



Services and Programs

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped



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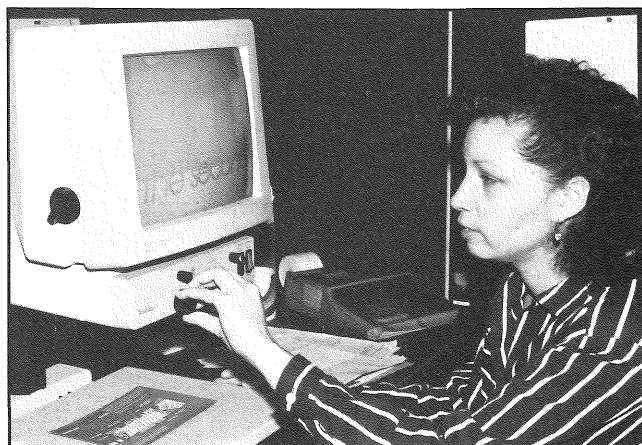
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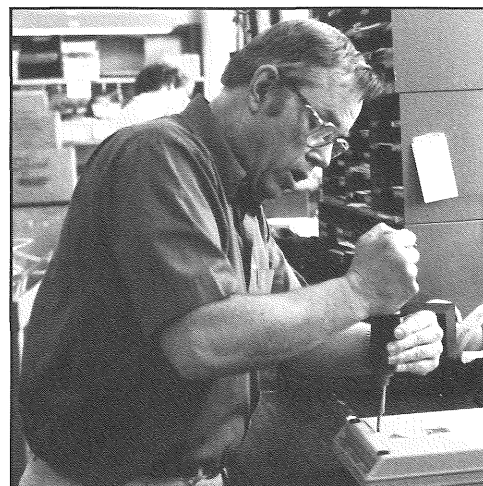
Ordinary people: five productive employees who are blind.



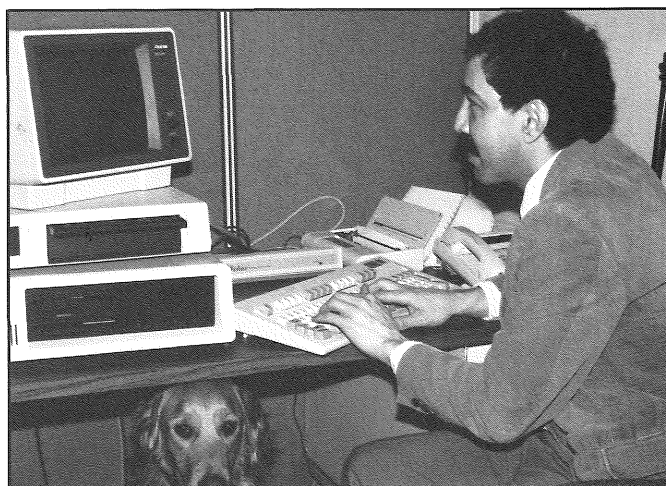
Jane Dutmer is a medical transcriptionist at Group Health's Bloomington Clinic.



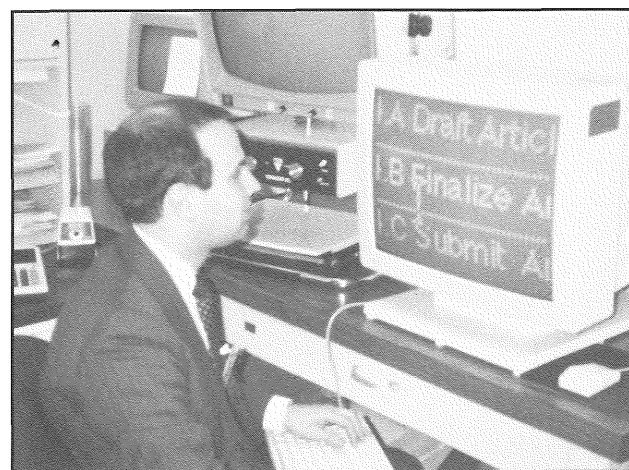
Rita Richardson works as a purchasing agent for the federal Food and Drug Administration.



Pat Scanlon, mail room clerk, works at State Services for the Blind.



