We are proud of all that MAB Community Services has accomplished this year in helping individuals with disabilities lead full and satisfying lives.

We’ve made progress training individuals to use emerging technology to help compensate for vision loss. Our collaboration with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging, and Elder Affairs is growing. MAB Community Services’ board member Elaine Ellenbogen’s generous gift, establishing the Ellenbogen Assistive Technology Center in Natick, brings the total number of Massachusetts Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired (MABVI) assistive technology centers to four and counting. Being able to use technology is essential to be a full participant in society in this day and age. You need to be proficient in using technology to e-mail your grandchildren, buy something on Amazon, or schedule a ride on Uber.

Changes have also taken place at the Ivy Street School that continue to strengthen the effectiveness of our programming and improve our outcomes. The focus of the school is on giving students the skills and experiences they need to lead successful lives as adults, so we are particularly pleased to see that 70% of our graduates can navigate their communities independently, 75% are connected to social networks, and 60% are aware of volunteer and job opportunities in their communities. Over 97% of Ivy Street students report having at least one friend.

At MAB Adult Disability Services, we’re hard at work in building a mission driven workforce committed to supporting persons with disabilities to have the lives they want for themselves. We’re investing in staff development to strengthen program management and to help staff move up the career ladder. We’re creating a work environment that will encourage staff to stay with MAB long-term despite the opportunities open to them in a strong economy. We couldn’t achieve all we have without our exceptional staff and the many dedicated volunteers and supporters who help each of the individuals we serve pursue their idea of happiness.

Barbara Salisbury
Chief Executive Officer

Michael O’Friel
President, Board of Directors
**JULY**

Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation funds a new music therapy program at MABWorks, our community-based day program.

**AUGUST**

Incoming freshmen from Boston University volunteer at Ivy Street School and MABWorks.

**SEPTEMBER**

MABHab Director Teo Evans awarded the Craig Pfannenstiehl recruitment and retention scholarship in partnership with Cambridge College.

**JANUARY**

MABHab honors the life of Martin Luther King Jr. in song.

**FEBRUARY**

MABVI Director Sassy Outwater-Wright takes part in the launch of nationwide initiative to increase employment options for those in the blind and visually impaired community.

**MARCH**

MAB Community Services, Steve Jordan is awarded the Paul McDade “FOCUS” award for the community-based MAB on the Move program.
**OCTOBER**
At the annual meeting, Team With A Vision athlete Erich Manser is reunited with the AIRA certified agent who remotely guided him in the Boston Marathon. This showcased the power of technology to remove barriers.

**NOVEMBER**
Ivy Street Hawks play at Gillette Stadium in the Special Olympics football Championship.

**DECEMBER**
Volunteers from East Boston Savings Bank work with the MABVI Low Vision Support Group in Peabody in sending holiday cards.

**APRIL**
Team With A Vision celebrates the 25th anniversary of running the Boston Marathon.

**MAY**
The Improper Bostonian’s Jonathan Soroff takes part in a parody of “The Voice” during the annual production of the Ivy Street School’s Extravaganza!

**JUNE**
New funding partner Marshall Home Fund presented a check to MABVI to support access to assistive technology services for residents of Watertown.
218 individuals served.

100% of MABVoc clients who are interested in employment are connected with a paying job or volunteer opportunity.

1 therapy dog named Lexi who supports and comforts individuals in MABHab day program.

362 pictures taken by MABWorks participants with volunteer students from St. Sebastian High School.

187 tickets purchased for clients to attend community events of their choosing as part of their person-centered plans including The Four Tops and The Temptations in concert.

32 young people enrolled in MAB-Works’ Young Adult Program—a person-centered team helps our young adults develop the skills they need to fully engage in their community. Our goal is to help them take the driver’s seat as they build their life.

Providing support to individuals with disabilities so they can live full and satisfying lives in the community, one house, job, or new skill at a time.
Anath passed away this year surrounded by the people she loved most, her family of origin and her family at MAB Community Services.

