OUR MISSION:
To enable Vermonters whether blind or visually impaired, to be more independent, to cultivate adaptive skills and to improve their quality of life.

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“We’ve had a busy year at our Agency. Serving more clients than ever before, and launching a pilot program to assess the needs of our clients by training them to use the many adaptive features in their iPads and iPhones. Thank you for your continued support in helping your friends and neighbors to stay independent and active in their communities!”

– Steve Pouliot, October 2018
For more information please contact the development department at development@vabvi.org or 800-639-5816

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## Financials:
July 2017 through June 2018

### Revenue

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<td>Adult &amp; Elderly Services</td>
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<td>Volunteer Services</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
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<td>Various Agency Services</td>
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### Expenses

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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
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2018 STATS AT A GLANCE

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), a non-profit organization founded in 1926, is the only private agency to offer training, services, and support to visually impaired Vermonters from birth to end of life.

115 clients participated in Peer Assisted Learning and Support Group (PALS) across 14 counties in VT.

VABVI provided services to 350 children and 1,420 adults – totaling 1,770 clients served in 2018!

62 towns and cities supported VABVI by providing $26,219 in donations.

153 volunteers donated 8,547 hours of service, and volunteer drivers drove 118,808 miles in the past year!
The iOS Training Program has been a great success in its first year. **116 people have gone through the training** with the following stories reported:

*A client in Swanton learned how to text message and use FaceTime in order to stay in contact with her children and grandchildren in California.*

*TVIs helped another client pair her Amazon Dot with her phone that allowed her to make phone calls and send messages by voice command.*

*Another client, who had the unpleasant experience of falling and not being able to get up, has learned that Amazon Dots placed in different rooms can keep her safe by allowing her to make voice-command calls should she fall again.*

The training program is not only expanding our clients’ abilities to stay in touch with friends and loved ones, but may even help save lives!
Technology combined with our professional instruction plays an integral and critical role in helping visually impaired students live independently. A recent example; parents reported that their child, a recipient of VABVI services, could not tell the difference between a can of chicken noodle soup vs vegetable soup. Director of Children’s Services, Stephanie Bissonnette, encouraged the parents to download the free TapTapSee app to their iPad. Sara Dessau, VABVI TVI & COMS instructed the student in using the app. TapTapSee works this way: When the student takes a picture of anything, the app says, out-loud, what the item is such as a “Campbell’s chicken noodle soup” or “a brown egg” or “a blue stapler.” There is also a more advanced talking app called Seeing AI that will read short text, bar codes, currency, faces of people, colors, hand-writing, scenery, and documents.