



**Together, we can help individuals like Kathryn have a brighter future!**

**Introducing Our New Logo**

We are innovating to meet the needs of an increasing number of people in the Greater Cincinnati area. CABVI stands for more than 100 years of outstanding services to empower people with severe vision loss. Our new logo with the abbreviated name is a welcomed update for the agency.

“I feel like I’ve always known about the Cincinnati Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Both my mother and my grandmother had eye problems. I always thought that I would go to CABVI if I needed help. My eyesight is very bad. I have macular degeneration and I am blind in my left eye.



The staff of CABVI helped me with adaptive aids like a talking watch, a talking clock, and prescribed magnifiers. I have an electronic magnifier as well as a hand-held magnifier and also one that I wear around my neck. It is such a comfort to be able to call CABVI and get some help!”  
–Kathryn Rotherum, age 92

As you read Kathryn’s story, we hope you will understand that your financial support makes a HUGE difference in the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired. Perhaps you will consider making a donation to help people like Kathryn adapt to vision loss through services from CABVI.



## A Message from John Mitchell, President/CEO

CABVI is beginning to develop our new 2020-2022 strategic plan for the agency. We began with a survey of board, committee and staff members to

identify areas of opportunity for growth and improvement, increasing our effectiveness in delivering on our mission of **“Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with opportunities to seek independence.”** Our new plan will be completed by mid-October for approval by CABVI’s Board.

Ginny Backscheider retired as CABVI’s Vice President of Vision Services on June 6th with more than 40 years of dedicated service. She enjoyed a warm send-off by agency staff and board as we wished her good luck with her next life chapter.

I’m pleased to introduce David Bush as CABVI’s new VP of Vision Services. David comes to

us with extensive experience in rehabilitation counseling and disability services management. CABVI staff members welcome David to the agency and look forward to his fresh perspective and the new energy that his leadership will bring to our Vision Services. Thank you for your on-going support of CABVI! I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun summer!



To celebrate the United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA) / Anthem Foundation National Fitness Challenge, our CABVI team took on the Yes You Can 5K Walk/Run on June 9th.

## Annual Music Recital

CABVI’s Annual Music Recital on Saturday, June 1st featured enthusiastic performances by groups and individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The participants in the music recital demonstrated on-going improvement with their fine and gross motor skills, communication abilities, social skills, and instrumental skills.

Children and adults who are blind and visually impaired performed by playing piano, singing, and playing instruments including percussion in the recital. Special thanks to Charles H. Dater Foundation and The Louise Taft Semple for supporting the music program at CABVI.



## Need Office Supplies?

CABVI is working to create more service sector jobs for people who have vision loss through our office supply website called VIE Ability. With 40,000+ items available, customers are pleased with our competitive prices, free next day delivery, and no minimums.

[www.VIE-Ability.org](http://www.VIE-Ability.org)  
513-487-4515



## Save the Date!

CABVI’s 3rd Annual Dining in the Dark event will be held on November 9, 2019 at Jack Casino Event Center. For sponsorship opportunities, please call Aaron Bley at 513-487-4233.



Bryan Bashin

## 2019 Annual Meeting

The 108th Annual Meeting was held at The Transept on April 26, 2019. Norma Rashid hosted the Annual Meeting and Bryan Bashin, CEO, LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, San Francisco, was the guest speaker. John Mitchell, President/CEO and Dennis Dern, Board Chair presented Trustee Service Awards to Jenny Franta, Deborah Kendrick, and Norma Rashid as they rotated off of the Board.

Michael Lichstein, Ph.D. was recognized as a returning board member after rotating off of the board in 2018. (He was also Board Chair from 2010-2015.) CABVI added two new board members: Robin Chadwick and Anne Pezel. Mary Ann Donelan received the Bradley L. Kaylor Blind Employee Award and Bill Neyer received the Mark Foersterling Staff Member of the Year Award.



Addison Brown, Hope Williams, and Lena Ferguson at CABVI’s Annual Music Recital



Senator Rob Portman, Steve Ogletree, and John Mitchell

## Appreciation Lunch Honors CABVI Volunteers

CABVI's 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held on April 7th at Drees Pavilion. Mark Jividen, Executive Director of VOICEcorps Reading Services in Columbus and President of Ohio Radio Reading Services (ORRS) was the guest speaker.

Recognized for exceptional service: (volunteers on the left)

- **Bob Luebbe**, The Samuel S. Sheffield Award (1)
- **Drew Logan**, Caroline Fleming Fibbe Award (2)

- **Bill Brungs**, Jim Moser Award (3)
- **Fred Burkey**, Ron Ott Award (4)
- **Jan Waddell**, The One on One Award (*not pictured*)
- **Brigid Devine**, The Paul Silverglade Youth Volunteer Award (*not pictured*)

Many volunteers were also recognized for years of service. To learn more about opportunities to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Holladay at 513-487-4237.

## CABVI on Capitol Hill

CABVI was thrilled to be a part of the 2019 National Industries for the Blind/NAEPB National Symposium. This provides an opportunity for us to meet with members of Congress to build relationships and discuss issues affecting the employment of people who are blind.



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