



# NEWS and VIEWS

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

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## HELEN KELLER: A Life of Purpose

Every June, Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania brings awareness to the accomplishments of Ms. Helen Keller. LIFE Magazine called Helen one of the 25 most important Americans of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and TIME Magazine selected Ms. Keller as one of the 100 most influential people of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Helen Keller was the first blind and deaf woman to achieve a college degree. Upon graduation she said that she would dedicate her life to those who suffer from loss of sight. The Helen Keller Foundation wrote, "As the foremost figure in history to have overcome a health affliction, Helen Keller caused the world to reconsider the abilities of all handicapped individuals, forever increasing their life potential."

To learn more about the remarkable Ms. Helen Keller, please listen to a special Vision Resources Audio Services production, *Helen Keller: A Life of Purpose*, being broadcast throughout the month of June on the Audio Services stream, or download the program from the Vision Resources podcast library on the web site.

To honor Helen and support the inspiration Helen Keller provided for the achievements of Vision Resources during the past 103 years, please consider a contribution to this non-profit agency. A check can be mailed to: **VROCP, 1130 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104**, or you may make a secure gift online at [www.vrocp.org](http://www.vrocp.org).

## Very Special Visitor



Vision Resources was honored to give a facility tour to a very special visitor, Lions International President, Dr. Patti Hill. Pictured with Dr. Hill is Past International Director, Larry Edwards, his wife Lion Susan Edwards, and VROCP CEO, Cheryl Cuddy.



# VETERANS GROVE

Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania (VROCP) was proud to be part of a community project in Harrisburg called Veterans Grove, spearheaded by Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania (VOPA). The project includes 210 square-foot homes with a bedroom, bathroom, and a countertop with a refrigerator below it. Veterans Grove will also have a 6,500-square-foot community center that will include a dining hall, meditation room, commercial kitchen, offices, showers, and a community room, and will be available to village occupants and other veterans in need of help.

The Grove is located on a 5-acre property along Front Street in Harrisburg, close to public transportation, and all spaces will be accessible to people with disabilities. VOPA cofounder, Tom Zimmerman said. "Some of the men and women have lost their way and VOPA will be the hand up to help them get up on their feet and back into society and live a life of dignity and pride they so deserve."

Vision Resources donated time and materials to install vinyl flooring and carpeting into the tiny houses, while Harrisburg Wall & Floor worked on the community Center. Other organizations that participated included Renewal by Anderson Windows, Pyramid Construction, and Mohawk Industries.



CEO Cheryl Cuddy and Dir of Development & PR Paul Zavinsky visited WIOO radio in Carlisle and participated in an interview with radio personality Bob Carey to discuss Vision resources.



CEO Cheryl Cuddy met with Harrisburg Mayor Wanda Williams for the first time and the mayor was so impressed with all that Cheryl mentioned about Vision Resources, she said she would like to visit for a tour.

## VROCP EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS



**Chloe Miller,**  
Communications/ Events Coordinator



**Museum Shumuye,**  
Human Resources Representative

# First There Was Visions of Monte Carlo, Next Up... Vision Bowl

There were a couple of firsts for Visions of Monte Carlo (VMC) this year. This was the first VMC for Communications/Events Coordinator Chloe Miller and she did a fabulous job. The other first was the event took place on a Thursday instead of the usual Friday schedule. The day of the week change did not seem to matter too much, attendance was excellent, and everyone looked to be enjoying the evening.

As was the case last year, a highlight of the auctions was the online African Safari which began accepting bids prior to the event and winners announced that evening. There were a variety of other live and silent auction items, music and dancing, and of course fun and competitive, no-wager, casino style games. The tables were full.



Since July will be here before we know it, please mark your calendar, and start planning your team for Vision Bowl to take place on Monday the fifteenth. The competition takes place at ABC Lanes East, Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg.

Team participants bowl two games each. The first is a warm-up while everyone shares bowling alley specialty foods and drinks. The second game is when the competition is serious because bowlers must wear light-weight glasses that simulate one of each of the four major eye diseases. Trophies and bowling legacies are on the line so you can expect to see team "ringers" doing all they can to help their teams win.

