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Vision and Motto

We envision a world that is inclusive, accessible, equal for all Individuals with vision loss.

“Empowering people with vision loss through collaborative community.”

Mission Statement

- To foster partnerships between individuals with visual impairment and the communities they live in, to remove barriers, create practical solutions, and expand possibilities that leads to potentials.

Why are we here?

- Our organization emerges out of the need to address the pressing challenges faced by individuals with vision loss in Canada.
- Currently, researchers estimate that more than one million Canadians are living with blindness or a significant loss of vision. (That's more than the amount of Canadians with breast cancer, prostate cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's combined.)

Why Are We Here?

- The numbers....

- 84,000 people in Atlantic Canada.
- 158,000 people in Quebec.
- 510,000 people in Ontario.
- 69,000 people in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.
- 103,000 people in Alberta.
- 135,000 people in British Columbia.

Vision Loss Epidemic in Canada

- 278,000 Canadians are visually impaired; 108,000 are legally blind
- The total numbers of visually impaired and blind Canadians is projected to double over the next 25 years.
- Canada is projected to have an epidemic of vision loss in 20 years.
- According to statistic Canada, seniors will make up 23 percent of the population by 2031

Common Types of Eye Diseases

- Cataract---more than 2.5 million Canadians have cataracts. This is projected to increase to 5 million by 2031.
- Glaucoma—at least 250, 000 Canadians are affected by glaucoma, with 50 percent of patients unaware of their disease.
- Age related Macular Degeneration---it is estimated that nearly 1 million Canadians currently have early AMD.
- Diabetic Retinopathy---Nearly 500,000 Canadians currently have DR

Core Values

- ◉ As an organization we value:
- ◉ Citizenship
- ◉ Person centered values
- ◉ Inclusion
- ◉ Independence
- ◉ Contribution
- ◉ Recognition
- ◉ Encouragement
- ◉ Collaboration

Services That We Provide

- Our organization has three main areas that we focus in:

Helping people with vision loss access resources on vision loss.

- Working with the Canadian National Institution for the blind, our organization provides a data base of resources available on different types of vision loss. We provide publications in large print, brail and daisy books to student and individuals with vision loss.

Services That We Provide

Accessible Technology

- Recognizing the importance of technology to helping people with visual impairment connect with their community and stay informed. Our organization now provides various assistive technology, to individuals with visual impairment at a subsidized rate and in many cases helps the individuals access grants for that equipment.

Services That We Provide

Sensitization and Awareness Training

- Connecting families to supports---We help families network with other families with the same types of vision loss.
- We also offer online courses for professionals, families, and the entire community at large free of charge.
- Training community about different technologies that are used by people with vision loss.

Potential Challenges

- ◉ Funding
- ◉ Creating Awareness
- ◉ Recruiting people

Allies

- ◉ CNIB---working collaboratively to provide relevant and meaningful services.
- ◉ Chamber of commerce

Logic Model

- ◉ Inputs
- ◉ Government Grants
- ◉ Private Donors
- ◉ Charity Activities
- ◉ Staffs Skills

Logic Models

Activities

- Training sessions for community and organizational leadership on adaptive technology supports.

Logic Model

Outputs

- 100 participants per year trained in the community and within government, schools, large corporations and social service institution.

Logic Models

Outcomes

- Improved collaboration and coordination among partners.
- Improve policies in organization regarding vision loss.
- Increased awareness of supports and needs for those with visual impairment.
- Increase knowledge of technology use and methods that assist those with vision loss and training for those who support them.

Logic Model

Immediate Outcomes

- Increased awareness loss related issues.

Intermediate Outcomes

- Increased knowledge leading to more inclusive organizations.

Ultimate Outcomes

- Wider institutional changes better able to serve and assist those with vision loss resulting in richer and more inclusive society.

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