Our Mission:
To provide services and support that help blind and visually impaired individuals live productive, independent lives with confidence and dignity.

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We're looking ahead to our next 60 years of life-changing service to Southeast Michigan. With expanded programming, we're taking a whole-person approach to sight loss, meeting each person where they are in their vision journey.

GDABVI offers daily living skills, technology training, orientation and mobility, support groups, case management for basic needs, information and resources, and opportunities to socialize for blind and visually impaired individuals.

THE NATIONAL IMPACT OF VISION LOSS & IMPAIRMENT

The annual economic impact of major vision problems among the adult population 40 years and older is more than $145 billion.

Anxiety or depression affects 1 in 4 adults with vision loss. For younger adults with vision loss, the risk is nearly 5 times higher than in adults 65 and older.

The major causes of vision loss are cataracts, age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma.

Scientific evidence shows that early detection and treatment can prevent many cases of blindness and vision impairment.

Addressing social determinants such as income, education, food insecurity, and access to care can help us reach vision health equity.

1 in 4 individuals reaching out to GDABVI are seeking help with basic needs.

GDABVI dedicated over 1,200 contact hours to helping clients regain their independence through vision rehabilitation services in 2019.

Our programs foster independence, safety, and overall well-being across the lifespan.

Vision loss causes a substantial social and economic toll for millions of people including significant suffering, disability, loss of productivity, and diminished quality of life.

Vision loss costs over $11,430 per person each year in terms of medical care, supportive services, and productivity.

Number of people with potentially blinding eye diseases (approx. 1 in 4) 1,159,317

Overall number of people
Who are blind: 15,259
With any vision loss: 92,634

Individuals 55 and over
Who are blind: 12,262
With any vision loss: 63,949

Children (0-17)
Who are blind: 541
With any vision loss: 7,260