**Independence for the Blind**

**United Way Funded Program:**
VIP Children’s Program

**Funding Amount:** $12,000
1-year grant

**Description of Program Services:** Teach the visually impaired and blind children the daily living, socialization, mobility, and computer skills needed for them to reach their maximum level of independence.

**Impact Area:** Health

**Significant Statistics:** Blind and visually impaired students need to learn how to do some things in different ways than the average student in order to compete successfully in school and in life. With the correct technology, training and learning different ways to do things, they can do anything another student can do. Training in life and assistive technology skills will help the children develop in the areas they need in order to be successful at school and to develop knowledge and skills they need to be able to work, become financially stable and a contributing member of society. The training will help the students to demonstrate the behaviors necessary to succeed in life.

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