

Join Us in Our Mission:

The Foundation for the Junior Blind provides programs and services for children, adults, and their families. Our programs are designed to enable infants, children, and adults who are blind or visually impaired to achieve independence and self-esteem.

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*See how far we
have come...*



*...Imagine how
far we can go*

Who We Are:

Since our founding by Norman Kaplan and a dedicated group of volunteers in 1953, the Foundation's philosophy has been to help individuals maximize their potential and achieve their highest possible level of independence. The Foundation for the Junior Blind is located on an eight-acre campus in the Windsor Hills area of Los Angeles, near Culver City. Services are provided to more than 6,000 people each year from primarily Southern California and neighboring states in six programs that provide education, recreation, training, and rehabilitation.

The Past, the Present, the Future:



This young girl came to the Foundation very timid and scared of her surroundings, but through the years, she has gained confidence. Today, she welcomes people into her life and charms them with her sweet personality.



Friendships are formed everyday. At San Diego's Sea World, one of our students who is visually impaired experiences for the first time the wonder of touching a dolphin's smooth skin and hearing its unique laughter.



The future holds many possibilities. One of our students participates in a mock space shuttle mission where all controls are labeled in Braille.



Camp Bloomfield

Camp Bloomfield, located in the mountains of Malibu, provides a special camp experience for children, teens, and young adults who are blind or visually impaired and their families. Campers participate in campfire activities, horseback riding, swimming, archery, track and field, and learn independence skills, self-advocacy, and the importance of fun.



Visions: Adventures In Learning

Visions adventures are unique experiences for youngsters ages 13-18 who are blind or visually impaired. Participation is life-changing as youngsters overcome physical and emotional obstacles, achieve goals, and develop self-confidence and leadership skills.



Infant-Family Program

Our early intervention program serves families with infants from birth through three years of age who have visual impairments and multiple disabilities. Services include infant development therapy, family support, low vision services, and counseling.



Special Education School

Our school is certified by the State of California as a non-public school and offers individualized instruction for students ages 3-21 with visual impairments and multiple disabilities. With a high staff-to-student ratio, instructors lovingly work with students to develop critical life skills, educational ability, and independence.



Children's Residential Program

Our residential living program serves children and youth ages 5-21 with visual impairments and multiple disabilities. Trained counselors respond to round-the-clock needs of group living and community-based activities. Children enjoy home visits with their families on the weekends, and families participate in all aspects of their child's life.



Davidson Program for Independence

Adults (ages 18 and above) who are newly-blind or visually impaired receive individualized instruction in Braille reading and writing, career exploration, computer literacy, independent living skills, development of communication skills, and orientation and mobility training.