



AMERICAN ACTION FUND
for Blind Children and Adults

YEAR IN REVIEW

“Promoting Braille Literacy is at the core of our mission. One of my favorite ways we do that is by making reading fun. Take the Braille Readers Are Leaders annual contest. Blind and deafblind children from around the country can connect and compete by reading whatever they desire to read, and that is just one way we work to increase learning.”
— Barbara Loos, President

THE RESOURCE FOR LITERACY

Braille Books for Blind Children Program

51,828

free Braille books sent to be read by blind and deafblind children in 2020

A mom shared:

“I can’t tell you enough how grateful we are for the books from the Action Fund. My son looks forward to receiving his new *Here’s Hank* book every month. Our local library and our school library have no Braille books for him to peruse like the other kids. The *Here’s Hank* series brings much more joy.”



Share Braille – passing Braille materials from family to family

Thousands of books have been added to Share Braille for anyone to browse and request



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 580

families received print/Braille books along with “reading pals,” our stuffed animals, so sighted parents can teach their blind and deafblind children the love of reading

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship

\$12,000 plus other monies and prizes

The winner of the 2020 Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship was Precious Perez who is studying music therapy



“I’m a vocalist, songwriter, and music educator. I’m a first-generation college student from a low-income Puerto Rican family. I’m the first blind student to study music education at Berkeley and the first blind student to study abroad at a Valencia [College] campus. My goal is to break down barriers for blind educators and performers to lead by example in the mainstream setting. I represent multiple communities, so I will strive to teach my students beauty and diversity. Music is unity, education is power, and I will use both to abolish blindness stereotypes.” — Precious Perez

A CENTURY OF INNOVATION, A CENTURY FOR THE BLIND

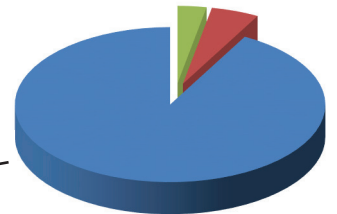
Celebrating Over 100 Years!

Originally named the American Brotherhood for the Blind, the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults was established in 1919.

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. Learn more at actionfund.org/about.

Program Services
92%



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Mail checks to American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults,
attention Outreach, 1800 Johnson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Consider including the American Action Fund in your planned giving. Call 410-659-9315 or email outreach@actionfund.org and ask for Mark Riccobono for more information on options for leaving a legacy that will help generations of blind and deafblind children to come.