

A HOST OF SERVICES

ASB is proud to offer a wide array of programs and services, some of which are highlighted in this brochure.

RADIO & RECORDING

Many individuals who are blind and visually impaired, as well as those who are unable to read for themselves, tune in to the Radio Information Center for the Blind (RICB), a 24-hour radio reading service broadcasting throughout the Delaware Valley. At RICB, daily newspapers, books, and magazines are read by volunteers and transmitted through special receivers available from ASB. RICB also produces a variety of programs addressing the needs of people who are blind and visually impaired.

In ASB's Recording Department, many volunteers narrate more than two-dozen popular magazines, which are then made available on cassette. ASB also provides custom recordings for

individuals, organizations and corporations.

REHABILITATION

Certified Rehabilitation Teachers instruct program participants in meal preparation, reading and writing braille, keyboard skills, labeling and selecting clothes, and using specially adapted equipment. ASB's Orientation and Mobility Specialist teaches safe and effective travel techniques with the aid of a cane and hand-held telescopes. Clients learn to orient themselves to the community and use public transportation. The result is increased independence.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

ASB's Specialized Services Team offers eight support groups, individualized case management, shopping services, resource information, recreational and much more. Many on our staff, who are blind or visually impaired, know first-hand the experience of vision loss, and the best route to success in becoming an independent member of society.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY CENTER

During one-on-one training, blind and visually impaired clients use computers equipped with speech and screen enlargement programs. Students learn how to scan documents, work using word processing and spreadsheets, database applications, and even access the internet.

LATINO OUTREACH

ASB keeps pace with the changing demographics of blindness. In response to a growing number of Spanish-speaking blind clients, ASB has established a Latino Support Group within its Specialized Services Department. The group addresses issues that range from coping with vision loss to utilizing community resources. In addition, classes in English as a Second Language are offered.

VOLUNTEERS

Over 200 active volunteers donate their time and talents throughout the agency. Some volunteers are

specially trained for specific tasks, such as transcribing print into braille. Others are called upon to record magazines and books onto tape, read to blind professionals, write checks and read mail for blind clients. Volunteers are truly the foundation that supports ASB's services and programs.

URBAN GARDENING

ASB offers a unique urban gardening experience. The award winning "Hands-On-Gardeners", who are all blind or visually impaired, grow thousands of seedlings to maturity in an urban greenhouse setting. The colorful harvest is then displayed in public parks throughout the city.

CUSTOM & PRODUCTION

BRAILLE

Volunteers and staff within the Braille Division make all types of printed materials available in braille to patrons. The Division produces various types of textbooks, bank statements, job related documents and other personalized materials at the client's request.