Like you, we at Anchor Center for Blind Children are trying to navigate our new reality and assess how to best handle the ever-evolving situation.

Now more than ever, we are reminded why we are dedicated to the mission of serving children who have vision, cortical visual, dual sensory (vision and hearing), and co-occurring disabilities across Colorado.

Because we know you care about the children and families Anchor Center serves, we want to update you on how our Anchor community is supporting families during this unprecedented time, and how our work is changing in response to COVID-19. Anchor Center’s staff is working quickly and creatively to continue providing virtual critical early intervention and education support to our children who need it most. I am proud to share this with you and hope you, too, will find some comfort in knowing our work continues.

Here are a few updates from the past week that may be of interest to you:

- Our transdisciplinary staff of vision experts, therapists and teachers has developed an online Education Center resource portal which providers and families can access at any time, filled with activities, resources, tips/techniques, and best practices for children with visual impairment.
- Our Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments (TSVIs) are now conducting remote Telehealth Therapy Visits with families, providing coaching and support for continued learning and development in the home environment.
- TSVIs are working to develop a standard protocol for Virtual Intake and Vision Assessments to inform how our children best use their functional vision.
- Thanks to the generosity of donors and supporters, a Family Resource Aid Fund has been established to help our families struggling with food assistance and basic necessities.
While we adapt to our new changes, our regular expenses continue. **You can help us sustain our work** with a **one-time gift** or via **monthly giving** to **ensure our vital mission continues**. Your gift will go even further for Anchor as it qualifies for the **50% Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit**. Fundraising is critical to our existence, as very little of our revenue comes from earned income or government sources. **Anchor Center is more than 97% privately funded** through donations, grants and special events to support a $2.5 million operating budget.

Thank you for being a part of this special Anchor Center community, which simply would not exist without the loyal and generous support of individuals like YOU. Please stay safe and healthy.

With gratitude,

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