

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The American Council of the Blind of Ohio



Mission and Purpose

The American Council of the Blind of Ohio is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality and equality of life for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

We offer information and referral for resources, training programs, emotional support, recreational opportunities, scholarships, and more.

Our purpose is to support a sense of community and to ensure full participation in all aspects of life for persons who are blind or visually impaired, leading to an increased quality of life.

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Summary of Accomplishments in 2013

During 2013, a financial contribution of \$500 through our Chapter Matching Grant program was provided to the Columbus Chapter for its People Helping People initiative, assisting with the purchase of adaptive aids and technology for people who are blind or visually impaired.

2013 marks our third year to be a member of Community Shares of Mid Ohio, which conducts workplace giving campaigns for small, nonprofit organizations that have similar philosophies. We have had the opportunity to host exhibits in workplaces, such as the Charity Fair in the Rhodes Tower, thus educating many people about the work ACB Ohio does for its members. These exhibits and presentations have been a valuable tool in educating the general public about blindness and related issues. Our profile will continue to increase as we continue to participate in the Community Shares campaigns. ACB Ohio collected over 100 task points in 2013, thus allowing us to receive the maximum amount of funds possible through Community Shares of Mid Ohio.

In 2013, our toll-free information and referral line, (800) 835-2226 is answered by our executive director. She fields approximately 130 inquiries per year. Too often, when people are diagnosed with legal blindness due to disease or lose their sight suddenly due to an accident, the hospital releases them with no information about what to do next as a legally blind person. They have no resources, no one to turn to for guidance, and consequently feel that their lives are over. They feel helpless and hopeless. When they call ACB Ohio, our executive director spends as much time as is necessary to educate them about the services available to them and to counsel them in dealing with vision loss. She often refers them to other services and agencies which can provide direct rehabilitation service. When possible, she gives them contact information for someone in their part of the state who can assist them further.

Our newsletter, "The Ohio Connection," is published four times per year; the publication is produced in large print, on cassette, sent via email attachment, and available for viewing on our website,

www.acbohio.org. A significant amount of information is kept up-to-date on the ACB Ohio website; allowing individuals to learn more about the organization, including ways to reach out to the ACB Ohio office for more information.

The 2013 Annual State Conference and Convention was held November, 15-17 in Worthington, Ohio. Attendees participated in workshops such as: assistive technology demonstrations, effective advocacy techniques, and browsed the exhibit hall learning about helpful resources for those who are blind or visually impaired.

Scholarships were also awarded during the annual 2013 ACB Ohio Conference and Convention; financial assistance was given to students who are blind/visually impaired, as well as to those who are studying to teach the next generation of this student population.

2013 provided an opportunity for participation in two recreational opportunities: the summer and winter sports retreats. The annual events are offered providing people who are blind and visually impaired a chance to take part in physical and social activities. Punderson State Park hosted the 2013 winter event; while the summer retreat took place in Hockingport, Ohio. Approximately 35 individuals participated in weather-related activities such as: boating, bike riding, cross country and jet skiing, sledding, tubing, and hiking. Expenses \$ 11,821: including grants of \$0; Revenue \$ 9,229.

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Income

401 · Membership Dues	1,395.00
402 · Summer/Winter Retreat	9,229.06
403 · Convention	10,394.32
404 · Vehicle Donation	2,866.32
406 · Donations	7,767.15
408 · Coffee Fundraiser Income	1,303.05
412 · Interest and Dividends	.06
415 · Grants – Community Foundation	60,000.00

Total Income 92,954.96

Gross Profit 92,954.96

Expense

501.1 · Salaries	24,783.38
501.2 · Wages	6,345.00
520 · Payroll Expenses	964.98
521 · FICA tax	2,388.99
523 · Workers Compensation	81.01
504 · Rent	1,400.00
505 · Utilities	583.31
506 · Telephone and Fax	1,510.60
507 · Licenses	35.00
508 · Insurance	4,160.00
510 · Office and Committee Expense	5,016.75
512 · Bank Charges	63.00

513 · Legal and Accounting	1,575.00
514 · Brochures & Marketing	7.00
515 · Newsletter Expenses	664.60
516 · Postage	180.09
518 · Dues & Subscriptions	492.00
519 · Processing Fees	53.36
525 · Health Insurance	875.00
549 · Board Meeting Expense	2,154.49
550 · Legislative Seminar Expense	3,420.01
553 · Travel	227.50
556 · Summer/Winter Retreats	11,821.19
557 · Donations from ACB Ohio	835.11
558 · Scholarships	8,570.00
560 · National Convention	2,480.82
561 · ACBO Convention	8,046.88
563 · Chapter Support Grants	837.44
564 · Specialty Seminars	528.30
567 · Coffee Fundraiser Expense	130.00
569 · Website Expense	682.50
570 · Sub-Contract Services	138.33
571 · Consultant Fees	382.50
572 · Professional Development	485.00
Total Expense	91,919.14
Net Ordinary Income	1,035.82

Other Income/Expense**Other Income**

410 Unrealized Gains/Loss Invest	54,650.62
411 Investment Income	26,605.66
Total Other Income	81,256.28

Other Expense

511 Investment Fees	2,930.58
591 Assets Released from Restriction	60,000
Total Other Expenses	62,930.58

Net Other Income **18,325.70**

Net Income **19,361.52**

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