

Programs and Services

With a mission “to provide opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired to improve and enrich their personal, social and economic lives”, services are focused in these primary areas:

Independent Living Skills

Teaches adaptive skills for cooking, shopping, financial management, and more.

Orientation and Mobility

Teaches skills for traveling independently, safely and confidently through one’s environment.

Assistive Technology Services

Offers individualized recommendations and training, including the use of adaptive computer hardware and software.

Senior Services

Since 1999, the Earle Baum Center has served thousands of senior citizens through California Title VII grants, activity and fitness programs, support groups and a wide variety of other social and recreational programs.

The Earle Baum Center

The non-profit Earle Baum Center of the Blind opened in 1999, providing education and training to thousands of Northern Californians with sustained sight loss.

Located on 17 rural acres just west of the city of Santa Rosa, the EBC is guided by the principle that people with sight loss are best taught and counseled by those sharing their condition. The majority of our Board of Directors and teaching staff are themselves blind or visually impaired.

Today, many of our friends and neighbors are seeking and finding meaningful employment, maintaining communications with friends and family members and successfully and safely remaining in their homes through these programs and services.

Mail your contribution to the Dr. Elizabeth Cooley Scholarship Fund to:



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The Need

Sight loss can occur at any age and from any of numerous causes. With the proper training and guidance, individuals who are blind or visually impaired can continue to lead full and productive lives. Often, these individuals have little disposable income and little if any support from public and government programs. The challenge is just beginning as lifestyle related disease and our aging population will soon double the number needing assistance.



A Modest Proposal

A plan for a quiet retirement seemed threatened when Macular Degeneration struck Dr. Elizabeth Cooley. She began a search for assistance to learn new ways to use her computer to stay in touch with friends and up to date on world events. Dr. Cooley says "When I came to the Earle Baum Center, it was as if somebody threw me a rope." Dr. Cooley looked for ways to help others, beginning a scholarship fund to assist those who could not receive these services for lack of funding. "Why sit at home and grumble when you can make a difference. That is what we do in this community."

The Scholarship Fund

Built on a lifetime of community service, the Dr. Elizabeth Cooley Scholarship Fund provides rehabilitation opportunities for many who would otherwise be left behind. From computer instruction for local students, to classes in cooking skills for homemakers, to instruction in financial management for seniors, Cooley Scholarships have enhanced employment opportunities for many, while providing the necessary skills for our older population to maintain a full and independent lifestyle.

