



How do listeners hear VOICEcorps programming?

We loan a special radio to eligible applicants, or help them to find us on cable-TV where available. We also have a live stream through our website and offer programs on-demand over the internet as well. There is no fee to use VOICEcorps.

How are you supported?

VOICEcorps submits grant requests to local foundations and receives support from many of central Ohio's corporate neighbors. We receive state funds through the Ohio Broadcast Educational Media Commission and we receive significant annual support from the City of Columbus.

VOICEcorps participates in the Community Shares of Mid-Ohio annual workplace giving campaign and we receive support from listeners, volunteers, and other friends who want to ensure that people living with vision loss are not excluded from their hometown activities and events.

Will you help make life a little more independent for someone in need? Consider making a gift to VOICEcorps.

- \$5 a month provides a radio for a new listener
- \$10 a month helps find people in need

To give on line, visit voicecorps.org

or call 614-274-7650.

Thank you!

We also raise support through the annual David Liebchen Memorial Golf Outing, held each Fall near Columbus. Through all these sources, VOICEcorps has been able to maintain its operations for more than 40 years!

Who do you know who needs VOICEcorps?

In Franklin and surrounding counties more than 42,000 people are eligible for VOICEcorps but live without our help simply because they have not learned that we're here, available, and free for their use. won't you help?

Pass this brochure to someone you know who is living with vision loss or disability.



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**Who do YOU know who
needs VOICEcorps?**



Audio access to the world



**VOICEcorps enriches lives
by reading printed news
and other
information to people who
are blind, have low vision,
or other conditions that
prevent reading.**

Imagine being unable to read.

Without access to the daily newspaper how would you know about construction projects, tax rule changes, or electoral news?

Without someone to read the grocery flyer to you, how would you know where to shop, what’s on special or other money saving information?

The answer is **VOICEcorps** !

VOICEcorps operates a 24-hour radio station, a live audio-web stream and provides on-demand programming and podcasts of readings from print to people who live with blindness, vision impairment, physical or other disabilities that prevent them from using print materials.

We can be heard in area hospitals, through cable systems, on smartphones, in nursing homes and our affiliate station in Portsmouth.

Established in 1975, VOICEcorps is the only service of its kind in central Ohio that helps people with disabilities make informed choices and lead more independent lives.



Who listens to VOICEcorps?

Anyone who cannot use print because of a medical condition is eligible. We provide our services at no charge. Most people using VOICEcorps today are blind, have low vision or have a physical disability which prevents them from holding or turning pages of print.

Generally, they are life-long readers who lost the ability to read late in life due to macular degeneration or diabetes. They greatly miss the ability to gather news and information from print. When VOICEcorps begins reading to them, they tell us that their isolation ends.



Once access to print is restored, they can once more make informed decisions about their own care, living arrangements, and participation in community activities.



Who does the reading?
Volunteers!

People like you volunteer their time to help VOICEcorps enrich lives. Each volunteer must pass an audition before being granted air-time. VOICEcorps coaches volunteers on proper recording techniques, and determines basic formats for all the readings.

Vision problems are increasing as the population ages

	Current Estimates (in Millions)	2020 Projections (in Millions)
Advanced Age-Related Macular Degeneration (With Associated Vision Loss)	1.8*	2.9
Glaucoma	2.2	3.3
Diabetic Retinopathy	4.1	7.2
Cataract	20.5	30.1

** Another 7.3 million people are at substantial risk for vision loss from AMD.*
Source: National Eye Institute. Archives of Ophthalmology. 122(4):444-676.
Available from URL: http://www.nei.nih.gov/eyedata/pbd_tables.asp.

You can support VOICEcorps in a variety of ways:

- Share our posts on Facebook and retweet us on Twitter
- Donate to help provide equipment and programs to a growing audience.
- Refer us to individuals who would benefit from our services.
- Volunteer your time to read on the air.
- Work organizing and presenting our special events.
- Include us with a planned gift to **VOICEcorps**, joining the Winifred D Robinson & Mary E Babcock Legacy Society