Anath was born in Israel in March of 1954. Her parents sacrificed to bring her to the Boston area and in 1960 her younger sister Talya was born. Her parents lovingly cared for Anath and gave her a sense of humor, curiosity, and compassion. Talya was raised the same.

“The I am so proud of what Anath accomplished in her life — no merit badges, no world records, no straight A’s — but she touched people deeply and changed them. Anath embraced life in a kind and gentle way, and in her own style.”

—Talya Nevo-Hacohen, Anath’s Sister

Anath’s life was bigger than the MAB Community Services group home she lived in. She was a part of the community. She voted at Holy Name Parish, she loved shopping, getting mail, and going to dances at the Dimock Health Center with her group home friend Charlie. Anath loved all sports.

Her sister Talya’s transformational gift to launch MAB’s Person Center Planning initiative allowed other residents to have similar opportunities.

Talya thinks big too.
Skills for Life Occupational Therapists traveled over 12,000 miles to provide services in the community.

18,614 fans in attendance at TD Garden as the Ivy Street Hawks played basketball at halftime.

$30,000 from the Barbara Epstein Foundation to make sure each Ivy Street School student is ready for an independent life.

58 students served.

10 mountains climbed by the Ten Peaks Club.

236 Nice Notes produced and distributed by this student run business.

One pilot program with Ron Suskind’s Sidekicks app.
Community Partnership in Action

What started off as a job shadow experience has turned into post-graduation employment for one hardworking student at the Ivy Street School. The journey to competitive employment for Becca was supported by Ivy Street Staff and the management at Polka Dog Bakery. Becca learned how to navigate public transportation to get to work, how to function successfully in a customer facing role, and she learned how to budget time and finances successfully. She also learned the secret ingredients of a tasty Polka Dog biscuit.

“She is one of the best hires we’ve ever made!”

— Leah Murphy,
Manager of Polka Dog Bakery

Thanks to the dedication of the Ivy Street School vocational department, the support of the Brookline Business community, and one student’s grit, a successful transition to adulthood is achieved one student at a time.

Total Expenses
Payroll .................. 70%
Housing/Rent .......... 15%
Direct Program Support .... 7%
Telecommunications, Training, Printing, Misc. .... 8%
Total: $5,879,912*
*excluding Administration and Fundraising

2018 Revenue
Tuition .................. 99%
Fundraising ............... 1%
Total: $6,910,132
Nearly $1 million in grant funding by the Memorial Foundation for the Blind during their 30-year partnership.

1,521 individuals with vision loss served statewide.

619 consumers received 2,076 hours of occupational health vision rehabilitation training services.

1,087 training sessions of seniors at our Assistive Technology Centers.

424 volunteer interactions providing over 10,000 hours of service in the 1:1 family and assistive tech volunteer programs.

Supports individuals so they successfully adapt to living with vision loss. Through vision rehabilitation, an expanding volunteer program, statewide peer support groups, and assistive technology centers, MABVI creates innovative programs.
Marion is the first to “graduate” from her specialized courses at MABVI’s Assistive Technology Center in Worcester and is using what she has learned to give back. Marion volunteers with a local immigrant organization and has found technology to be a great way to communicate.

“I teach immigrants and I wanted to express a word or a phrase to them. So, I found a language translation app and downloaded it from the settings. It has been amazing. I am sitting with a student, and I type in the word “beautiful” which is announced to them in their language. You should see their smiles. It is wonderful to be with them when they catch on to their new language.”

Thanks to seed funding from Worcester’s Memorial Foundation for the Blind, Massachusetts Associations Commission for the Blind, Massachusetts Council on Aging, and the Highland Street Foundation technology is a click away for many seniors in the area.

“My goals are high. This program has done a wonderful thing for me. It has kept my mind busy and going strong. The instructors have been patient with me. I learned so much faster than I thought.”

