



2020 Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health

**Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program,
West Virginia University Eye Institute**

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Director of Outreach

CVRA



**Children's Vision
Rehabilitation Program**

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West Virginia University Eye Institute Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program

CVRP Mission

Provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired school aged children regardless of their ability to pay.

Goals

- Provide children with tools to become independent and employable by optimizing visual function both at home and school.
- Provide access to the visual environment through medical eye care, optical devices, assistive technology, educational recommendations, follow up and support to local school systems.
- Education of professionals
- To address expanded core curriculum skills

History

- Geographical make up of West Virginia
- How it all began
 - Dan Oates & Terry Schwartz, MD
 - Funding
- How CVRP evolved

CVRP Team

- Rebecca Coakley, MA, CLVT; Director
- Paula Lang, MA, CLVT; Low Vision Education Specialist
- Ellen Blaydes, MA, COMS; Outreach Specialist
- Bethanie Mateer, MA, COMS; Outreach Specialist
- Terry Schwartz, MD; Pediatric Ophthalmologist

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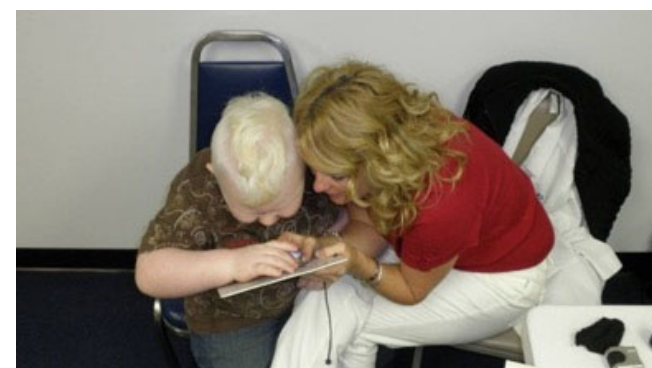


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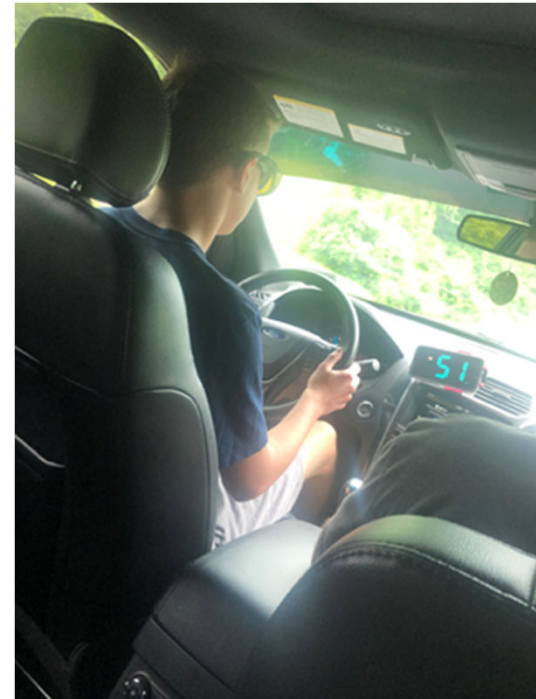
Components

- Comprehensive Low Vision Clinics
- Bioptic Clinic
- Orientation and Mobility Services
- Institutes of Learning
- Lending Library
- Mentor Program
- Model Project
- Humanitarian Project