John Priestley is a telemarketing specialist for Teltech Resource Network.



Rick Battaglia, a project administrator at Honeywell Inc., provides budget tracking, planning and management support.

State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

Our mission: facilitating achievement of vocational and personal independence

When loss of vision creates a handicap to the vocational, educational and personal independence of children or adults, direct services are available from State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (SSB). People who have physical or mental disabilities in addition to vision loss also are served.

Our mission is achieved by providing the following services:

Rehabilitation Services

- Adjustment to blindness
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Braille instruction
- Travel training
- Job placement & retention
- Career exploration
- Rehabilitation engineering
- Low-vision services
- Independent living skills training
- Vocational training
- Blind vendor program
- Parent support
- Child development

The Store

- Canes
- Talking clocks/calculators
- Braille or large face watches
- Adaptive cooking/sewing aids
- Braille or large print playing cards

Communication Center Services

- Radio talking book (newspapers, magazines, and best sellers – 24 hours a day)
- Dial-In News (24 hours a day)
- Books on tape
- Phonographs and tape players
- Braille books
- Vocational and textbook transcription on tape or in braille
- Engineering and equipment repair services

Proof of Blindness

- For various tax benefits, identification cards and travel documents

Communication Center

The SSB Communication Center is a statewide special library, transcription and reading service, supported by federal, state and private funds. Any Minnesotan who is unable to read normal newsprint because of a visual or physical handicap is eligible for Communication Center services.

People may borrow textbooks and books for leisure reading on tape or in Braille from the Center's library of 11,000 book titles. They also may borrow special phonographs, cassette players and closed-circuit radios.

The closed-circuit radio network, Radio Talking Book, is a Minnesota-based radio reading service for newspapers, books and magazines, broadcasting 24 hours every day throughout the year. The signal is transmitted by satellite across most of the state—but, by law, it is not available to the general public.

An audio newspaper-reading service, Dial-In News, allows readers to access the daily newspapers 24 hours every day throughout the year using a touch-tone telephone.

Upon request, the Communication Center transcribes books or other printed materials onto tape or into braille. Students and workers who are blind, as well as educators and employers, may call the Center to request instructions for obtaining transcribed materials.



Being honored for a century of volunteer brailist services are, from left: Dona Champlain, Audrey Olson, Jean Zolik, Virginia Breault, Helen Hobus and Adelaide Essila.

Financial Statement-1990 (as of 9/30/90)

Sources of Income

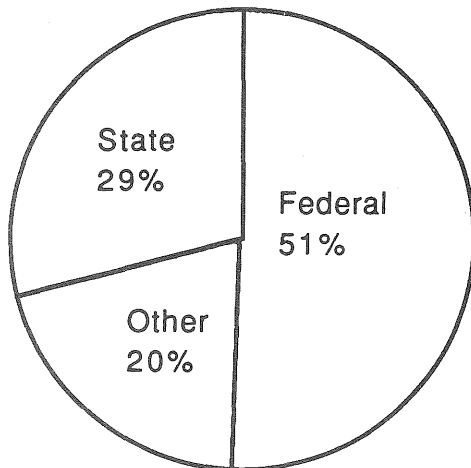
Federal	\$5,129,690
State	2,958,351
Other	1,968,567
Total	\$10,056,608

Statement of Expenses

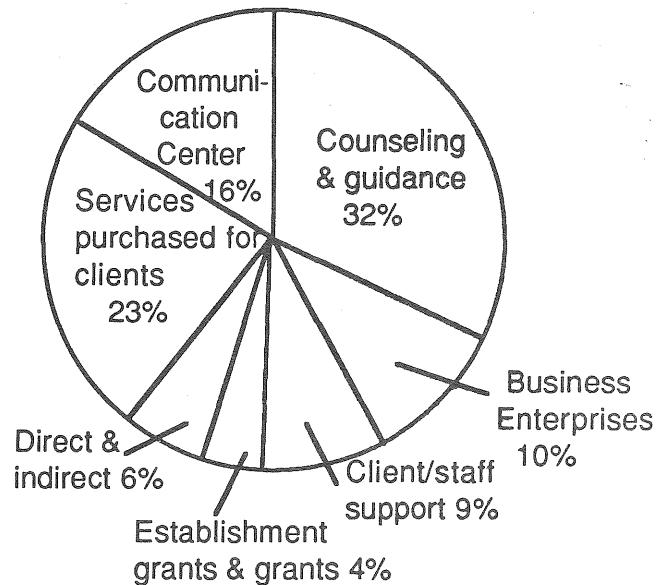
Counseling & Guidance	\$ 3,214,624
Services Purchased for Clients	2,340,620
Establishment Grants & Grants	363,918
Business Enterprise Program*	1,025,153
Communication Center	1,635,092
Client/Staff Support	920,072
Direct and Indirect	557,129
Total	\$10,056,608

