features and advantages that VROCP Access Technologist, Londa Peterson has identified so far:

- Big buttons you can easily identify by touch.
- Clear understandable speech.
- Visual enhancements (allows speech to be turned off and just use the screen).
- Simple menu structure.
- Predictable navigation.
- Voice input.



Low Vision Occupational Therapist, Anna Pantalone



Londa Peterson, Access Technology Specialist

VROCP has a variety of new technologies to assist the blind and visually impaired.

VROCP Around Town



Paul at Representative Fleming's Senior Fair



Jodie at Hershey Middle School Family Health Fair



Chloe at Harrisburg Chamber IDEA conference



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Vision Resources is proud to have 50 plus Life as an underwriter for the VROCP Audio Services stream. You may listen to the weekly reading of the latest 50 plus issue, on the stream, by visiting www.vrocp.org. The program is offered Thursday at noon and repeated on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

LEADERSHIP HARRISBURG T.E.A.M. PROJECT

This past summer, Leadership Harrisburg Area (LHA) announced they would be accepting proposal applications, from regional nonprofits, for Talent, Expertise, Action, Momentum (T.E.A.M.) projects. Organizations completed the application process as the first step towards consideration. Leadership Harrisburg reviewed the applications and invited various nonprofits to attend an interview with the selection committee to discuss their project specifics.

In short, a summary of the project proposal asked for help to find and bring organizational awareness to diverse target audiences in Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties. VROCP understands that there are community members who can receive help from Vision Resources' range of services, but they may have cultural or language barriers that have prevented some individuals from taking advantage of the services and information offered.



Following the interviews, a determined number of projects were selected. The next step required representatives from each nonprofit organization to speak briefly with the professionals that would make up the T.E.A.M. project volunteers. Cheryl Cuddy and Paul Zavinsky spoke to the very receptive group and answered questions. This was an opportunity for the project volunteers to make their T.E.A.M. decisions on which project they would like to aid. VROCP is fortunate and honored to have had the following volunteers accept the proposed project:

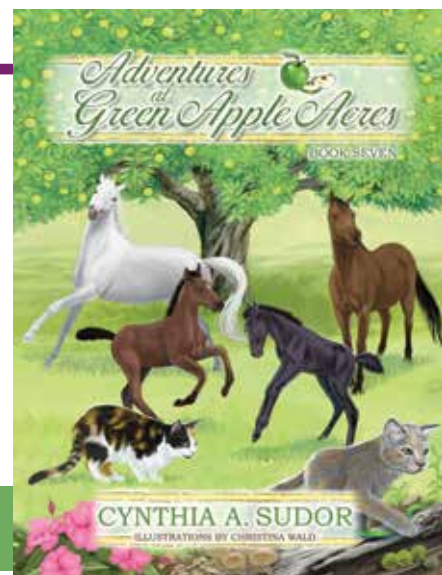
- o **Erin Johnston**, Assistant Controller at PSECU
- o **Jennifer Mitchell**, Manager in RKL Financial Services Industry Group
- o **Erica Sehar**, Alexander Building Construction
- o **Jeff Fetterman**, Director of Diversity and Talent Development at PSECU
- o **Joe Gargano**, VP Marketing and Communications Orrstown Bank
- o **Karla Lopez**, Tri County Community Action Operations Manager
- o **Wen Tan**, Senior Program Manager, Highmark, Inc.



Individuals that are familiar with the history of VROCP may remember it was another LHA T.E.A.M. project that helped to guide the changing of the organization's name from, Tri-County Association for the Blind, to Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania. Final recommendations and reports should be given by the T.E.A.M. in May 2024.

BOOK SIGNING EVENT

Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania (VROCP) was honored to host a book signing with award-winning children's book author Cynthia A. Sudor, Sunday, December 3, from noon until 2:00 p.m., at the VROCP facility located at 1130 S. 19th Street, Harrisburg 17104. The featured book was Book Seven, from the Adventures at Green Apple Acres series.





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WELCOME NEW VROCP BOARD MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania welcomes Marquise McDuffee and Lauren M. McDaniel to the VROCP Board of Directors. Marquise is a financial adviser with Janney Montgomery Scott and Lauren has started a new position with Berks Homes, recently. The organization looks forward to the input and energy they will bring to the board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
The next VROCP fundraising event
will be **Visions of Monte Carlo**,
Thursday April 18, 2024. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN



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Special thanks to VROCP Board Member, Kalpana (Mary) Doppalapudi, and the nine volunteers that came in to help in the Production Department. The team assisted with packaging of Torchbearer Sauces and other projects and later they shared pizza in appreciation for their work.



If you alone, or with a group would like to volunteer at Vision Resources, please call Chloe Miller at 717-238-2531 and “you too, can make things happen.”

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