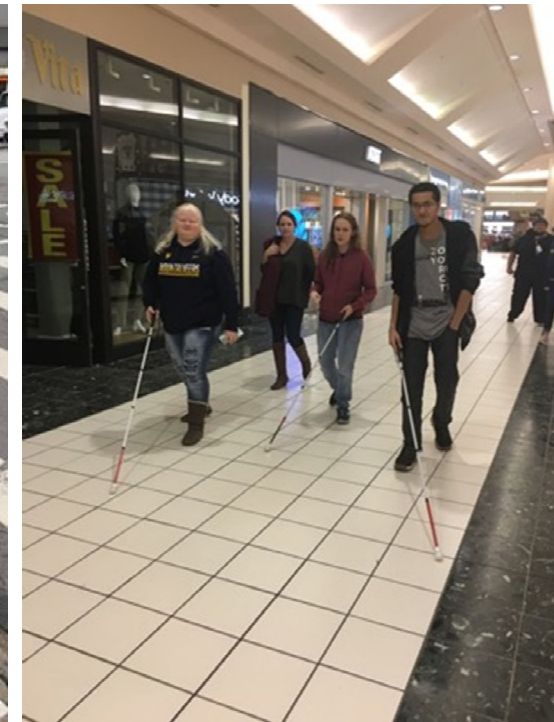
Comprehensive Low Vision Clinics



Bioptic Clinic



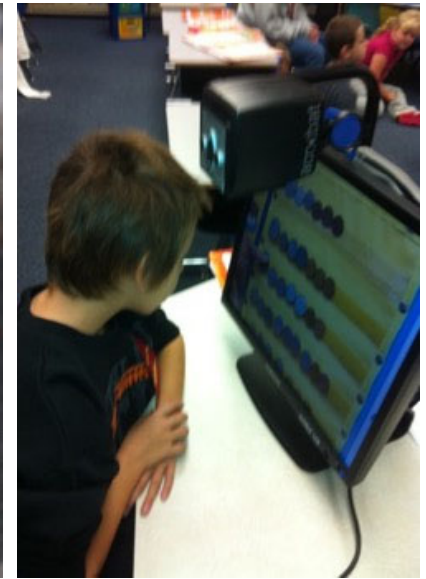
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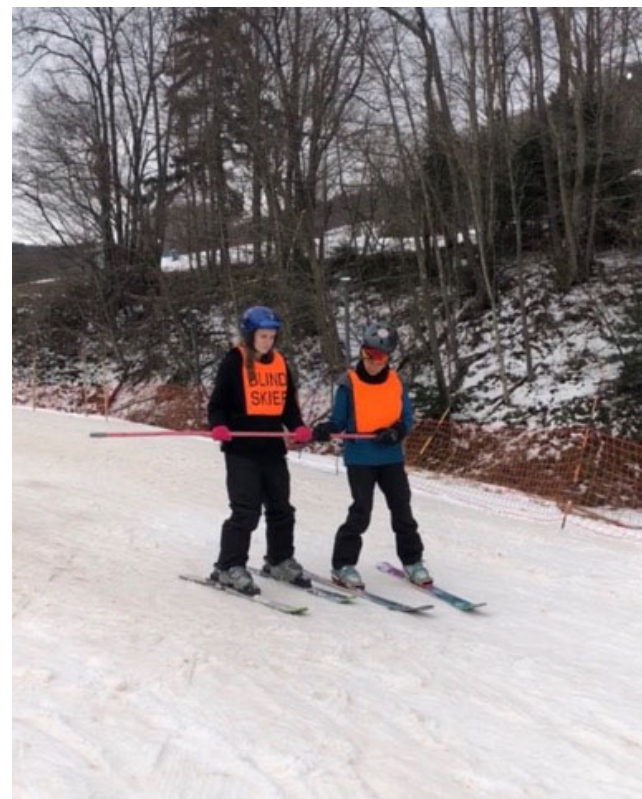
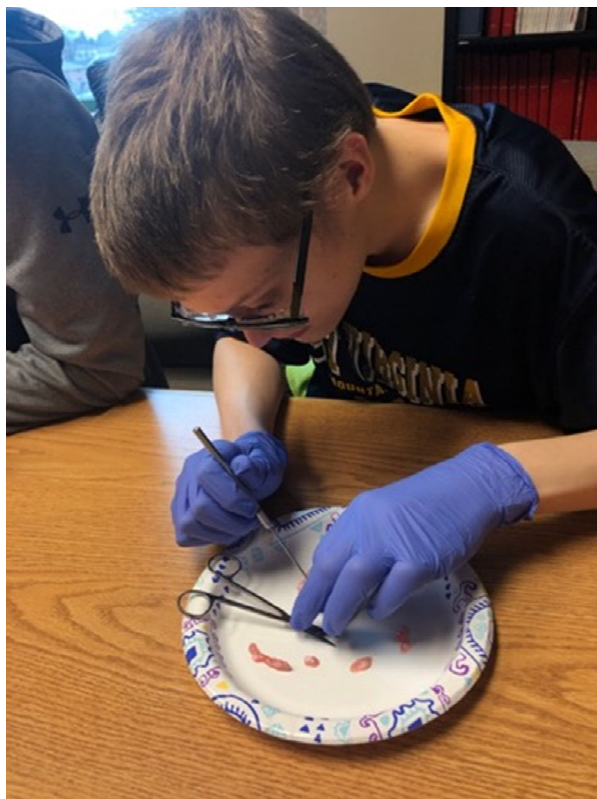
Institutes of Learning



James H. & Alice Teubert Lending Library



Mentor Program



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Model Project

- Canada
- Egypt
- Ohio
- Missouri



Humanitarian Projects

- St. Lucia
- Panama
- Nigeria (consult)



Obstacles

- Early Years
 - Bridging gap between medical and educational fields
 - Access to devices
 - Educator buy in
 - Funding
- Mid Years
 - Success after high school
- Current Years
 - School districts allowing access to technology

Funding Sources

- WV Lions
- Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation
- James H. & Alice Teubert Foundation
- The Ross Foundation
- The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation
- Parkersburg Area Community Foundation
- Mansbach Foundation
- Martha Parlin Trust
- Beckley Area Foundation
- WV State Department of Education
- WV Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Private Funding

Impact of Program

- Employability
- Independence
 - Confidence
 - Assertiveness
- Socialization
- Opportunities
- Expanded Core Curriculum Skills
- Education

See for yourself: CVRP making a difference

Link to Institutes of Learning and Outreach (Panama)

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpHNaByXK2owdZ7Qb-UhZ5g>



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