



**AMERICAN
ACTION FUND**
for Blind Children
and Adults

YEAR IN REVIEW

“As part of our promotion of Pedro the Octopus, twelve-year-old Nick Oliver from Houston and I had the awesome privilege of touching and being embraced by an unnamed live octopus at the Shark Reef Aquarium. That was a wonderous moment. The American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults continues stronger than an octopus after one-hundred years of service.”
— Barbara Loos, President

THE RESOURCE FOR LITERACY

Braille Books for Blind Children Program

4,349

participants in the
Free Braille Books
Program last year

“The free Braille books provided by the American Action Fund have extended the choice of books and titles that my blind students are able to read. Everyone is so excited when a new book arrives, we cannot wait to open and see what it is. We have a blind teacher who is now able to read aloud to her class because of the generosity of the American Action Fund. I cannot thank you enough for making my students happy.” — A teacher of blind students



Over 52,188

books mailed to blind children

Share Braille – passing Braille materials from family to family

3,000

titles, including 1,793 books from the Action Fund collection, have been added to Share Braille for anyone to browse and request



“Kenji read your book to our family tonight at bedtime! We absolutely loved it! The tactile pictures are awesome, and I love that Pedro also has a cane. You did a wonderful job – thank you!”
— A parent whose child received *Pedro and the Octopus*

NEW Twin Vision Book: *Pedro and the Octopus*

428

free tactile print/Braille
Pedro books sent to
young children all over
the country

Braille Reading Pals Program – making reading fun with books, in both print and Braille text, and a stuffed animal, to help kids learn to love reading

Over 400 print/Braille books along with “reading pals,” our stuffed animals, given to blind children

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship

\$12,000

plus other monies and prizes

- This is the largest scholarship granted in the United States to a blind person.
- The winner of the 2019 Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship was Emily Eagle of Keller, Texas, who is studying political science and theology at the University of Notre Dame.



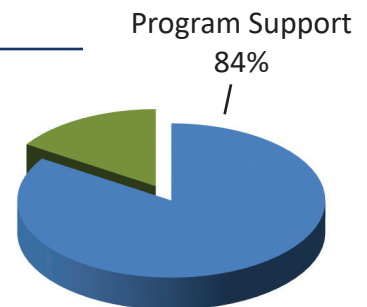
A Century of Innovation, a Century for the Blind—Celebrating 100 Years!

- Originally named the American Brotherhood for the Blind, the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults was established in 1919.
- In July of 2019, the Action Fund celebrated its 100th anniversary at the annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind, the largest gathering of blind people, worldwide.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code and completes an annual audit of its activities.

2019 Program Services as a Percent of Total Expense
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