**The bowling alley sold out last year so register as early as possible by contacting Chloe Miller at 717-238-2531 or via email at [cmiller@vrocp.org](mailto:cmiller@vrocp.org). All details of this awareness event will be available on the agency web site as the date gets closer, [www.vrocp.org](http://www.vrocp.org), thank you.**

## Adventures Beyond Site SUMMER CAMP REMINDER

Registration deadline for 2024 Adventures Beyond Site camp is June 7. To obtain a camp pamphlet/registration form contact: Treassa Strawn, Director of Services 717-238-2531 x103, or email [tstrawn@vrocp.org](mailto:tstrawn@vrocp.org).

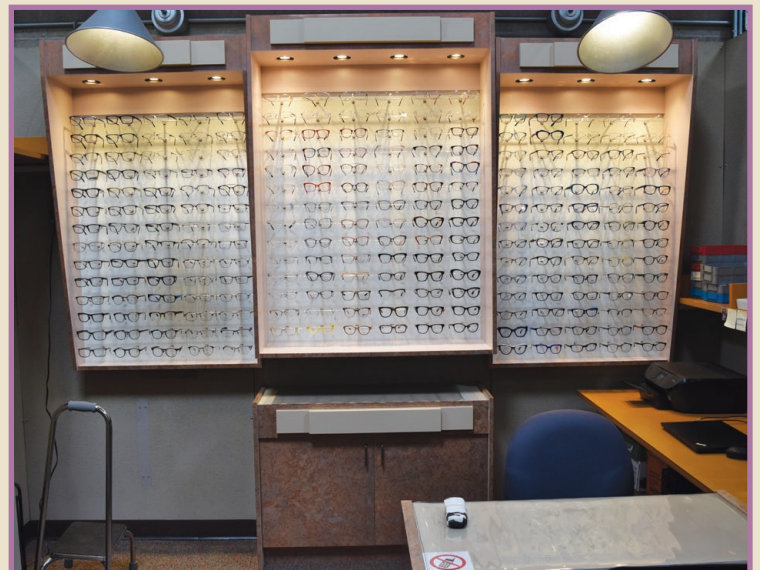


## HELEN KELLER AND THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL

It was Helen Keller who successfully challenged Lions International, the world's largest fraternal organization, to become "knights for the blind in the battle against darkness". The Lions went on to accept the challenge and establish sight-saving programs and eye banks. In 1990, the Lions rededicated themselves to "Sight First".

## Beautiful and Functional DONATION

Thank you to Dr. Greg Anoaia, past board member of VROCP, for donating these eye glass display furnishings for the VROCP optician area.





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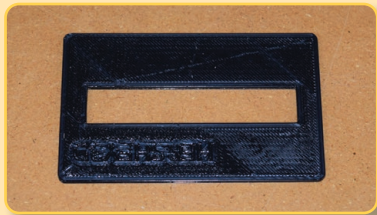
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## 3D PRINTING



Max Stu from the Hershey High School 3D Print Club, initiated contact with Vision Resources to ask if there might be a need for a custom 3D Print item that the club might collaborate on with VROCP. Low Vision Occupational Therapist, Anna Pantalone, invited the club to meet with her to discuss a couple of items they might consider for a 3D project.

The first item Anna suggested was a signature guide. The guide is a credit card size plastic guide to assist an individual with a visual impairment with placing a signature on a line of a check or document.

The second item Anna suggested was a custom guide frame for use with the Enhanced Vision Smart Reader Scanner, for easier placement

of printed materials for the scanner to read. The Smart Reader Scanner is assistive technology that reads printed materials as an audio output for the visually impaired, and placement of the printed materials for the Smart Reader is important.

Max developed a custom 3D printing of a guide frame, that can easily be fitted to the Smart Reader, and to assist with lining up the printed materials in proper position.

Vision Resources is grateful to Max Stu and other members of the club that made the development of these items possible using 3D technology.

## VR BUSINESS SERVICES: PRINTING

VR Business services can effectively, efficiently, and affordably assist you with your printing needs, both business and personal. Using state of the art laser printing equipment Vision Resources offers contract printing services that include:

- business cards • postcards • brochures • pamphlets • booklets
- manuals • posters • Branded, tablets, notepads, spiral notebooks.

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- invitations • menu items • RSVP cards • agendas

VR Printing services will customize your order to meet your requirements with quality presentations.



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