

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



CENTER FOR  
SIGHT & HEARING





# Message

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **Fiscal year 2022 was all about growth!**

Our patient encounters returned to near pre-pandemic levels as we were able to provide our specialized vision and hearing services to 9,150 people.

We welcomed new staff, including Vision Rehabilitation Specialist, Tamerit Brunson, MSED, VRT; Facility Maintenance Specialist, Mickey Lark; Receptionist, Gabriela Pasillas; Billing Specialist, Suzanne Podewils; and Audiologist, Dr. Madison Sudaj, AuD. Each of these professionals embodies our core values of respect, openness, quality, innovation, and teamwork, and are remarkable additions to our team.

The Board of Directors made the monumental decision to expand our services to an additional 15 counties in Central Illinois and we opened a temporary office in the region. We are currently offering much-needed vision rehabilitation services from our new location and plan to expand our vision and hearing services in the next fiscal year. The partnerships and friends we have made in the Peoria area have been invaluable resources, and, on a personal note, it's good to be back in my hometown.

Our fundraising efforts were again limited to our golf outing, but with great success. This year's 17th Annual Gerald Broski Memorial Golf outing raised more money than ever, and we were able to purchase a new audiometer and equipment for the Hearing Clinic. Thank you to the Broski Family, our loyal sponsors, golfers, and volunteers for making this Rockford's premiere golf event.

As we move forward with a new strategic plan to grow and serve the Peoria region while maintaining our success in northern Illinois, I am excited about the future of the Center for Sight & Hearing and the next 100,000 people we will be able to provide with unbiased, patient-focused care.

**Maureen Mall**

## CASE STUDY

# A Vision Rehabilitation Experience

After battling a life-threatening health issue, Joe found himself completely blind. And all this at the young age of 35.

Living alone, Joe tried his best to adjust on his own to the new realities and those limitations that come with not being able to see. After struggling with the basics of mobility and technology, he approached a state-sponsored program with limited success.

Joe knew he needed more extensive help and was directed

to the Center for Sight & Hearing (CSH). Sean Johnson of CSH talked with Joe to assess his immediate needs and develop a treatment plan that could be implemented on his own as well as more intensive training at the Center in Rockford.

While at CSH, Joe was able to work with Sean on more advanced training than he was able to receive remotely. CSH was also instrumental in working with the community to have local Lions Club volunteers assist with transportation to and from the

Center for training, as well as setting him up in a local hotel for easier access to CSH.

Through Vision Rehabilitation training, Joe was better able to use his computer, iPhone, and technology in general, making it easier for him to stay connected, active and social.

[Joe is planning a move to a new apartment and has future plans to return to school working toward a career in Counseling.](#)

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## CASE STUDY

# A Journey To Cochlear Hearing Implants

Mary and her mother had both noticed her hearing loss steadily declining, making it difficult for the two of them to communicate.

Due to Mary's insurance coverage and her unique needs, the Center for Sight & Hearing (CSH) became the only resource available to her. Working with Dr. David Powell, AuD from CSH, Mary was initially fitted with more and more powerful hearing aids but with limited effect.

It became clear that Cochlear Hearing Implants would soon be the only solution remaining for her to recover any hearing at all. The implants procedure can be a major cause of stress due to the need for surgery and recovery time involved. CSH prides itself on being an educational resource for

patients and families, guiding them through the best solutions for one's hearing loss.

After presenting Mary and her mother with the details on the procedure, Dr. Powell put them in contact with a surgeon from UIC Medical Center in Chicago.

Dr. Marion Redleaf, MD, a specialist performing the Cochlear Implants surgical procedure, helped consult with Mary multiple times to ease her fears and get the surgery scheduled. Teamed with the Center, they worked through the required paperwork and resources needed for transportation as well as a stay at UIC Medical Center.

Dr. Powell and Dr. Redleaf both made themselves available to

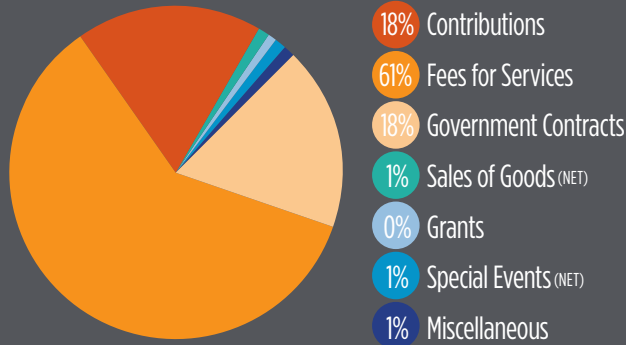
travel with Mary to the Hospital as a means of support allowing her to relax and be comfortable with the impending surgery.

Mary decided to have the procedure on both ears in the Spring of 2022. After a few weeks of recovery, the Cochlear Implants were activated. Being closer to home and working with Dr. Powell at the CSH facility in Rockford, Mary began her treatment to re-hear sounds.

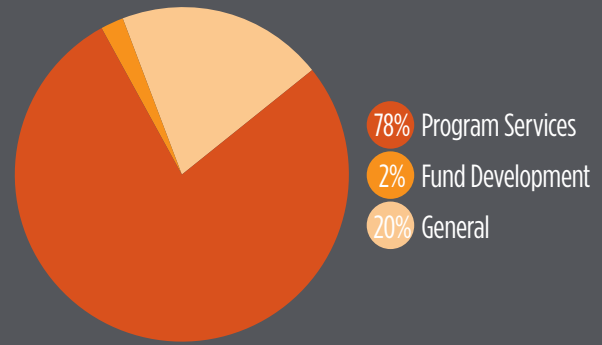
[By establishing incremental goals, Mary has been able to grow comfortable with her implants and can now have easy conversations with her mother and family.](#)

# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

**INCOME** \$1,744,327



**EXPENSES** \$1,905,869



**78¢** OF EVERY DOLLAR WAS SPENT ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## Hearing SERVICES

Hearing Clinic **6008**

Deaf Social Group **214**

ASL Classes **144**

ITAC Sales Encounters **47**

Number of people served **Total 6413**

## Vision SERVICES

Vision Clinic **1505**

Vision Rehabilitation – Central Illinois **47**

Vision Rehabilitation – Northern Illinois **616**

Low Vision Support Groups – Central Illinois **28**

Low Vision Support Groups – Northern Illinois **541**

Number of people served **Total 2737**





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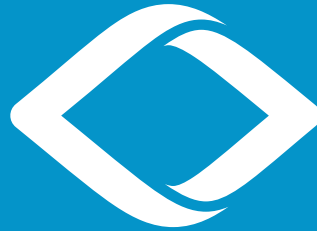
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