



Annual Impact Report

July 1, 2018 -
June 30, 2019



Visually Impaired
Preschool Services



Building Strong Futures for 35 Years

Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) has been providing regular and ongoing early intervention services to children, birth to age 5, who are blind or visually impaired since VIPS began in Louisville in 1985. Today, VIPS has grown to include offices in Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 2009, VIPS opened its very first preschool program, Kids Town Preschool in Louisville. The first class at Kids Town Preschool had only 6 students. Today, Kids Town Preschool provides quality preschool education to over 50 students weekly. Since the opening of our first preschool, VIPS has added additional programming in other cities. The Central Kentucky office in Lexington hosts a Little Learners program, and the Indiana office recently broke ground on a brand new Family Resource Center.

10 years ago, VIPS served 270 children throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana. In 2019, VIPS is proud to report that number has grown to over 700 children throughout the entirety of both states.

VIPS was the first program of its kind and continues to be a leader in the field of vision for early childhood education. Your support of the VIPS mission will ensure a strong future for young children with blindness and low vision for another 35 years!

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Data on Services Provided:

705

Number of blind or visually impaired children served

239

Number of new child referrals

23

Number of Family Service events provided

1,685

Number of volunteer hours

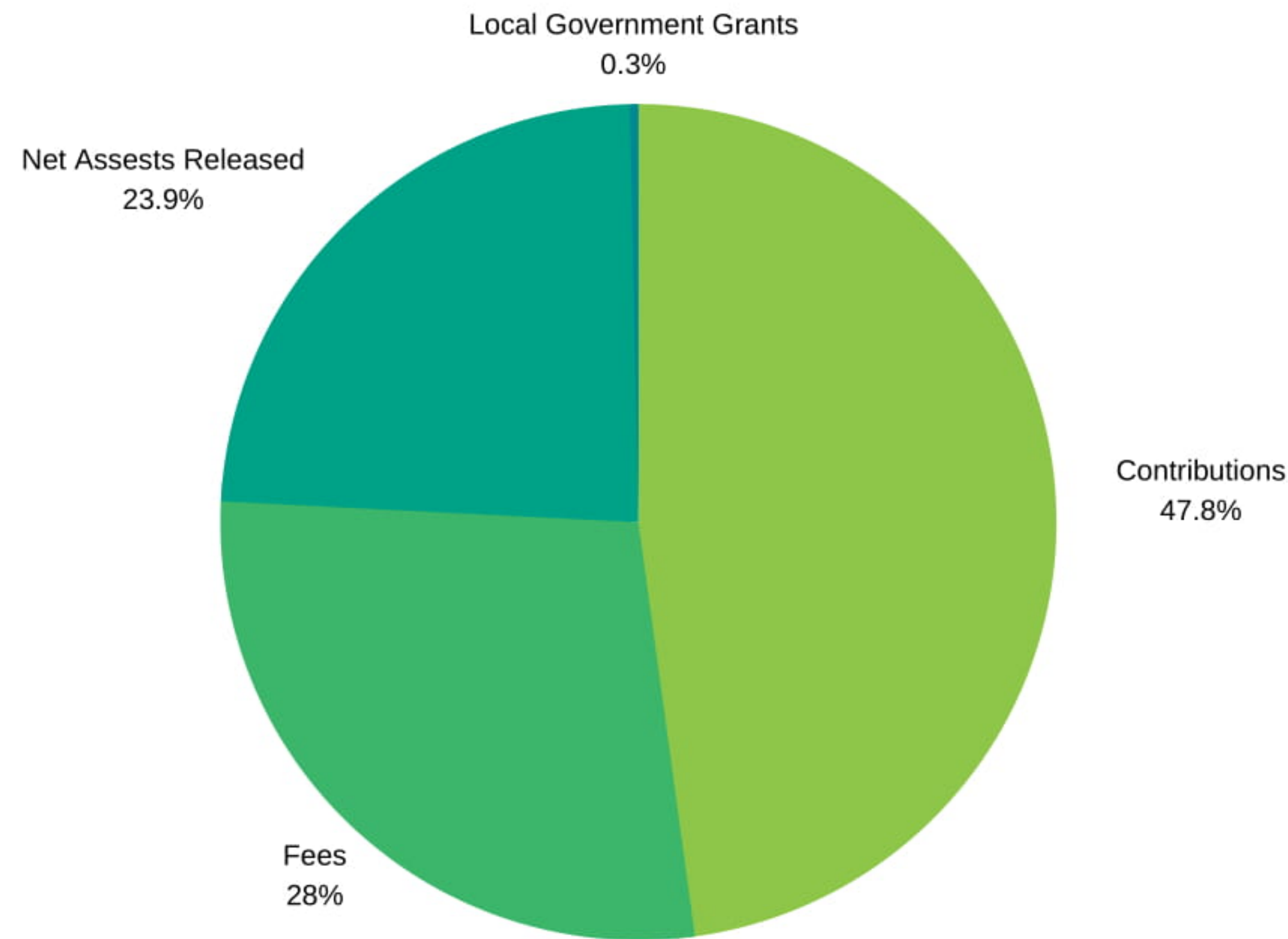
263,419

Miles Traveled by VIPS staff throughout Kentucky and Indiana to help educate blind or visually impaired children and their families

