

## Fact Sheet for FY 2016

- The New Hampshire Association for the Blind (the Association) was founded in Hancock, NH in 1912.
- The mission of the Association is “to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired,” with the goal of transforming the lives of people of all ages who have sight loss statewide.
- The Association only private nonprofit organization to supply a comprehensive range of services to persons of all ages who live with low vision or blindness in Northern New England.
- The Association is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services.
- Licensed and certified professionals provide adjustment-to-blindness counseling, low vision evaluations, educational services, group support, occupational therapy for low vision, and training in optical aids and devices, daily living skills, safe travel, and/or assistive technology.
- The Association’s professional staff provided individual vision rehabilitation services to 1,099 persons, including 60 children. A total of 87 individuals participated in group services.
- Sixty-nine percent of the Association’s clients are women, and 31% are men.
- Nearly 76% of the Association’s clients are 60 years of age or older, with the highest number of clients being in their eighties, and 256 clients are between the ages of 90–100+.
- One hundred eighty-two volunteers provided 5,234 hours of home visits, rides, program assistance, public education, and other support.
- Forty-one percent of clients have Retinitis Pigmentosa, 38% have Macular Degeneration, 15% have Cataract, 5% have Diabetic Retinopathy, 14% have Glaucoma, and 27% have Other.
- The Association does not deny anyone access to services due to an inability to pay.
- Sixty-five percent of the Association’s annual operating support comes from the philanthropic contributions from individuals, foundations, corporate grants, trusts, service organizations, and earnings from endowment.
- Almost 3,500 people made financial donations or gave their time and talent to the Association.