

At Center for Vision Loss we know the most negative feeling about vision loss is the loss of independence. Read Marie's story inside and try to imagine how your life would be affected by vision loss.

Then discover how Marie gained back her independence with our help.

When Marie and her husband moved to their new house in the Poconos in 2004, she was legally blind as a result of severe diabetic retinopathy. She could no longer work, and her husband, a truck driver, was on the road a lot, leaving her home alone in a new area without friends and family.

Marie was sad and depressed because her low vision cost her independence.

Then Marie became a Center for Vision Loss customer. She began to attend our monthly support group and make friends. We introduced her to correspondence courses through the Hadley School for the Blind and books on tape through the National Library Service. We also helped get Marie an exemption for directory assistance for her phone and a large print ledger for her checkbook. Marie used our Escorted Transportation program to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping and agency activities. She especially loved bowling because of the camaraderie with her fellow customers.

Through the years, Marie's coping skills and determination to live with her vision loss increased. She began to take better care of her health, exercising on a regular basis and eating a more healthy diet.

Now Marie and her retired husband visit the gym daily. She has lost weight and exudes a confident, happy demeanor. She recently completed a CPR course offered by the agency. In August, she is looking forward to visiting her native France. Marie, now 61, has turned her life around, and low vision is no longer the major obstacle driving her life.

Marie would say... "C'est la vie!" We would add that her independence is our success!

And we have many more stories like Marie's. Your gift will help us make more successes possible.

Please Join Our 2012-2013 Annual Campaign

Your gift will help us provide services and programs that enable clients like Marie.

Questions? Call 610.433.6018



The Center for Vision Loss is the region's only non-profit agency dedicated to improving the lives of people with vision loss.



The Center for Vision Loss provides the following programs and services in Lehigh, Northampton and Monroe Counties: Vision Rehabilitation (Client Services), Escorted Transportation, Vision Help for Financially Qualified Individuals, Community Outreach Including Vision Screenings and Educational Programs, Low Vision Clinic

\$25 Provides one round trip ride to the doctor

\$50 Provides low vision device training for one person

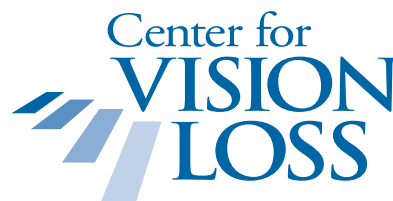
\$75 Provides a customer with one in-home visit from our caseworker

\$100 Provides for a vision screening for 10 children at a community location

Other We are grateful for whatever gift you can make

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