



CLOVERNOOK CENTER  
FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

# the perspective

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## our mission

our mission is to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to be self-sufficient and full participants in their communities.

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Ila and her husband stand behind the students from Shri V. D. Parekh Andh Mahila Vikas Grah, as they hold a homemade sign that reads "We thank you."

For years, Ila Mehta has been a dedicated volunteer at Clovernook Center's Multistate Center East. But years ago, as a child, she used to volunteer alongside her mother at Shri V. D. Parekh Andh Mahila Vikas Grah, a school for individuals who are blind in Rajkot, India. She often shares stories about her experiences volunteering at the school, and has credited those experiences with inspiring her passion for serving the blind and visually impaired community.

During a visit to the school last year, teachers spoke about how challenging it was to teach children about animals, because they lacked necessary instructional materials. Ila came back to Cincinnati, and started wondering what could be done to change this. The idea of creating a tactile book was born. Clovernook Center would produce it, and Ila would take it back to share with the children at the school!

With the help of Saul Garza, Clovernook's Braille Textbook and Tactile Graphic Specialist, a book was created. It was filled with various tactile animal graphics and braille descriptions. Earlier this year Ila was able to take that book, ten copies in fact, and gift them to this rural school for the blind! We are thrilled to be able to use our talents at Clovernook to impact blind and visually impaired communities all around the world! Additional pictures found on page 7.



# The Cincinnati Eye Institute FOUNDATION

Clovernook is thrilled to announce our new partnership, with Cincinnati Eye Institute Foundation. In early summer 2016, we will be opening the Cincinnati Eye Institute Foundation Vision Clinic at Clovernook Center. The vision center will be located in Clovernook's Procter Center. The clinic will provide free services for community members who do not have vision coverage. In partnership with OneSight, the clinic will also offer vouchers to under-resourced individuals to fill necessary prescriptions. The clinic will be open one day a month. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Kerstine back as our volunteer optometrist! We look forward to this partnership, and our ability to serve the North College Hill community in this way. For more information please contact Debbie Albert at 513.728.6247.



Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been re-accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for the maximum three-year period – ending November 30, 2018. A proud achievement as Clovernook is the only blind agency in the Tri-State area to receive this accreditation.

CARF, an independent, nonprofit organization, reviews and grants accreditation services both nationally and internationally to human services organizations. In order to receive accreditation, Clovernook underwent a comprehensive self-study followed by a rigorous, on-site peer review that demonstrated Clovernook's commitment to CARF's accreditation conditions and standards. Clovernook was first awarded

CARF accreditation in 2003, and has since expanded the number and variety of services accredited. Clovernook's accreditation includes voluntary compliance with CARF's governance standards for administration and its Board of Trustees. The accreditation applies to the following areas at Clovernook Center:

- Assistive Technology Supports and Services
- Community Employment Services: Employment Supports
- Community Employment Services: Job Development
- Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services
- Services Coordination
- Vision Rehabilitation Services: Orientation and Mobility Services
- Vision Rehabilitation Services: Vision Rehabilitation Therapy
- Governance Standards Applied

"CARF is one of the most respected accreditation services in our field. As Clovernook is striving to be a model agency with the highest standards, receiving this 3 year accreditation from CARF validates what we already know -- that we continue to head in the right direction. We believe this leads to better service for individuals that are blind or visually impaired, as well as our entire community," says Chris Faust. "We have a lot to be proud of, our team has worked hard and has excelled. We are happy to have received this accreditation for another three years," says Lynn Tune Director of Program Services, Memphis. If you have questions about Clovernook's re-accreditation, please contact Lynn Tune, Director of Program Services, Memphis at [ltune@clovernook.org](mailto:ltune@clovernook.org).



# letter from the president

A few weeks ago I was asked to write an article for Vision Serve Alliance, answering the question “What is on your desk?” The truth is, some days I wonder what isn’t on my desk! It serves as a catchment of sorts, for all things Clovernook -- a true reflection of this organization and the people that strive to make it great. Laced throughout that reflection are remnants of completed projects, existing projects, and notebooks thick with thoughts and goals for the future. And, amidst the maze of it all, are reminders of why I do what I do each day.

