# 2021 by the Numbers

## Donors

252 New donors

Overall, gifts came from 30 states and 57 counties

## Advocacy

324.5 hours advocating for equitable policies and practices related to:

* Transportation
* Health care
* Employment
* Education
* Civil rights
* Accessible voting

## Scholarships

$2,000 in awards received by 10 students across Wisconsin

## Volunteers

767 hours donated

## Education

82 presentations, reaching 2,057 participants

Topics included:

* Coping with vision loss
* Pedestrian safety
* Website accessibility

## Vision Services

382 in-home vision rehabilitation visits

257 access technology appointments

159 low vision rehabilitation visions

160 phone consultations

## Sharper Vision Store

1,654 customers from 51 counties

## White Canes

438 canes provided to clients in 42 counties

23 communities and the State of Wisconsin issued white cane safety day proclamations

# 70 Years of Advocacy, Empowerment & Service

## 1952

The Wisconsin Council of the Blind is founded to advocate in the public policy arena on behalf of people with vision loss.

## 1960s

The Council’s store opens for business.

## 1980s

Distribution of free white canes begins.

## 1992

Vision services becomes a pillar program of the council.

## 2001

The Council moves to its current location in Madison.

## 2003

“Visually Impaired” is added to the organization’s name.

## 2006

The store is renamed the Sharper Vision Store.

## 2015

The Council opens its Low Vision Clinic.

## 2017

Classes on access technology expand to become a core part of Vision Services.

## 2022

The Council celebrates its 70th anniversary.

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