

## Who We Are

The **American Council of the Blind of New York, Inc.** is a non-profit organization seeking to promote the independence and dignity of persons with visual impairments. A state affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, The American Council of the Blind of New York is the fastest growing consumer organization of the blind and visually impaired in New York State.



## Did You Know...

- ✓ that more than 8,000,000 Americans are visually impaired?
- ✓ that over 90,000 of these Americans live in New York State?

## Celebrating Over 35 Years In Existence

**ACBNY** was a driving force behind the passage and implementation of such landmark legislation as the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It was also instrumental in the passage of legislation giving equal access to persons using guide dogs, as well as legislation preventing discrimination against persons with visual impairment in the jury selection process. ACBNY worked closely with the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped for the passage of the New York State Braille Bill, insuring Braille literacy for all blind children.

ACBNY provides general information on assistive technology, activities of daily living and more for both its members and the general public.



## What We Do

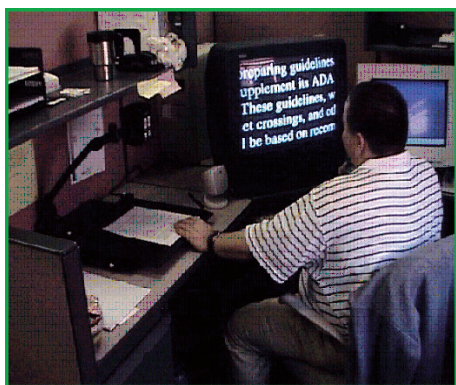
- ✓ **ACBNY** encourages greater independence and support for all blind and visually impaired persons, including children and senior citizens.
- ✓ **ACBNY** works with the New York State Regional Talking Book and Braille Libraries, which provide audio and Braille books for thousands of eligible New Yorkers.
- ✓ **ACBNY** supports the development of audio description of television and live theater productions.
- ✓ **ACBNY** conducts an annual legislative conference which promotes legislation pertinent to blind and visually impaired persons.
- ✓ **ACBNY** publishes an accessible newsletter about relevant issues, interests and resources for blind and visually impaired persons.
- ✓ **ACBNY** promotes voter education and access.
- ✓ **ACBNY** encourages greater accountability of agencies, serving the blind and visually impaired.

**ACBNY...**

- ✓ Advocates for rights and effective participation for blind and visually impaired persons in all walks of life
- ✓ Furnishes information and referrals via our toll-free number: 800-522-3303
- ✓ Provides a forum for members and other interested persons to share ideas and experiences.
- ✓ Promotes accessible participation in cultural, social, and community activities.
- ✓ Conducts workshops about new developments in the fields of blindness, employment, technology, education and legislation.
- ✓ Works closely with other disability organizations and provides representation to community groups.

**Our Goals**

- To encourage persons who are blind or visually impaired to become actively involved in determining their own futures
- To assist newly blinded individuals in their adjustment and development of new skills.



**You Can Help...**

Tell others about ACBNY, especially individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

To support ACBNY, send your tax-deductible contribution to:

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