I have a collection of Braille books and magazines, reminding me of the unique purpose we serve as one of the largest braille printing houses in the United States, with over 30 million pages published annually. And, although it can be a rat race—sometimes even a wild goose chase—I have a few animals of my own sitting on my desk, animals hand sculpted by blind and visually impaired artists in our Recreation program. Finally, for those extra-long days that necessitate a snack, I have a plate of brownies, they’re the kind that never go stale, and are guaranteed to break your teeth, another artistic ruse, by our talented artists.

Some days it’s hard to believe there is a desk under all the books and binders and papers, but underneath it all, it has become a true reflection of this place that has become my world. Like my desk, I have become submerged in the mission and vision of Clovernook. Our consumers are second to none, and the most important thing on my desk will always be the reminder of our mission “to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to be self-sufficient and full participants in their communities,” as we strive to engage minds, enable hands, and enrich lives.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Faust*

Christopher Faust



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# SUMMER DAY CAMPS 2016

We are excited to make some changes for Summer Camp 2016. Each camper is welcome to attend up to three weeks of camp, two from their designated age group and one week of Art Camp!

Visionary Camps will focus on topics such as technology, activities for daily living (ADL), and an array of awesome adventures! Some of these adventures will include trips to the Reds Stadium and horseback riding!

Art Camp will be a big hit as well! Not only will we make some cool art projects, but we will go on a field trip to the Cincinnati Art Museum!

## Junior Visionaries (age 8-12)

Dates: June 6-10, 13-17

## Senior Visionaries (Age 13-22)

Dates: July 11-15, 18-22

## Art Camp (8-22)

Dates: June 20-24, June 27-July 1



For more information contact Jenn Jacobs at [jjacobs@clovernook.org](mailto:jjacobs@clovernook.org) or 513-728-6235

# upcoming events

## Nicola's Dinner & Raffle

### save the date!

May 4, 2016 we will be hosting the second annual Five Courses for Clovernook at Nicola's Ristorante Italiano. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Clovernook Center. For more information contact Jessica Salyers at 513.522.3860.



A NATIONAL PROGRAM  
OF BRAILLE INSTITUTE

Clovernook Center is excited to be hosting the 2017 Braille Challenge, the first in the state of Ohio, on March 3, 2017. The Braille Challenge is an academic competition that is both fun-filled and challenging, and is designed to showcase the braille skills of students who are blind. The preliminary round of competition is open to any student who is visually impaired, who reads braille, regardless of skill level. Contest categories include reading comprehension, braille speed and accuracy, proofreading, spelling and reading tactile charts and graphs.

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While it still uses the same six-dot cell pattern, it drops some of the previously used contractions and adheres to different spacing rules, which has allowed for the transliteration of more symbols. And, while all books added to the braille collection after January 4, 2016 will be produced using UEB, it should not pose much of an imposition to patrons as it builds on the system they are already familiar with.

# tribute gifts

## in memory of

**Betty Jo Benedic**

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**Steve Owens**

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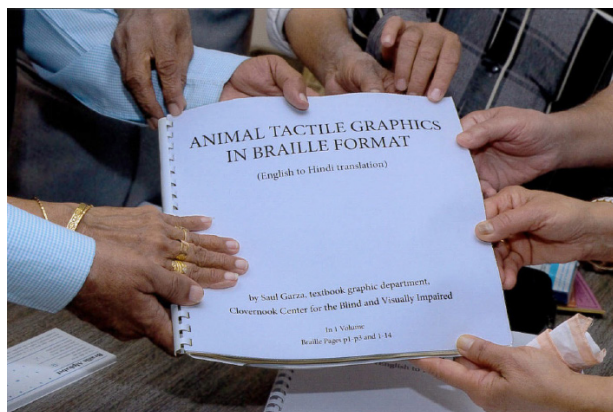
Ronald & Sue Spohr

**Sue & Steve Vogt**

Ronald & Sue Spohr



Administrators at Shri V. D. Parekh Andh Mahila Vikas grah school on the (left), students reading (right)



The team that made this book come to life: Jackie Conner, Saul Garza, and Ila Mehta





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