

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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 2014

During 2014, 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.

2014 marks our fourth 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 participate in the Community Shares campaigns. ACB Ohio collected over 100 task points in 2014, thus allowing us to receive the maximum amount of funds possible through Community Shares of Mid Ohio.

In 2014, our toll-free information and referral line, (800) 835-2226 answered by ACB-Ohio executive director, Katie Frederick, offered information and referral to approximately 130 individuals and organizations. 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 2014 Annual State Conference and Convention was held October, 24-26 in Cincinnati, 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 2014 ACB Ohio Conference and Convention; financial assistance was given to students who are blind or visually impaired, as well as to those who are studying to teach the next generation of this student population.

2014 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 2014 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	1,300.00
402 · Summer/Winter Retreat	7,094.62
403 · Convention	2,107.86
404 · Vehicle Donation	1,110.38
405 · Fund Raising Income	110.00
406 · Donations	12,185.73
408 · Coffee Fundraiser Income	243.00
412 · Interest and Dividends	.22
415 · Grants – Community Foundation	90,000.00

Total Income 114,151.81

Gross Profit 114,151.81

Expense

501.1 · Salaries	35,866.70
501.2 · Wages	3,406.50
520 · Payroll Expenses	743.43
521 · FICA tax	3,004.44
523 · Workers Compensation	106.13
504 · Rent	4,300.00
506 · Telephone and Fax	1,592.32
507 · Licenses	35.00
508 · Insurance	4,292.00
510 · Office and Committee Expense	1,293.19
512 · Bank Charges	57.95

513 · Legal and Accounting	4,050.00
515 · Newsletter Expenses	831.19
516 · Postage	57.64
517 · National Dues and Memberships	182.00
518 · Dues & Subscriptions	682.00
525 · Health Insurance	2,521.50
549 · Board Meeting Expense	1,641.97
550 · Legislative Seminar Expense	1,246.00
553 · Travel	1,394.22
556 · Summer/Winter Retreats	6,910.33
558 · Scholarships	10,500.00
560 · National Convention	2,480.82
561 · ACBO Convention	8,709.05
563 · Chapter Support Grants	500.00
564 · Specialty Seminars	818.37
567 · Coffee Fundraiser Expense	241.25
569 · Website Expense	10.47
570 · Sub-Contract Services	138.33
571 · Consultant Fees	851.25
Total Expense	96,266.18
Net Ordinary Income	17,885.63
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
410 Unrealized Gains/Loss Invest	30,075.93
411 Investment Income	53,888.68
Total Other Income	83,964.61

Other Expense

511 Investment Fees	2,930.58
591 Assets Released from Restriction	90,000
Total Other Expenses	90,000.00
Net Other Income	-6,035.39
Net Income	11,850.24

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