

Independence for the Blind

United Way Funded Program:
Older Blind

Funding Amount: \$7,850
3-year grant

Description of Program Services: Teach independent living skills, assistive technology, orientation and mobility training to the elderly who are blind or visually impaired so they can achieve maximum independence.

Impact Area: Health

Significant Statistics: Based on data from the National Institutes of Health, there are approximately 20,000 people who are blind or visually impaired in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Of those, 16,000 or more are 60 years and older. The Older Blind Program includes group and individual instruction designed to enable a person with vision impairment to live independently, return to a full role in the family, work, and participate in the community.

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