*Thirty-eight percent of this program's monies are non-public funds.

Income by percent



Expenses by percent



1990 Facts in Brief

6,035 people served by SSB field counselors in all programs

2,669 people served in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, with 440 achieving their vocational goals

723 children and their families served in the Child Rehabilitation Program, with 38 achieving their goals

797 people served in the Independent Living Program, with 233 achieving a more independent life style

580 people served in the Self-Care Program, with 167 achieving a more independent life style

13,477 people and 686 organizations served by the Communication Center

704,249 Braille pages produced for students, workers and other consumers

83,952 cassette book tapes produced for students, workers and other consumers

8,760 hours of radio programming

18,688 units of equipment loaned

120,000 volunteer hours of service

80 vendors operating under franchise agreement with the Business Enterprises Program (BEP)

\$24,066 average annual income of BEP vendors

\$8,234,383 BEP program sales

\$306,609 BEP operational charges

75 technical and low-vision equipment lease agreements processed

922 customers making purchases from The STORE, with \$22,363 gross sales

4,956 affidavits of blindness mailed

Services for the Blind Office Locations

Administrative Office
1745 University Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55104-3690
(612) 642-0500
Toll Free 1-800-652-9000

Brainerd SSB
1919 S. Sixth St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
(218) 828-2490

Business Enterprises
1745 University Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55104-3690
(612) 642-0501

Communication Center
1745 University Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55104-3690
(612) 642-0502

Duluth SSB
320 W. Second St.
Room 111
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 723-4600

Hibbing SSB
750 E. 34th St.
Hibbing, MN 55746
(218) 262-6754

Mankato SSB
1650 Madison Ave.
Mankato, MN 56001-5444
(507) 389-6324

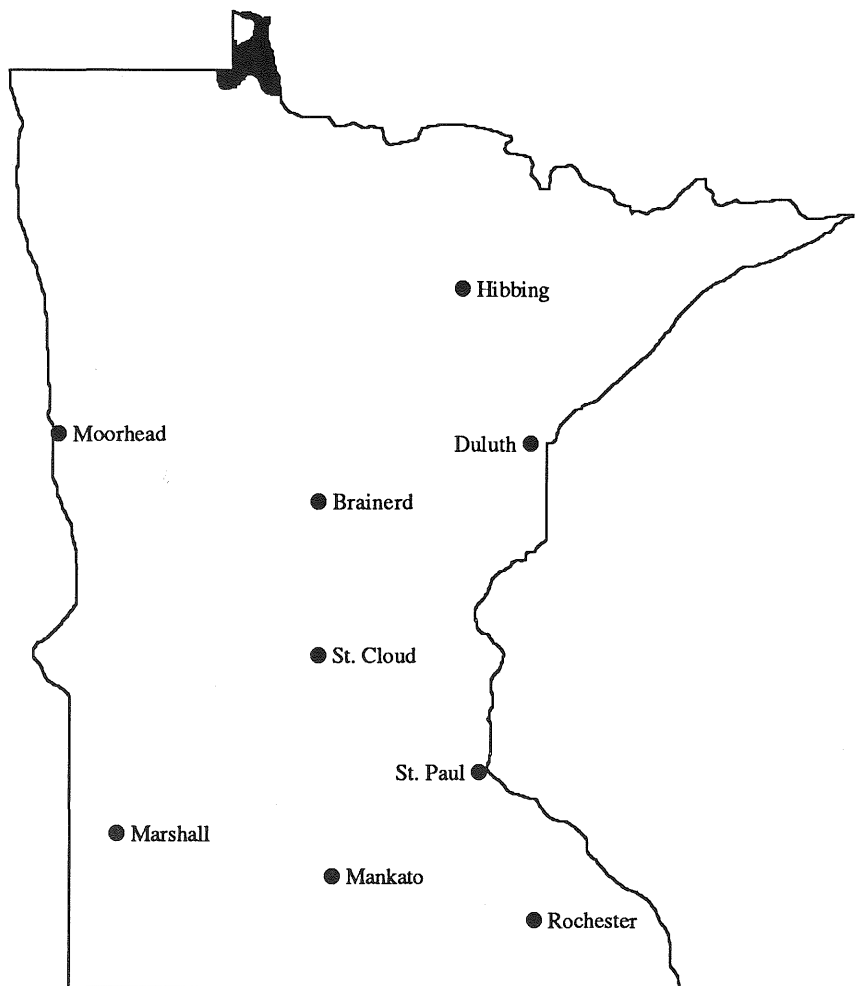
Marshall SSB
Suite #700
1210 E. College Drive
Marshall, MN 56258
(507) 537-7114

