

BoSMA Visionary

Opportunities Foundation®

**YOUR GIFT
CAN CHANGE
A LIFE**



GIVING GUIDE

YOUR GIFT BRINGS A LIFETIME OF CHANGE

You can provide the training and tools needed to live a full and independent life.



Friends,

Today, nearly 160,000 Hoosiers are blind or visually impaired. As the state's sole nonprofit provider of comprehensive rehabilitation services for people with vision loss, Bosma Enterprises® is uniquely equipped to provide the tools and training required for independent living — and the more help we get from donors like you, the more help we can offer our clients.

With a 63% unemployment rate for Hoosiers who are blind, we are on a mission to create opportunities allowing people with vision loss their own chance at independence. We provide the tools and training needed to live life fully. Become a part of our mission and give hope to many in our community who need it.

Gifts of any size can make a real impact on Hoosiers who are blind. This guide provides a glimpse at how your gifts can make a difference. The tools and training you help provide bring a lifetime of independence. People are able to live in their homes and work in the community because of your gift.

We promise to honor your generosity and use your donation in the most effective way possible. Each item is representative of a need, and donations will be used to provide assistance where it is needed most.

Sincerely,

Jay Geshay
Interim Executive Director
Bosma Visionary Opportunities Foundation

To make your one-time or recurring gift, visit bosma.org/donate or make your check payable to Bosma Visionary Opportunities Foundation, 6270 Corporate Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46278



Sponsor career counseling for a person who is blind or visually impaired

\$5,000.00 or \$417/month

Our local employment services team can help discover career interests, find viable job opportunities and provide interview and resume training for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Video magnifier that allows a person to read and see printed materials

\$3,500.00 or \$292/month

This reading aid with a camera and video screen provides magnification or contrast, maximizing the remaining sight of those who are blind or visually impaired so it's possible to read and view photos again.

Sponsor a student for a STEP summer session **\$3,400.00 or \$284/month**

The Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) offers students who are blind or visually impaired the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of finding and keeping a job.

This four-week program provides a well balanced schedule of classroom learning, job placement to gain real-world work experience and fun recreational activities.

JAWS screen-reading software **\$1,500.00 or \$125/month**

JAWS software is designed to allow a person who is blind or visually impaired to read the text on a computer screen either with a text-to-speech output or by a refreshable Braille display.

Sponsor a one-week training program for a person who is blind or visually impaired **\$1,000.00 or \$84/month**

VisionRehab 101 is a weeklong, intensive training program for people living with a visual impairment who may not qualify for traditional services. During the program, attendees learn about assistive technology and basic living skills, allowing them to remain safely in their homes.

iPad **\$700.00 or \$58/month**

iPad's accessibility features make it easy for people who are blind to use the device right out of the box. It not only allows its user to magnify and change the color of the screen, but also features VoiceOver, which can describe what's happening on the screen and let them navigate using gestures or a Braille display.

ZoomText software to enlarge text on a computer screen **\$600.00 or \$50/month**

Provide ZoomText software to give a person who is blind or visually impaired the ability to read and see images on their computer screen. The program enlarges and enhances everything on the computer screen, making it easier to see and use.

Laptop computer **\$500.00 or \$42/month**

Provide a person who is blind or visually impaired an accessible computer to communicate with friends or family, complete school work or find gainful employment.

Sponsor a session of group counseling for people learning to live with vision loss **\$300 or \$25/month**

Vision loss brings both physical and emotional challenges and can make life's pressures overwhelming. Provide someone the counseling that will support them emotionally to continue with a full and successful life.

Sponsor one year of Pre-Employment Transition Services **\$300 or \$25/month**

Pre-ETS offers students who are blind or visually impaired job exploration counseling, instruction in self-advocacy, job shadows and internships in the community.



Digital recorder allows a person to record notes or reminders **\$100.00**

Digital recorders make it easy to organize your affairs. With the touch of a button, you can record your thoughts and notes and keep track of all the important dates in your busy life.

Pen Friend **\$100.00**

The labeling system allows a person to label items and have them read back when they are scanned using a digital device..



Lighted handheld magnifier **\$100.00**

A magnifier can give a person who is blind or visually impaired the ability to read and see small objects in closer detail. A bright LED helps reduce eye strain in low light situations.

Braille watch **\$100.00**

A watch that is both elegant and professional, this device removes the difficulty of telling the time on a traditional analog watch. By touching the dial and noticing the embossments, you can tell the time.



Braille book **\$50.00**

Give the gift that will keep the mind and imagination of someone who is blind or visually impaired active with large print books, with everything from the Bible to dictionaries, crossword puzzles to notebooks.

Audible watch **\$50.00**

Beautifully designed with a classic look, an audible watch removes the difficulty of telling the time on a traditional analog or digital watch. Just press a button to hear the time.

White cane **\$50.00**

A white cane allows a person who is blind or visually impaired to move safely and confidently throughout their environment by detecting obstacles and elevation changes. The white cane also alerts others to the fact that the user is blind or visually impaired.

Amazon Echo Dot **\$50.00**

Anyone can benefit from Echo, but the device is particularly useful for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Providing them an Echo Dot will give access to information and entertainment, use of timers and alarms and control over household devices.

Talking clock **\$40.00**

Allow one to tell time at home without having to wear a watch. A talking clock can speak the current time and also display the time for sighted friends and family.



Handheld magnifier **\$30.00**

A magnifier makes it easier for someone with low vision to read text.

NoIR glasses **\$25.00**

These low vision glasses filter light to help people minimize eye discomfort and maximize visual resolution. Different filter shades provide varying functions, combining relief from glare, contrast enhancement and general relief of eye strain.



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