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“Show Me the Money!” Summer Internship

“[I] learned to communicate and work as a team.”

“This past week I learned different computer techniques such as key stroke shortcuts to help me efficiently fulfill work tasks.”

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Tyriq, Robby, Deanna, and Anthony get their first internship paychecks

Cont'd. Teens Summer Program

"I made coffee, packaged newsletters, checked the mail, [practiced] active listening skills."

These are a few of the skills the young men and women in the VITAL Transition summer program learned in part one of their internship at New Vision for Independence.

This year's program focuses on developing those in-office skills a new worker should have. These new workers are earning a paycheck they get to take home AND wages that are direct-deposited into their "New Vision bank account" for intensive budgeting instruction and for saving for their end-of-summer trip in August to simulate apartment-living. Our interns return the end of July for part two.

"Going Blind" Movie Screening on Aug. 4

New Vision will host a screening of the feature film, *Going Blind*. This free screening is open to the public.

What: Screening of the movie *Going Blind*, run time 1 hour 21 minutes

When: August 4 at 10 a.m.
Doors open at 9:30.

Where: Magnolia Room,
Lake-Sumter State College,
9501 US Hwy 441,
Leesburg

A trailer of the movie is available at goingblindmovie.com. "Going Blind" is a unique documentary film that increases public awareness of sight loss issues affecting the lives of more and more people and those who love them.



Book Nook

Introducing this new column from avid reader Colleen Kollmann, New Vision Board Chair and client.

For Your Eyes Only, by Rebecca York (1997) is a novel whose heroine, Jenny Larson is a young woman, blinded at age 17 in an auto accident, who meets daily and unusual challenges with a positive and understanding attitude. She works for a data entry firm and moonlights working for a company developing computer systems for visually impaired persons.

After the murder of her best friend, she hooks up with police detective, Ben Driscoll, who is a former high school admirer, and they have a crime solving adventure as well as falling in love. As part of the action she drives a car and climbs a cliff while avoiding a killer.

The book is not a literary gem, but I liked the way interactions between blind persons and the public are described. Today's technology is so much more advanced with numerous tools and applications.

In-office volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed in the Leesburg office to help with data entry, phone calls, and other projects. A weekly commitment of 3-6 hours is desired.

Contact Terry at 435-5040 or info@newvisionfl.org. Perspective volunteers should complete a volunteer application from our website, newvisionfl.org. Volunteers may be required to complete a level 2 background check to assist with some projects.

August is Children's Vision & Learning Month

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blog.coopervision.com*

The goal of this national observance is to help educate parents and educators about the critical link between vision and learning.

Vision problems are the 4th most prevalent class of disability in the United States and one of the most prevalent conditions in childhood.

According to All About Vision, experts say that roughly 80 percent of what a child learns in school is information that is presented visually.

Many kids who are struggling in school may have vision problems that are not detected during a typical school vision screening.

Happy Birthday!

This month New Vision turns 9

On July 18, 2005, New Vision for Independence incorporated as the vision rehabilitation agency of Lake and Sumter Counties. The agency began as a volunteer-run agency that served 16 people its first year.

Now, 9 years later, New Vision serves nearly 200 individuals every year, employs 11, has diverse and dedicated volunteer leaders, high-skilled staff, and tremendous community support.

We started the agency serving seniors and quickly expanded to training individuals seeking employment. Then we launched the Blind Babies program for babies and toddlers. Most recently we began a program for high school students.

We strive to empower graduates to live with independence, acceptance, and self-confidence.

UPCOMING EVENTS



New Vision and Mid Florida Eye Center announce the inaugural Eye Bowl fundraiser and outreach event on August 12, 2014, 6 to 9 p.m. at Break Point Bowling Alley in Tavares.

This event is open to doctors' offices only

to help raise awareness about New Vision's local services offered at no charge to those with low vision or blindness.

Patients are encouraged to ask their doctors to participate in this unique event.

Visit newvisionfl.org for more information.

Call-In Support Group

Join our monthly low vision/blindness phone support group from home — all you need is a phone.

When: second Monday of the month, 10-11 a.m.

Call in information:
1-866-740-1260,
access code:
4355040
(New Vision's phone number)

Contact Jayne Maravola for more information about this and other low vision support groups.

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