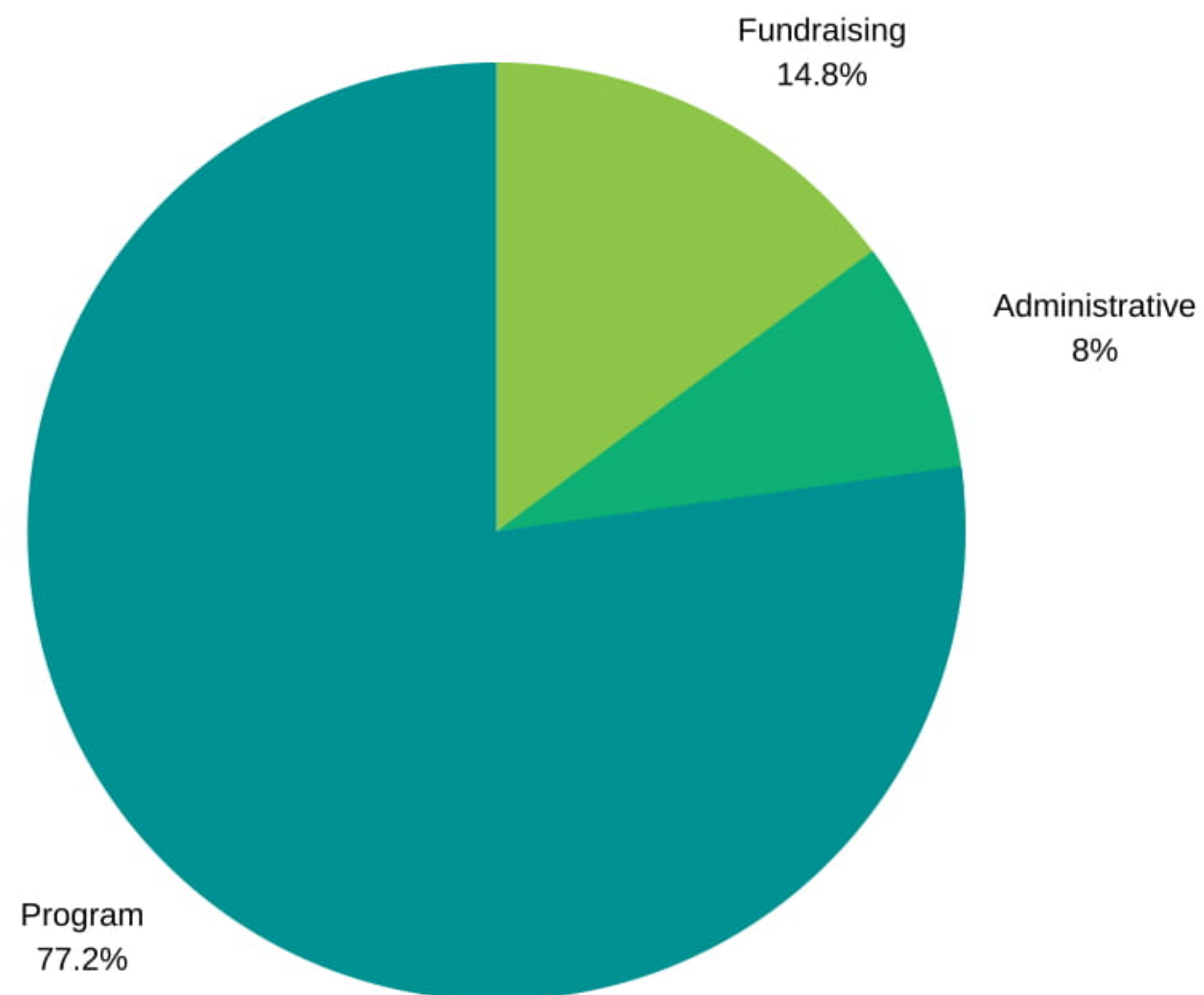
VIPS' Mission:

Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) empowers families by providing educational excellence to young children with visual impairments in order to build a strong foundation for reaching their highest potential.

Financial Data:



Contributions	\$1,156,990
Fees	\$676,070
Net Assets Released	\$577,339
Local Government Grants	\$8,000
Total Revenue	\$2,419,872



Program	\$1,906,653
Fundraising	\$365,512
Administrative	\$197,044
Total Expenses	\$2,469,209
Ending Net Assets:	\$2,414,906

Ending net assets as reported above include \$1,969,735 in unrestricted net assets, \$311,467 in temporarily restricted net assets, and \$133,704 in permanently restricted net assets.

VIPS' Mission in Action:



"Monroe, lovingly known by family and friends as 'Roe Roe', was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis type 1 when he was 16 months old. Soon after, he received his first MRI and the results indicated he had an optic glioma on his right optic nerve. It was not the news we were prepared to hear but we buckled down and asked, 'What Now?' At the time we didn't know that his vision was impacted, and just stayed on the course for frequent MRI's and eye appointments. After receiving services through First Steps we were referred to VIPS because Roe seemed to have difficulty traveling in new areas and on stairs, and we had concerns about his depth perception. Until VIPS entered our lives we didn't realize that Roe was struggling visually and just how much it was impacting several facets of his daily life. We found out that he has peripheral vision loss and received support and advocacy to get glasses for his near-sightedness. We receive in-home services through VIPS that have helped him grow, be more aware of his surroundings, how to navigate new spaces more effectively, and help us as parents to better understand just how his loss of vision affects his daily life. We are so indebted to our VIPS TVI and all the support from VIPS for what they continue to do for our family!"

- Michal, Mother of Monroe (pictured above)

