



Children's Center for the Visually Impaired

The mission of CCVI (Children's Center for the Visually Impaired) is to prepare children with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities, to reach their highest potential in the sighted world.

**Our Programs:**

- **Early Intervention Program** Focuses on developing all senses by encouraging listening, smelling, touching, and movement, and maximizing functional vision. CCVI teachers and therapists also provide in-home services and instruction.
- **Preschool and Kindergarten** These classes, beginning at age two, are designed to enhance basic skills while preparing children for inclusion in public or private schools.
- **Outreach Program** Helps to fill the gap for students who have returned to their own school systems and face limited services.



89% of preschool/kindergarten children with multiple disabilities acquired at least 1.5 new communication skills

81% of preschool/kindergarten children learned at least two new social skills

# 2015-2016 Annual Report Card

81% of braille students acquired at least six new braille skills



## Specialized Instruction/Therapy Hours

- 48,255 in Preschool/Kindergarten Specialized Instruction
- 8,100 in Preschool/Kindergarten Therapy
- 4,933 hours in Early Intervention Program
- 788 hours in Outreach Program



96% of infants showed progress in at least 80% of developmental goals

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97% of parents stated their knowledge about their child's visual impairment increased from receiving CCVI services

## Enrollment: 198

(Unduplicated count: 315)

- 113 in Early Intervention Program
- 61 + 16 Sighted Peers in Preschool/ Kindergarten Program
- 8 in Outreach (Itinerant/Consulting) Program



77%

of preschool/kindergarten children made progress on at least 70% of benchmarks

## Referrals: 157

- 49% from physicians and medical personnel
- 40% from local, county and state agencies
- 11% from miscellaneous sources

105,304

miles were driven to help children and families

25 Counties represented

- 17 in Missouri
- 8 in Kansas



Sensory Garden at Children's Center Campus

It was a busy year at CCVI this past school year. We made some great improvements to our preschool at 31st and Main. The **KC Street Car Constructors** selected our proposal and built an incredible **Sensory Garden** that serves the entire Children's Center Campus. CCVI students love having a big open green yard to run and play in, raised garden beds in which to plant herbs and pumpkins, and a walkway with different surfaces to explore with their canes and wheelchairs. We also installed a sunshade over the central courtyard playground of the Campus. A grant from the **American Dermatology Association** helped make this possible, as well as considerable help from our friends at **Helix Architecture** and **Belger Cartage Service**. Finally, our wonderful friends at **Hufft Projects** also helped renovate all the CCVI classroom sinks so that they are more accessible to our students using wheelchairs.

We had another big year of fun and unique fundraising events for the school. Everyone was inspired by the heartfelt story **Isaiah Austin** shared at **Hoo's Afraid of the Dark** about how he handled not only his visual impairment, but also the diagnosis of Marfan Syndrome. **Trolley Run** was bigger and better than ever in 2016. We love our continued collaboration with the **U.S. Association of Blind Athletes** who sent five elite athletes to participate in Trolley Run. Thanks to all who sponsored the race, volunteered to help with the race, and ran or walked in the race. We also kicked off our new fundraiser **Spectacle** this summer and it was a huge hit. Thanks to **Boys Grow Farm** for letting CCVI host the event on their farm and thank you to all the chefs and bartenders who created an absolute feast that was a "spectacle" for the senses. Thank you for helping to make this incredible resource available in KC for the last 64 years!



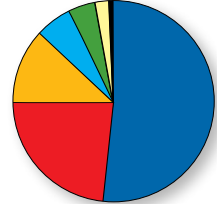
Sun Life After-Bash at CCVI Trolley Run

**Nicola R. Heskett**

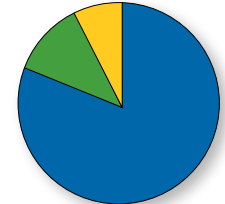
*Nicola R. Heskett*  
CCVI Executive Director

**2015-16 Revenue: \$3,534,121\***

**2015-16 Expenses: \$3,926,871\***



Contract Services	\$1,832,844
Contributions	\$1,034,670
Special Events (Net)	\$468,824
United Way	\$93,914
Tuition	\$68,644
Investment Gain	\$31,188
Other	\$4,037



Programs	\$3,247,775
Administrative	\$393,139
Fundraising	\$285,957
<b>NET</b>	<b>-\$392,750</b>

**\*Pre-Audit**



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