— Marion is the first graduate to complete a training course at the Assistive Technology Center in Worcester. She carries her iPad with her all the time and uses it to help others.
Changing Perceptions One Mile At A Time

For 25 years, Team With A Vision (T WAV) has been supporting amateur athletes who are blind or visually impaired, sighted guides, and charity runners to run the Boston Marathon. With the support of the community and volunteers T WAV creates unique opportunities while raising critical funds for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Our team members broke records, achieved celebrity status, and set new standards in the blind and visually impaired division. Mike Castle from Detroit, now living in France, ran Boston 10 times and won the division an impressive 5 times. Jennifer Herring from Metuchen, New Jersey has the longest running streak in the visually impaired division of the Boston Marathon, having run the race 15 times and placing in the top three, 14 of those outings. Newton’s own Barbara Lischinsky has run with the team for a decade and was recognized in 2006 by Saucony as a “Saucony 26”. Our mission has spoken to so many, particularly individuals who have established themselves within their industry and gained the opportunity to guide one of our athletes; Ultramarathoner Scott Jurek, “Wait, Wait... Don’t Tell Me’s” Peter Sagal, blogger Heather Armstrong, distance runner Michael Wardian, and the world record holder of 7 marathons in 7 days on 7 continents Belmont’s pride, Becca Pizzi.

Ironman athlete, Richard Hunter funded the development and created a partnership with MABVI to build United In Stride, a database that connects sighted running guides with individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Ellen Goldberg longest charity runner who has raised nearly $75,000 over nine years.
Cottage Farm neighbors, **Frannie and Ben Moyer** have hosted the most runners and guides in their home.

**TWAV** member **Joe Quintanilla** starting as the youngest team member goes on to become a Marathon Paralympian in 1996, and an employee of MABVI, The Carroll Center for the Blind, and the National Braille Press.

**TWAV** co-founder **Pam Fernandes** goes on to become double gold medalist and world record holder in Paracycling.

1107 runners raised **$2.6 million** to support MABVI services.

Fastest course record set in the Blind and Visually Impaired division set by TWAV runner Henry Wanyoike in 2004 with a time of **2:33:20**.
Polka Dog Bakery for providing a meaningful employment opportunity for an Ivy Street School student.

Special Olympics of Massachusetts for providing Ivy Street School students opportunities to participate in sports, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and develop friendships.

John Hancock for being a supporter of Team With A Vision and for their continued support of The Boston Marathon and nonprofits through the John Hancock Marathon Non-Profit Program.

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for their dedicated commitment to MABVI’s Share Your Sight volunteer program.

Highland Street Foundation for the transformative gift towards assistive technology and their early support of MABVI’s Solutions in Sight Summit.

Talish Aghababayan for volunteering and supporting a local family of four in which both the parents and two children experience vision loss.

Suzy Tobin for providing boutonnières and corsages for every Ivy Street School student.

Aira for partnering with MABVI by providing augmented reality technology for creating options for those who are blind or visually impaired.

Elaine Ellenbogen for her leadership and generosity of self and spirit. By embracing technology, she is empowering many others.
Financials: Year End June 30, 2018

Total Expenses by Program
- Adult Disability Services: 59%
- Ivy Street School: 24%
- Mass Association for the Blind: 7%
- Administration and Marketing: 8%
- Fundraising: 2%

Total: $24,237,035

Total Revenue by Program
- Adult Disability Services: 63%
- Ivy Street School: 29%
- Mass Association for the Blind: 7%
- Unrestricted: 1%

Total: $24,173,656

Total Expenses by Cost Center
- Payroll: 71%
- Housing/Rent: 16%
- Direct Program Support: 4%
- Telecommunications, Training, Printing, Misc: 9%

Total: $24,237,035

Total Revenue by Source
- Government/Reimbursement: 67%
- Tuition: 28%
- Fundraising: 5%

Total: $24,173,656
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Bequests are used to support special initiatives and bequests make it possible for MAB to invest in new programs, create innovative solutions to emerging problems, and sustain current services. For over 100 years, MAB has helped individuals with disabilities live full and satisfying lives. Thank you for supporting our mission and our future.

Following is a list of donors who have left bequests or created endowed funds to support MAB programs in perpetuity. These donors are specially recognized for their visionary decision to leave a philanthropic legacy that will benefit their neighbors and communities for decades and centuries to come.

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