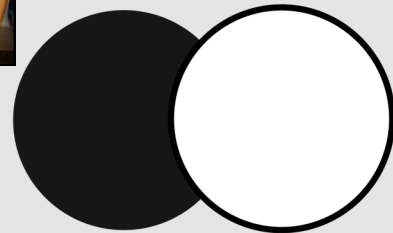
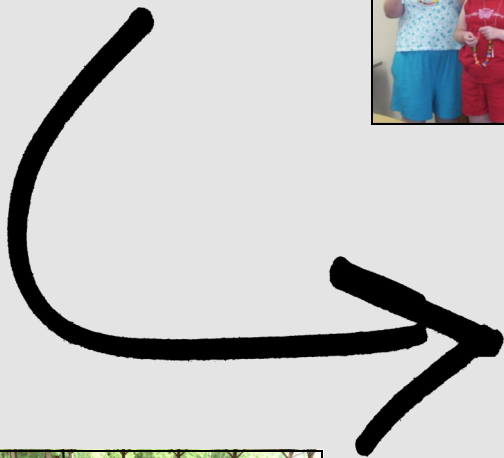
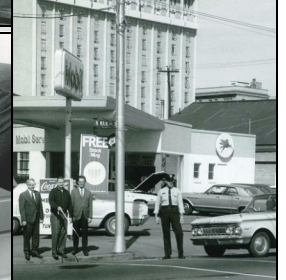


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2017 Community Report -Past, Present and Future



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A Message from President/CEO, Sara Peperno

On behalf of our volunteers and staff, we are humbled to act as representatives in honoring the great work of the last 100 years during Northeast Sight Services' Centennial.

Beginning in 1918 as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind through the dream of one woman, who also happened to be blind, this organization has transformed itself year after year to meet the most pressing needs of those with vision impairments.

So much has happened in the last 100 years – like expanding our service area to include Wyoming, Wayne, and Pike Counties, but also learning lessons on how to better serve the people in our community, as we KNOW that so many people are unaware of the true scope of our services.

It was evident that many people were not seeking out our services when they heard the term “blind” or did not think to call us because they live beyond the Greater Wilkes-Barre Area.

Because of this, we were so very excited to announce in January that the organization changed its name and will enter its next century of service as “Northeast Sight Services.”

We believe this name is a better indicator of the good work our organization does for local community residents. We believe that this name will encourage people who are adjusting to low vision to seek services to help them live more independently – and to most importantly, thrive!

Obviously, this is a huge undertaking. And we hope that you will join us in spreading the word about this change, as well as advance our work into 2018 and beyond.

We also ask that you participate in our Challenge Grant—to help us raise \$100,000 in 2018 to be here for the next 100!



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Fifth Annual "Chip in for Sight" Golf Tournament June 5, 2017

Thank you to everyone who played in our 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Fox Hill Country Club! Thank you to all the golfers and sponsors. Because of you we were able to raise over \$42,000!

**Be sure to Save the Date for the
6th ANNUAL TOURNAMENT on June 4, 2018!**

**Thank you again to our
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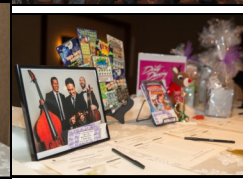
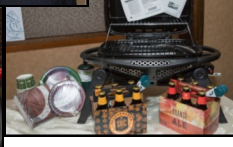


**Atty. Steph Fernandes
Arline Phillips Achievement
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THANK YOU to all of our auction and dinner committee members.

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**We can't thank you enough for the
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event's success!**



Past, Present and Future-

Where it all began...

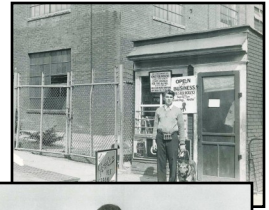
On November 8, 1918, a small group of concerned citizens met in downtown Wilkes-Barre at the request of a young, **totally blind woman named Arline Phillips**. Her mission was to help other "blind persons help themselves." And so, the Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind was born.

Arline pioneered the concept of free services to the blind in our region. Traveling the area, she visited blind and visually impaired persons in their homes, teaching them Braille and skills they needed to live independently.

