Owen’s parents, Jen and Jeremy, say that CABVI’s Early Childhood Intervention Services “helped us understand Owen’s challenges and then he began to flourish. We learned that he would look at things and then look away. His brain needed extended time to process his vision. CABVI specialists provided emotional support, information and ways to encourage Owen to use his vision functionally.”

"In the first year with CABVI, he started using his vision and this improved his mobility. He started reaching for toys and crawling. We learned to use bright primary colors and adapt his environment."

"A music therapist came to our home, using music as a motivator. Owen began using his vision to reach for her guitar, grasp and shake a maraca."

"Owen and Caleb started preschool in the autumn of 2018. CABVI staff consulted with his other teachers to understand how to modify for his visual impairment. Both boys are doing great in pre-school!"
Dear Friends,

2019 should be a year of growth and great promise for CABVI! The new Children’s Services Area that is being developed with the renovation of CABVI’s 3rd floor will house our Early Intervention Service, Music Therapy Program and new Pre-Employment Transition Services. This new, dedicated space for these important children’s services will position them for growth to meet an expanding need in our community.

In this New Year, we will continue our work to provide more employment opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired. Expansion of product lines in our Industries Program will provide new manufacturing jobs. Growth of our VIE-Ability office supply service will provide new jobs in customer support and our Contract Management Support (CMS) services are positioned for additional Contract Closeout jobs at Wright-Patterson. We will continue to provide our Low Vision and Information Services to help individuals with vision loss lead more independent lives. We welcome your involvement and support. Our very best wishes to all for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2019!

John Mitchell, President/CEO

Guests get a taste of the challenges faced by those with vision loss

CABVI held its second annual Dining in the Dark event on Saturday, November 10th at The Madison in Covington, KY. More than 350 guests were guided through dinner’s main course while wearing a blindfold.

This year, the event had a circus feel, using the tag line “The Greatest Show on Earth.” Guests enjoyed a live auction, a silent auction, and much more. Cincinnati Bengals Alum Dave Lapham served as the Honorary Chairperson and Q102 DJ’s Jon (Jon Jon) Curl and Natalie Jones served as the emcees.

The agency honored this year’s Barney H. Kroger Humanitarian Award recipient, Rosemary H. Bloom, who joined CABVI’s Board in 1998 and became an Emeritus Trustee in 2010.

Next year’s Dining in the Dark event will be held on November 9, 2019 at Jack Casino Event Center. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Aaron Bley at 513-487-4233.

We hope to see you next year when we head Back to the Roaring Twenties!

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A Symbol of Ethical Practices
CABVI is honored to be a 2018 BBB Torch Award Winner

Torch is a program of BBB Center for Ethics, designed to encourage and celebrate outstandingly ethical organizational practice. The team at CABVI was thrilled to be recognized as a 2018 award winner in the nonprofit category.

“This award shows just how much our local leaders care about their employees, their clients and the community.”

Corrie McGlothlin, Vice President of BBB Center for Ethics

Stepping into 2019 with Better Health

USABA and Anthem are partnering with groups across the country, including CABVI, to provide fitness opportunities for Americans with visual impairments.

The goal is to raise the physical activity levels of each participant to the level recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This year’s Challenge will integrate technology and social media to inspire participants to set goals, create team environments and encourage leadership. Each participant has received a Fitbit to track their steps and improve their overall fitness.

Cane Quest

In October, CABVI hosted Cane Quest®, a national competition that tests the ability of blind and visually impaired youngsters to navigate the world around them independently and safely. Three winners were awarded prizes in separate categories based on level of vision loss.

Windows 10 Workshop

Participants explored new accessibility features including color filters, magnification, dictation and screen reading.

Low Vision Expo

CABVI hosted its 2018 Low Vision Expo, highlighting options in magnifiers and electronic devices. Participants were invited to talk with vendors about new developments and the event included presentations by CABVI’s consulting optometrists.
Need office supplies?

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

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$25 can provide a radio to listen to RRS broadcasts of printed information.

$100 can provide a hand-held lighted magnifier for a person with low vision.

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