

VISION BERMUDA *formerly THE BERMUDA SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND*
PROGRAMME OUTPUTS & IMPACT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025

840 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS SERVED by VISION BERMUDA 2016-2025 (Vision Rehab & Critical Needs)

JAN-DEC 2025: 299 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS SERVED for VISION REHAB & CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAMMES

VISION REHABILITATION PROGRAMME – emotional support and personalised training to help individuals maximize remaining vision, adapt to vision loss, maintain independence and quality of life, and foster hope for the future.

Active Client Caseload 67+36 additional long-term clients Wait List: 11 individuals

334 ONE-ON-ONE VISION REHABILITATION SESSIONS DELIVERED TO 95 CLIENTS

- **42 VISION ASSESSMENT SESSIONS**
- **49 MOBILITY / WHITE CANE SKILLS SESSIONS.** Clients are trained to safely and independently navigate their homes, neighbourhood, travel on buses, move around Hamilton, access work at the office, attend social & leisure activities and to have the ability to carry out everyday tasks.
- **33 ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT SESSIONS.** Clients are informed of and trained to utilise technology and assistive equipment to effectively aid everyday tasks, including communications, use of smartphones, iPads, computers, Alexa/Siri, desktop magnifiers, portable digital magnifiers, speech software, voice recorders, to name a few.
- **52 INDEPENDENT LIVING SESSIONS.** Clients are trained and supported in everyday activities – assistance in identifying items, food preparation and kitchen safety, removing hazards, paying bills, ways to keep notes, phone numbers and shopping lists, grooming and personal hygiene, cleaning and maintaining a home, using home appliances, shopping and managing money and home finances.
- **116 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SESSIONS.** Clients are supported as they come to terms with their sight loss and begin to learn to adapt their lives.
- **42 LOW VISION AID SESSIONS.** Clients are supported with magnifiers, task lighting and advice to manage deteriorating sight.

59 PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS DELIVERED TO 82 CLIENTS

- Client and the public are given advice and support for good vision care, to include the use of glare shields, importance of regular medical checks and medications, controlled management of diabetes.

218 classes & support groups held with **1,248** attendances

182 group social activities held with **859** attendances

402 welfare calls to individuals with vision impairments

OUTREACH – PROMOTING GOOD VISION CARE

25 presentations / open days / community fairs / trainings

Approximately **115** attendees + Ocean 89 audiences

CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAMME – Addressing those with financial need access essential services to manage and prevent lost vision. Includes specialist referrals to optometrists and ophthalmologists for consultations, screenings, eye procedures and surgeries, the supply of critical eye medications and adaptive equipment.

187 INDIVIDUALS FINANCIALLY ASSISTED BY VISION BERMUDA’S CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAMME

497 consultations, examinations, screenings and procedures were delivered to **175** patients helping to prevent avoidable blindness, or slow / halt the progression of sight loss.

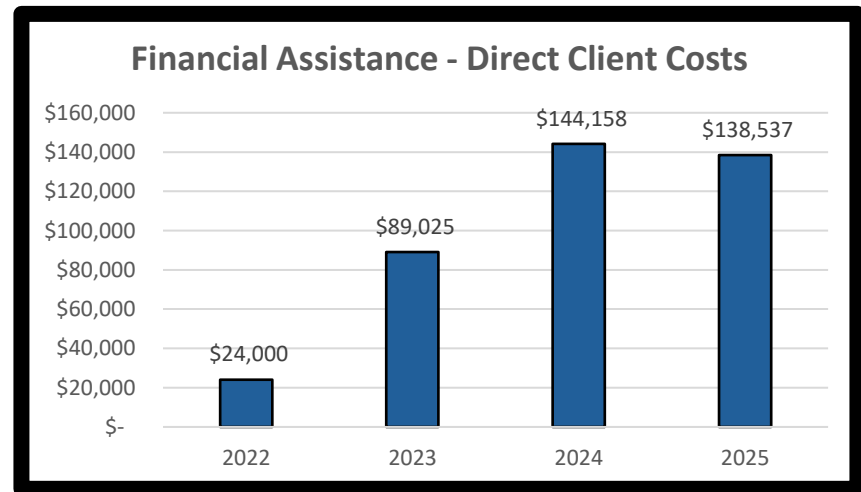
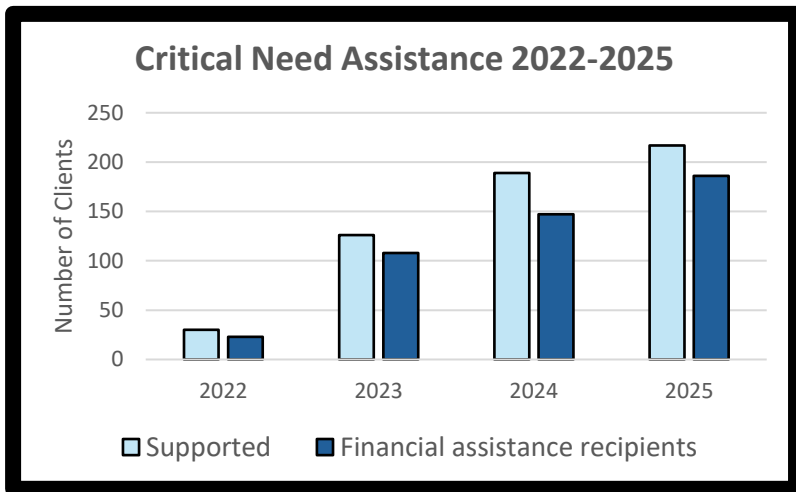
52 cataract surgeries were performed on **43** patients resulting in restored sight

137 medication prescriptions were filled for **34** patients to assist managing eye disease

14 patients received assistance to help pay health insurance premiums and undergo necessary costly medical procedures

30 assistive equipment items were provided to **28** vision impaired clients to aid independence

13 visually impaired patients were assisted in other ways



IMPACT: Vision Rehabilitation Services & Critical Needs Services
KEY:
(0) Strongly Disagree (1) Disagree (2) Neither (3) Agree (4) Strongly Agree

Clients feel more confident in their own abilities: (0) 0% (1) 0% (2) 0% (3) 50% (4) 50%
 Clients feel more in control of their daily life: (0) 0% (1) 0% (2) 0% (3) 50% (4) 50%
 Clients feel better able to cope with stress: (0) 0% (1) 0% (2) 0% (3) 50% (4) 50%
 Clients feel more able to manage everyday tasks on their own: (0) 0% (1) 0% (2) 0% (3) 0% (4) 100%
 Clients feel more positive about themselves and their wellbeing: (0) 0% (1) 0% (2) 0% (3) 50% (4) 50%
 Clients feel less lonely and more connected to others: (0) 0% (1) 0% (2) 0% (3) 25% (4) 75%