A mission we are proud to continue to this very day!



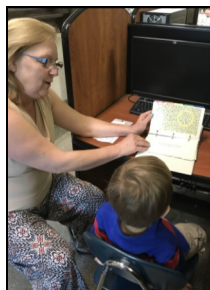
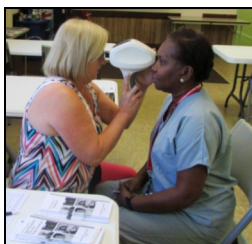
*"The blind need opportunity,
not sympathy."
-Arline Phillips*



Where we are at...

It would be amazing for Arline to see where we are at today.

She would be thrilled with the fact that nearly 50 years ago another amazing, inventive woman developed our Prevention of Blindness program. Eilene Kaska realized the need for vision screenings in children entering kindergarten. Between both our children and adult vision screening programs, we are so proud that **we screened over 5,200 individuals in 2017.**



"Thank you so much for the screening at WVCA (Wyoming Valley Children's Association). My husband and I had no idea Naomi needed glasses. Now that she has been examined and given a prescription for glasses her world will look so much clearer and brighter. Thanks again for all the work your Association does with our kids."

Laura M.

—Always Moving Forward

There is also no doubt that Arline would be incredibly impressed by the fact her concept of free services to the visually impaired touched the lives of **nearly 250 individuals this year with either an Initial Assessment for Adjustment to Vision Loss or for any range of In Home Support.**

The way technology is changing the lives of the blind and visually impaired is probably something she could have never imagined. Our brand new Vision Resource Center is full of amazing tools that enhance work, home life and leisure for people with vision loss. In 2017, **over 40 patients** were evaluated through our **Low Vision Clinic**, resulting in just over **120 low vision aids being provided.**

And 74 individuals visited our **Low Vision Store**, resulting in the purchase of over **180 adaptive aid products.**



"I absolutely love this machine, it's the only way I can read anymore. Thank you for being beyond nice and helping me not only obtain this device, but know it existed. I use it at least five days a week to read my mail and other information. I can't thank Gayle, Sara, Dr. Amy and Dr. Silvetti enough."

James H.



She also would surely be proud to see that our **InSight Kids Club of NEPA** has grown to include **60 absolutely amazing young people** in only two short years!!

Plus, the growth of our **Transition Assistance program** held during the 2016-2017 school year now includes **13 students** who will soon be ready for life after high school!

And she would have absolutely loved our **Inaugural Beeping Egg Hunt!**



"I appreciate your programs from the bottom of my heart. They have made a huge difference in my son, Justin. Giving him peer support and others he can relate to has helped him both socially and mentally. He's now a part of something—something good for him and something he really enjoys!"

Lauri—InSight Kids Club Parent

insight
kids club
of NEPA



Where we are going...

Early into our Centennial year, we've already developed and implemented new programming for our clients:

- **The BluePrint: An Introduction to Orientation and Mobility and Vision Rehab Training—a 6 week session for those new to vision loss**
- **An 8-week Wellness and Fitness Challenge will also begin for interested clients in June**
- **Our Young Adult Program will kickoff for the first time in early May—an entirely new population that we are excited to engage**
- **And so much more is planned!**



2018

As we continue pursuing Arline's mission into the next Century, we need your continued support. Please continue to support us on this amazingly fulfilling journey!

Onto the next 100!



Celebrate
100
YEARS
with a gift today!

How you can help!

Not many organizations can say they have been around for 100 years – but because of your support, we can.

We invite you to share in all our good work by joining us in our Centennial Challenge!!

We ask that you continue on this journey with us as we enter into the next century and help us reach our goal of \$100,000 with a gift today.

Learn more at
northeaststight.org/centennial-challenge/



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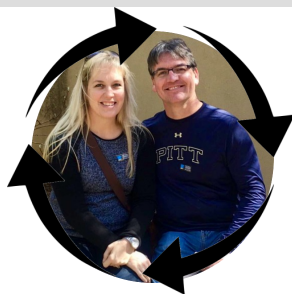


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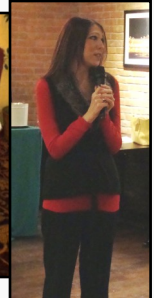
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Consistent with our goal of Preventing Blindness, this program provides improved vision that empowers adults and children to pursue a better quality of life for themselves and their communities. Local eye care professionals (ophthalmologists and optometrists) partner with the us in the Gift of Sight program by agreeing to waive their examination fee for qualifying patients.