Metro SSB
1745 University Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55104-3690
(612) 642-0506

Moorhead SSB
Townsite Centre
810 Fourth Ave. S.
Moorhead, MN 56560
(218) 236-2422

Rochester SSB
717 Third Ave. S.E.
Rochester, MN 55904-7397
(507) 285-7282

St. Cloud SSB
810 St. Germain
Room 310
St. Cloud, MN 56301
(612) 255-2254



Minnesota Council for the Blind

1991 Membership

Curtis Chong (Chair), Minneapolis

Jodell Bromeland, St. Paul

Milo Gilliland, Edina

Marilyn Guenther, Paynesville

Henry Prottengeier, St. Louis Park

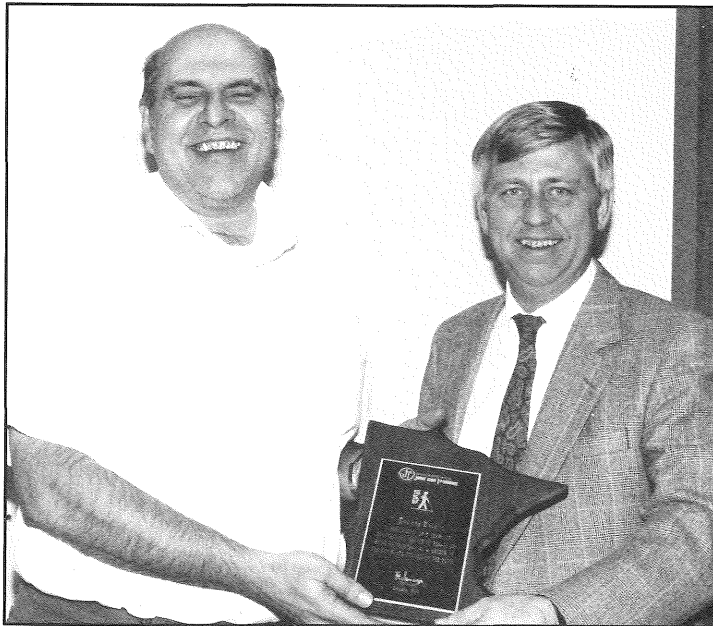
Walter Kramer, Duluth

Larry Jones, Minneapolis

Judy Wilder, Oronoco

Wendy Williams, Faribault

The Council advises SSB on issues related to mission, philosophy or policy affecting its programs and services for Minnesotans who are blind and visually handicapped. For other ways in which to become involved in SSB programs or for further information concerning the Council, contact the administrative office at 612/642-0500.



Tom Heinl, left, a charter member of the Council, receives a plaque in recognition of five years of service on behalf of Minnesotans who are blind and visually handicapped. Rick Hokanson, SSB director, presents the award.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Metro Area:

(612) 642-0500 Administrative Office

(612) 642-0502 Communication Center

(612) 642-0501 Business Enterprises Program

(612) 642-0777 The Store

(612) 642-0506 TDD

TOLL-FREE IN MINNESOTA:

1-800-652-9000

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