In 2017, we were proud to partner with the following eye care professionals who were willing to provide basic eye exams for individuals in need.



Some of the participating optometrists and ophthalmologists were recognized on Sun., March 26, 2017 during the Annual Optometric Educational Conference held at Eye Care Specialists Rutter Avenue location in Kingston.

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To become a member of the Legacy Society, or to obtain more information, please contact us at (570) 693-3555 ext. 223 or at amy@northeastsight.org.

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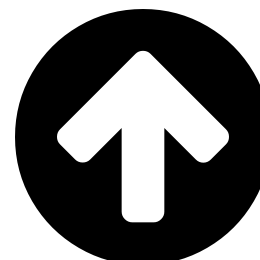
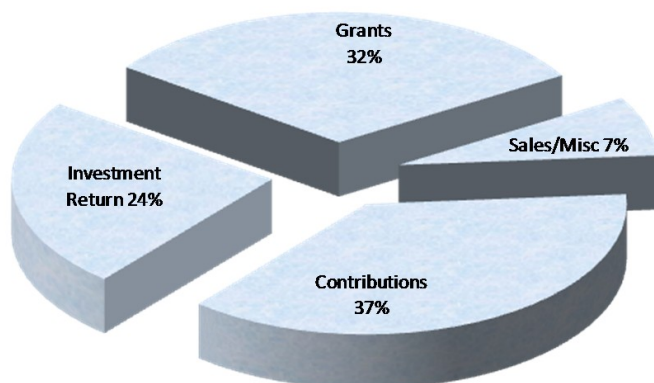
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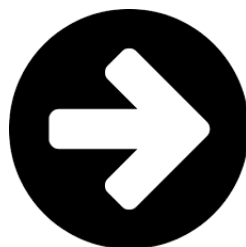
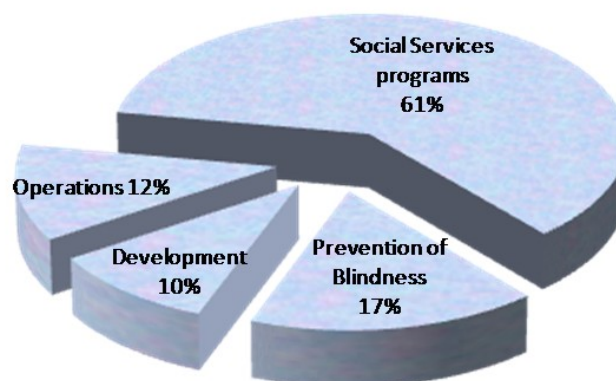
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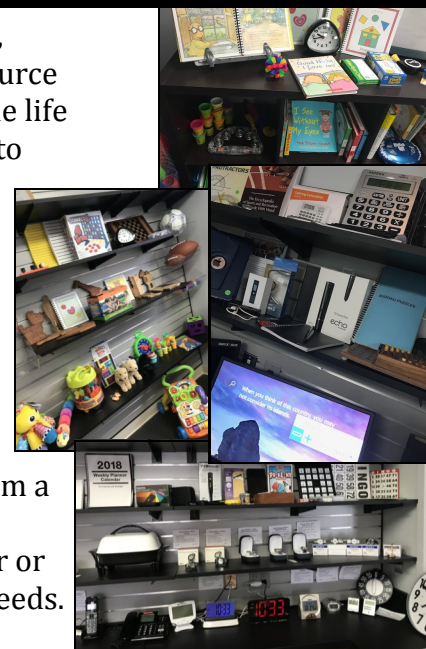
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Although the Vision Resource Center was officially unveiled in 2018, concept and construction began in 2017. Our revamped Vision Resource Center is a one-stop shop for practical tools that enhance work, home life and leisure for people with vision loss. We offer products designed to make everyday tasks easier such as:

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- specialized kitchen tools
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- distance and high powered reading glasses
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